



RAPTORS
MOU

MOS 3

A large graphic where the letter 'O' in 'MOS 3' is replaced by a stylized white bird in flight, set against a circular background with a blue and green watercolor-like texture.

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**Coming together for the
conservation of birds of prey**



Renewal of the Technical Advisory Group

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Size, composition and mandate of the TAG

- **TOR of the TAG:**

- The purpose of the TAG is to serve & assist Signatories in the effective implementation of the MOU & its Action plan
- Membership shall comprise persons operating in their personal capacity, & qualified as specialists in raptor research, conservation &/or management
- In appointing members, MOS should strive to achieve a balanced representation of:
 - areas of expertise for advice requested
 - geographic regions with fewer Signatories

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 - 1 person nominated by BirdLife International – the IUCN nominated authority on birds

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 - TAG members serve for a period of 2 regular MOSes and, in “exceptional cases”, where the MOS so decides, may be nominated for a 3rd term



Current membership of the TAG

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Africa (excluding North Africa)	André Botha	South Africa (Signatory) - Africa	MOS1	MOS3
	Lily-Arison Rene de Roland	Madagascar (Signatory) - Africa	MOS1	MOS3
	<u>Neil Deacon</u>	<u>IAF (Co-operating Partner) - Zimbabwe</u>	<u>MOS2</u>	<u>MOS4</u>
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Europe	Mátyás Prommer	Hungary (Signatory) - Europe	MOS1	MOS3
	Des B.A. Thompson	UK (Signatory) - Europe	MOS1	MOS3
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Experts	Fernando Feás	IAF (Co-operating Partner) - Spain	MOS1	MOS3
	Vibhu Prakash	BirdLife (Co-operating Partner) - India	MOS1	MOS3
	Mohammed Shobrak	BirdLife (Co-operating Partner) - Saudi Arabia	MOS1	MOS3
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- Only 1 current member anticipated to serve beyond MOS3 (until MOS4)
- 15 places available
- 93% of membership anticipated to change

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9 reappointments, applying the “exceptional case”

Justification: concern for loss of continuity of TAG’s work; value of expertise & network that the reappointed could offer to the group

Selection panel and assessment criteria

- **TAG TOR:**
 - TAG regional reps & other experts shall be appointed by the MOS at the recommendation of a panel comprising:
 - TAG Chair
 - TAG Vice-Chair
 - CU's Programme Officer
 - CU's Executive Coordinator



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- **Other criteria:**
 - Relevance of educational background
 - Authorship in peer-reviewed publications
 - Gender

Selection panel's recommendation for renewed TAG

- 15 best candidates selected
- Qualifications in Annex II
- 50% reappointed
- All 4 nominated women selected

Membership representation	TAG member's name	Nominator (Signatory or Co-operating Partner)	Starting term	Expiry term (inclusively)
Africa (excluding North Africa)	André Botha	BirdLife International	MOS1	MOS4
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	Ohad Hatzofe	Israel	MOS3	MOS5
	Ralph Buij	The Netherlands	MOS3	MOS5
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Action requested

- **The Meeting is invited to:**
 - Endorse the recommendation of the selection panel on the 15 persons to serve on the TAG starting after MOS3



Thank you for your attention

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