

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Sixty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 11-15 January 2016

Administrative and financial matters

Meetings of the Conference of the Parties

Arrangements for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17)

DRAFT WORKING PROGRAMME

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 65th meeting (Geneva, July 2014), the Committee decided that, as a general rule, the provisional working programme for future meetings of the Conference of the Parties should follow the schedule that was adopted for CoP16 and outlined in paragraph 12 of document SC65 Doc. 11.1.
3. The Annex to the present document is a draft working programme for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17). This programme relates only to the plenary sessions.
4. The deadline for the receipt of documents for the meeting is 27 April 2016. Until that time, it will not be known what new items should be added to the agenda. Consequently it would be premature to prepare detailed provisional working programmes for Committees I and II.
5. For each item, the draft working programme in the Annex is annotated to indicate whether it is proposed to be discussed in plenary session only or whether it should first be discussed in Committee I or Committee II. However, in order to ensure a balance of work, these may need to be adjusted in the light of the full list of documents presented for discussion at CoP17 and in the light of discussions with the chairs designate for committees I and II.

Recommendation

6. The Secretariat requests that the Standing Committee approve the document in the Annex to the present document as the basis for preparation of the provisional working programme for the plenary sessions at CoP17.

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Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Johannesburg, (South Africa), 24 September to 5 October 2016

Administrative matters

ADOPTION OF THE WORKING PROGRAMME  
(draft)

Thursday 22 September 2016

Morning: 08h00-12h00 Registration of participants  
and  
Afternoon: 14h00-17h00

Friday 23 September 2016

Morning: 08h00-12h00 Registration of participants (cont.)  
09h00-12h00 67th meeting of the Standing Committee

Afternoon: 14h00-17h00 Registration of participants (cont.)  
and  
67th meeting of the Standing Committee

Saturday 24 September 2016

Morning: 08h00-13h00 Registration of participants (cont.)

Opening of the meeting

11h00-12h30 Plen. Opening ceremony  
Plen. Welcoming addresses

Administrative matters

Afternoon: 14h00-17h00 Plen. 1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting  
and of Chairs of Committees I and II

Plen. 2. Adoption of the agenda

Plen. 3. Adoption of the working programme

Plen. 4. Rules of Procedure

Plen. 5. Credentials Committee  
5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee  
5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee

Plen. 6. Admission of observers

Strategic matters

8. Committee reports and recommendations

8.1 Standing Committee

Plen. 8.1.1 Report of the Chair

8.2 Animals Committee

Plen. 8.2.1 Report of the Chair

8.3 Plants Committee

- Plen. 8.3.1 Report of the Chair
- Plen. 10. Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions
- Plen. 12. Toothfish: report of CCAMLR

#### Sunday 25 September 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Parties on a regional basis
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h30 Meetings of Committees I and II

#### Monday 26 September 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
- and
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

#### Tuesday 27 September 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
- and
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

#### Wednesday 28 September 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
- and
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

#### Thursday 29 September 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
- and
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

#### Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October 2016

No official meetings

#### Sunday 2 October 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
- and
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

#### Monday 3 October 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
- and
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

#### Tuesday 4 October 2016

- Morning: 09h00-12h00 Administrative matters (cont.)
  - 7. Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties
    - Com.II 7.1 Financial reports for 2014-2016
    - Com.II 7.2 Budget and work programme for 2017 to 2019
    - Com.II 7.3 Access to finance, including GEF funding
  - Strategic matters (cont.)
    - 8. Committee reports and recommendations
      - 8.1 Standing Committee
        - Plen. 8.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members

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- Com.II 9. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees
- Com.II 11. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity
- Com.II 13. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures
- Com.II 14. CITES and livelihoods
- Com.II 15. Wildlife trade policy reviews
- Com.II 16. Capacity building and needs assessment for strengthening the implementation of CITES

#### Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

##### Review of Resolutions and Decisions

- Com.II 17. Review of Resolutions
- Com.II 18. Review of Decisions

##### Compliance and enforcement

- Com.II 19. National laws for implementation of the Convention
- Com.II 20. CITES compliance matters
- Com.II 21. Enforcement matters
- Com.II 22. Implementation and enforcement of the Convention as it relates to the trade in species listed in Appendix I
- Com.I 23. Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade
- Com.II 24. Disposal of illegally-traded and confiscated specimens of Appendix-I, -II and -III species

Afternoon: 14h00-17h00

- Com.II 25. Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)
- Com.II 26. Illegal trade in pangolin species (*Manis* spp.)
- Com.II 27. Tibetan antelope: enforcement measures
- Com.II 28. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.): seizures and confiscations

##### Reporting

- Com.II 29. Review of reporting requirements
- Com.II 30. Reporting: report of the Secretariat
- Com.II 31. Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants

##### Trade control and marking

- Com.II 32. Introduction from the sea
- Com.II 33. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates
- Com.II 34. Use of taxonomic serial numbers
- Com.II 35. Sturgeons and paddlefish (*Acipenseriformes* spp.)
- Com.II 36. Identification Manual

Exemptions and special trade provisions

- Com.II 37. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens
- Com.II 38. Production systems of tree species and the applicability of the definitions of artificial propagation in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15)

Species trade and conservation

- Com.I 39. Asian big cats
- Com.I 40. Action plan for *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp.
- Com.I 41. Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*
- Com.I 42. Review of Resolution Conf. 13.11 on *Bushmeat*
- Com.I 43. Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group
- Com.I 44. East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*)
- Com.I 45. Elephants
- Com.II 45.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens*
- Com.I 45.2 Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)
- Com.I 45.3 Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)
- Com.I 46. Great apes: implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16)

Wednesday 5 October 2016

Morning: 09h00-12h00

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention (cont.)

Species trade and conservation (cont.)

- Com.I 47. Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)
- Com.I 48. Humphead wrasse (*Cheilinus undulatus*)
- Com.I 49. Neotropical tree species
- Com.I 50. Regional cooperation on the management of and trade in the queen conch (*Strombus gigas*)
- Com.I 51. Rhinoceroses
- Com.I 52. Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*)
- Com.I 53. Sharks and rays
- Com.I 54. Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.)
- Com.I 55. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.): non-detriment findings

Maintenance and amendment of the Appendices

- Com.I 56. Standard nomenclature
- Com.I 57. Results of dialogue meetings
- Com.I 58. Appendix-I species subject to export quotas
- 59. Periodic review of the Appendices
- Com.I 59.1 Revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16)
- Com.I 59.2 Review of the Appendices: Felidae

- Com.I 60. Annotations
- Com.I 61. Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory
- Com.I 62. Extinct or possibly extinct species
- Com.I 63. Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on *Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II*
- Afternoon: 14h00-17h00
- Com.I 64. Freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae spp.)
- Com. I 65 Proposals to amend Appendices I and II
- Conclusion of the meeting
- Plen. 66. Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- Plen. 67. Closing remarks