

**THIRD RANGE STATE MEETING OF THE CMS
CENTRAL ASIAN MAMMALS INITIATIVE (CAMI)**

24 – 26 June 2025, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE CENTRAL ASIAN
MAMMALS INITIATIVE**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Background

At the Second Range State Meeting of the CMS Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI), which took place on 25 - 28 September 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, participants agreed that two Range State Governments should take on the role of chairing the Initiative during intersessional periods between the meetings of the Range States to be held every six years, in conjunction with the CMS COP cycle. At their Third Meeting, which took place on 24 - 26 June 2025 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the Range States elected Uzbekistan as the Chair and Turkmenistan as Vice-Chair of CAMI until 2032 in accordance with the following terms of reference.

1. Integrate the CAMI Work Programme (2026–2032) into relevant national, regional and international processes and projects

Provide timely, coordinated input—in cooperation with the CMS Secretariat—so that new or updated national, regional, and international instruments explicitly reflect relevant actions of the Work Programme.

2. Increase visibility of CAMI

Reference the Work Programme in presentations, speeches and briefing notes at relevant conferences, workshops and political fora.

3. Strengthen policy synergies

Facilitate communication between the CMS Secretariat, Range States and other MEAs to enhance synergies and foster implementation of the Work Programme.

4. Engage cross-sector stakeholders

When requested by the Secretariat, assist the Secretariat in determining and involving focal points from other sectors and local communities — to address issues that affect CAMI species.

5. Term of Chairpersonship

- a) The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be nominated by the Range States at each meeting and serve over the intersessional period until the next meeting
- b) A Chair who can no longer exercise the above duties shall inform the Secretariat in writing, requesting the Vice-Chair to take on the duties.
- c) A Vice-Chair, who can no longer exercise the above duties shall inform the Secretariat in writing
- d) A new Vice-Chair shall be nominated by the Range States either by written procedure or during an online meeting.

To operationalize the TORs, an annual workplan will jointly be developed and agreed upon by the Chair and the CMS Secretariat.