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Sat. 8 Dec. Wed. 12 Dec.			
	Delegates arrive in Abu Dhabi	Fact sheet	Venue: Yas Island Rotana Hotel, Golf Plaza, Abu Dhabi http://www.cms.int/species/CAF/AbuDhabi_Mtg/docs_overview.htm
Wednesday 12 Dec. 08.00	Registration		Delegates are kindly requested to register and pick up their badges
0900-1230	Agenda items 1.0 – 7.0		
	1.0 Welcoming Remarks		Mr. Bert Lenten, CMS Deputy Executive Secretary will provide introductory remarks Keynote address by Ms. Nicola Crockford, International Species Policy Officer, BirdLife International
	2.0 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure	CMS/CAF3/ Doc.2	The delegates will be invited to adopt the CMS COP Rules of Procedure, which should be applied to the Meeting as appropriate Expected outcome: Rules of Procedure adopted
	3.0 Election of officers		The Meeting will be invited to elect a Chairperson from among the representatives of the Range States in attendance; and to establish a committee of 5 members for the purpose of reviewing the original credentials of official delegations. Expected outcome: Chairperson elected
	4.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	CMS/CAF3/ Doc.4.1	The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda and Meeting Schedule

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		CMS/CAF3/ Doc.4.2	Expected outcome: Agenda adopted
	5.0 Background and purpose of the Meeting	CMS/CAF3/ Doc.5	The Secretariat will introduce the document, providing an overview on the developments and main activities under CMS with regard to the CAF since the last meeting in New Delhi (2005) Expected outcome: The Meeting took note of the document
	6.0 Overview on waterbird conservation issues within the Central Asian Flyway		The Chair of the CMS Working Group on Flyways and Appointed Scientific Councillor for Asiatic Fauna, Taej Mundkur, will give a presentation outlining the main threats and conservation issues relating to migratory waterbirds along the CAF, as well as past and current activities and initiatives to address them. The presentation will briefly discuss the status of implementation of the CAF Action Plan including priorities for conservation action in the future Expected outcome: Overview provided on main waterbird conservation issues within the CAF region
	7.0 Activities undertaken by the Range States		The Range States and relevant organizations will have the opportunity to make brief statements highlighting key aspects of their written reports which have been submitted to the Secretariat to share additional information on their activities in support of the implementation of the CAF Action Plan Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of activities and CAF Action Plan implementation undertaken by the Range States
1400-1800	Agenda items 8.0 – 9.0		
	8.0 Overview of other relevant flyway initiatives		The AEWA and EAAFP represent two different instruments for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitat at the Western respectively Eastern border of the CAF. As they also represent two different institutional approaches of relevance when considering options for the development of a legal framework for CAF, information will be provided on both instruments

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	8.1 The Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA)		<p>Representative of AEWA (www.unep-aewa.org) will give a presentation about the structure and functioning of the agreement, outlining its geographical and species coverage as well as its relevance and linkages to CAF</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information provided about AEWA as one main flyway conservation initiatives of relevance for CAF</p>
	8.2 The Partnership for the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAFP)		<p>The EAAFP (www.eaaflyway.net) representative will give a presentation about the structure and functioning of the partnership, outlining its geographical area and species covered and as well as activities and linkages relevant for CAF</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information provided about EAAFP as one main flyway conservation initiatives of relevance for CAF</p>
	9.0 Options for a legal and institutional framework for the Central Asian Flyway	CMS/CAF3/Doc.9	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document and the two options that are being proposed for the institutional and legal framework for the CAF Action Plan. Delegates will be invited to discuss these options and provide statements as to what would be their preferred one</p> <p>Expected outcome: Decision reached about the preferred legal and institutional option for the CAF Action Plan</p>
Thursday 13 Dec.			
0900-1230	Agenda items 10.0 – 13.0		
	9.0 Continued, as necessary		
	10.0 Endorsement of an option and the final Declaration		<p>The Meeting will endorse the preferred institutional option for CAF and adopt the final declaration. The Secretariat will provide information about the next steps to implement the decision taken by the meeting</p> <p>Expected outcome: Declaration of the Meeting adopted</p>
	11.0 Next steps		<p>The Secretariat will propose a set of follow-up activities necessary to implement the decision. Delegates will be invited to agree on the next steps necessary to implement the decision of the meeting</p>

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	12.0 Any other business		The Meeting will be invited to raise issues not covered under the other agenda items
	13.0 Closure of the meeting		