

Migratory Birds for People (MBP) Africa Advisory Group

Terms of reference

Remit

Migratory Birds for People (MBP) forms the East Atlantic Flyway part of the Wetland Link International network (WLI), a support network for those working in wetland education / visitor centres delivering CEPA (Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness). WLI global has been running since 1991, and in turn forms part of Ramsar's CEPA programme. It is hosted by WWT UK (Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust).

MBP Africa is the regional network joining and supporting wetland centres along the African part of the East Atlantic Flyway. It consists of both wetland centres themselves, but also international partners such as Wetlands International, AEWA and BirdLife that work with the centres on a regular basis. The MBP Africa Advisory Group will meet between six and nine times per year by skype to review MBP actions, ensure coordination with the wider MBP group, plan for future delivery, and provide resources and support to its members. Input will be required for:

- Input to the MBP network including project planning, communication and coordination.
- Development of the network to create a more active regional structure, regular contact with centres, and to seek new members.
- Providing core resources such as the website, involvement in international environment-related campaigns (e.g. World Wetlands Day, World Migratory Bird Day) and links to other Multi-Lateral Environmental Agreements.
- Fund-raising and resource identification for delivery of MBP in Africa.
- Increasing the link with other flyway or wetland networks delivering CEPA projects.

Responsibilities

Members of the advisory group will also advise and support the MBP Africa project. We recognise that all advisory group members are already very busy, and so the amount of time dedicated to this should not amount to more than 12 hours a year, unless specifically agreed with the members beforehand. Membership will be reviewed annually, but there is no fixed term to stay involved. The working language will be English, although notes and actions from meetings may be distributed in French as well.

The Advisory Group is for advice and guidance only and does not have a direct management role for the project, nor does it have any financial responsibility or liability.

Logistics

The Advisory Group will meet at least 6 times per year, but extra meetings / working groups may be convened if the group agrees that there is a need. The meetings will take place by Skype or similar virtual networking tools. Additional face to face meetings may take place if this coincides with other meetings such as Ramsar COPs, the Pan African Ornithological Congress, or similar, where sufficient members of the group are already present.

The meeting will be chaired by the WLI Global Manager, who will ensure that the meetings are scheduled and reported on correctly.

Membership

The membership will reflect different aspects of the WLI initiative including the host organisation (WWT), WLI regional members, and other organisations involved in similar wetland awareness-raising activities. Membership is by organisation, and although a named individual has been identified, each organisation may divide the task of attending depending on their availability.

Name	Organisation	Date joined
Gabin Agblonon	Wetlands International	February 2016
Abdoulaye Ndiaye	Wetlands International Special Advisor	February 2016
Geoffroy Citegetse	BirdLife	February 2016
Oumy Ka	Chargée de Communication, Senegal National Parks Department	February 2016
Evelyn Moloko	AEWA	February 2016
Florian Kiel	AEWA	February 2016
Tim Dodman	Independent / Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative	February 2016
Chris Rostron	WWT / WLI	February 2016

Chris Rostron, Head of WLI

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