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Agenda item: 3.2

Subject: Project ideas for the Trilateral WH Partnership: Flyway Initiative IKI project

Date: 04.03.2020

Submitted by: CWSS

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Covernote:

The meeting is invited to take note of the status of preparations of the Wadden Sea Flyway initiative to apply for a long-term project within the International Climate Initiative (IKI) programme and to comment as appropriate.

Short note on status of preparing IKI application outline

After almost 10 years of various projects on capacity building and monitoring along the East Atlantic Flyway (EAF) by the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI) the WSFI Steering Group agreed in 2019 to apply for a long-term project within the International Climate Initiative (IKI) programme by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. For further informations about the funding instrument see <https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/?iki_lang=en> .

The IKI application procedure comprises two stages starting with a 1st stage project application outline and followed by a full application in case the outline is accepted by the IKI secretariat. The deadline for submitting in the 1st stage IKI thematic selection procedure (call) 2019 is 19 March 2020.

CWSS and BirdLife International organized a WSFI workshop with all relevant potential project partners in the Netherlands in December 2019. The workshop participants represented the leading conservation organisations active in the East Atlantic Flyway (EAF) conservation. Representatives from Banc d’Arguin, Bijagós, Wadden Sea and the Arctic presented the main wintering, staging and breeding sites for migrating wader along the EAF. The relevant and important NGOs, researchers and representatives from the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation participated as well.

The workshop addressed all relevant issues and collected the necessary information for making the EAF climate resilient and improve the coastal zone livelihoods in relevant areas. A core group for drafting the IKI application outline including a professional project and funding expert was designated and started the application outline in the beginning of 2020. The WSFI SG proposed in January 2020 to apply for an IKI project with a 15 M budget over 8 years. CWSS will be lead in the project.

Since then the core group is developing the project concept, invited implementing and political partners in all relevant countries to participate in the project, prepared the logical framework and activity matrix for defining result chains, work packages and indicators, and discussed the fund distribution for work packages, regions and partners.

Draft list of invited implementing and political partners

Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS)

Vogelbescherming Nederland

Wetlands International

BirdLife International

Parc National du Banc d’Arguin (PNBA)

Instituto da Biodiversidade e das Áreas Protegidas (IBAP)

Naturschutzbund Deutschland (NABU)

BirdsRussia

University of Groningen (RUG)

Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA)

Ramsar - Convention on Wetlands

Abidjan Convention

UNESCO World Heritage Center

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Partenariat Régional pour la Conservation de la zone côtière et Marine en Afrique de l'Ouest (PRCM)

Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) /

Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative (AMBI)

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Sierra Leone

Angola

Namibia

Mauritania

Senegal

Guinea Bissau

South Africa

Guinea-Conakry