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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Meeting of the
Select Group of Experts on
Biodiversity and Climate Change**

28 April 2015
Rome (Italy)

FINAL AGENDA

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09H30 – 09H45

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr Lorenzo Ciccarese, Member of the Scientific Committee, ISPRA

Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Head of the Biodiversity Unit, Council of Europe

2. Adoption of the agenda

09H45 – 10H30

3. Keynote speech

Professor Brian Huntley

Discussion

10H30 – 11H15

4. Implementation of relevant Standing Committee Recommendations

- **Addressing climate change and biodiversity at national level: the experience of Switzerland**

*Mr Gian-Reto WALTHER, Scientific Officer, Federal Office for the Environment
FOEN*

- **Implementing a National Strategy for climate change: the Slovak Republic**

Mr Libor Ulrych, State Nature Conservancy, Slovak Republic

- **The consequences Climate Changes in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Mirjana Milićev, PhD, University of Mostar

Discussion

11H15 – 11H30 - COFFEE BREAK

11H30 – 13H00

5. Challenges and opportunities for future work

- **Ecosystem-based services and the transition to a greener economy**

Prof Davide Pettenella, Università di Padova, Italy

Discussion

- **The CMS Programme of Work on Climate Change and Migratory Species: role and opportunities for the Bern Convention**

Mr Colin Galbraith, Councillor for Climate Change, CMS

Discussion

- **The biodiversity-climate change link and opportunities for convergence in implementation of different policies**

Ms Karin Zaunberger, Policy Officer, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission

Discussion

- **Integration of climate change adaptation into the management of ecological networks: site and landscape response**

Mr Simon Duffield (Natural England) and Olly Watts (RSPB)

Discussion

14H15 – 16H30

- **Climate Change: challenges in the Arctic**

Ms Linda Dalen, Section for Climate Science and Adaptation, Climate Department, Norwegian Environment Agency

Discussion

- **Impact of extreme weather events on local communities and possible response from the local level**

Mr Piotr Tryjanowski, Poznan University of Life Sciences, Poland

Discussion

- **Mammal species' resilience to climate change and tools for conservation priority setting**

Prof Carlo Rondinini, Research Scientist at Sapienza University of Rome and Coordinator of IUCN Global Mammal Assessment program

Discussion

- **Migratory birds as indicators of environmental effects of climate change and tools for conservation priority setting**

Mr Fernando Spina, Dirigente di Ricerca, Responsabile Area Avifauna Migratrice, ISPRA

Discussion

- **Communicating efficiently on climate change challenges and opportunities**

Mr Olly Watts, RSPB

Discussion

16H30 – 17H00

- 6. Proposals to the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Closure**