

CMS Family views on the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

The Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) welcomes, also on behalf of the family of Agreements (CMS Family), the process for the development of the post-2020 framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which was endorsed at its Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt (17-29 November 2018).

We particularly welcome the workshop in early 2019 which is aimed to facilitate discussions among Parties of the various biodiversity-related conventions to explore ways in which the conventions can contribute to the elaboration of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and, based on the respective mandate of each convention, to identify specific elements that could be included in the framework.

Furthermore, we recognize the important role of the open-ended intersessional working group in supporting the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as of the workshop planned in Trondheim in spring 2019 focusing on bringing together the evidence from the natural, economic and social sciences and traditional knowledge systems.

The CMS Family has already actively engaged in the early stages of the process and has established a dedicated Working Group (WG) to guide its contributions to the post-2020 framework. The WG is composed of members of its subsidiary bodies, thus ensuring an interface between science and policy, as well as NGOs and the Secretariats of the CMS Family instruments. The WG is expected to constitute the main, though not the only mechanism through which the CMS Family will continue contributing to the process for the development of the post-2020 framework and ensuring its participation in the above-mentioned consultations and other relevant fora planned for 2019-2020.

With regard to the scope and content of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, we would like to stress that migratory species are a key component of biodiversity and that animal migration, as a phenomenon, and the essential ecosystem services and ecological functions that migratory species bring about deserve distinct attention in any future political agenda.

The CMS Family WG recognized that migratory species and their needs could be represented in the post-2020 framework through the concept of *connectivity* which encompasses four interacting considerations being landscape; ecological; habitat; and evolutionary process connectivity.

Integrating all four aspects of connectivity is important to define a functional connectivity which is experienced from the perspective of a species interacting with its environment.

CMS, on behalf of its Family, has been formally recognized as the lead implementing partner of CBD for the conservation of migratory species and as such, it stands ready to work with CBD in ensuring that the development of the post-2020 framework is indeed based on a comprehensive, knowledge-based and participatory process which takes into account the specific mandates and contributions established under the other conventions including CMS and its Family.