



Agreement on the Conservation
of Albatrosses and Petrels

To: ACAP National Contact Points and MoP8 Meeting Participants

MoP8 Meeting Circular 1 - Location, Key Dates, Applications for Observer Status, Accommodation and Provisional Agenda

Location and Dates

The Eighth Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP8) will be held at the [Dunedin Leisure Lodge](#), in Dunedin, New Zealand, from Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May 2025.

A Heads of Delegation meeting will be convened on Sunday 18 May 2025 in the late afternoon. The time for this meeting will be advised closer to the meeting date.

Key dates for MoP8

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| 20 Dec 2024 | Submission of proposed amendments to the Agreement or Annexes notified to the Secretariat. |
| 19 Jan 2025 | Report on progress with implementation of the Agreement circulated to Parties.

Advisory Committee's report on its activities circulated to Parties. |
| 18 Feb 2025 | Submission of meeting documents requiring translation. |
| 18 Mar 2025 | Submission of information papers. |
| 20 Mar 2025 | Parties' comments on proposals to amend the Agreement or its Annexes submitted to Secretariat.

Meeting working documents distributed in the three official languages. |
| 20 May 2025 | Final date for official credentials to be submitted by Parties' Representatives to the Secretariat. |

Applications for Observer Status

The deadlines for submission of requests for Observer status to attend MoP8 are:

18 Feb 2025	Submission of written requests for observer status from international bodies
20 Mar 2025	Submission of written requests for observer status from non-international bodies International bodies advised if their request for observer status has been approved
19 Apr 2025	Non-international bodies advised if their request for observer status has been approved

Hotel Information


Sponsored delegates will have their accommodation arranged at the venue, Dunedin Leisure Lodge, 30 Duke Street, Dunedin, by the Secretariat. A separate circular will be sent to ACAP National Contact Points about sponsorship of delegates.

Meeting participants other than sponsored delegates should make their own accommodation arrangements. The Dunedin Leisure Lodge has set aside 30 additional rooms that can be reserved by other participants in the meeting, at a cost of NZD 209 per night (for a single room), including breakfast, provided the booking is for a minimum of 7 days (for example, arrive Saturday 17 May, depart Saturday 24 May). Non-sponsored participants who wish to stay at the Dunedin Leisure Lodge should use the password ALBATROS and contact reservations@dunedinleisurelodge.co.nz. All remaining held rooms will be released after 17 April 2025 and will be subject to availability after that date.

Other accommodation options in the area (North Dunedin) include [Highland House](#), [Aria on Bank](#) and [Bella Vista Dunedin](#). Options in central Dunedin include [Scenic Hotel Dunedin City](#), [Scenic Hotel Southern Cross](#), [Distinction Dunedin Hotel](#), [Kingsgate Hotel](#) and [Fable Dunedin](#).

Provisional Agenda

A Provisional Agenda for the meeting is attached (Annex 1). In accordance with the requirements of MoP Rule of Procedure 14(3), Parties are requested to forward any additional agenda items to the Secretariat prior to the opening of MoP8 for inclusion in a Supplementary Provisional Agenda.



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ANNEX 1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA, EIGHTH SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO ACAP

Provisional Agenda	
Eighth Session of the Meeting of the Parties to ACAP	
1. Official Opening	
1.1	Official Opening and Opening Statements
2. Procedural Issues	
2.1	Adoption of Agenda
2.2	Amendments to the MoP Rules of Procedure
2.3	Establishment of Credentials Committee
3. Reports	
3.1	Report of Credentials Committee
3.2	Report of the Depositary
3.3	Reports of Observers
4. Operation of the Secretariat	
4.1	Report of the Secretariat
4.2	Secretariat Work Programme 2026 - 2028
4.3	Review of Staff Regulations
4.4	Review of Financial Regulations
4.5	Review of Effectiveness of the Secretariat
4.6	Recruitment of the Agreement's Executive Secretary
5. Operation of the Meeting of the Parties	
6. Operation of the Advisory Committee	
6.1	Report of the Advisory Committee
6.1.1	Advisory Committee reporting framework
6.2	Advisory Committee Work Programme 2026 - 2028
7. Operation of the Agreement	
7.1	Report on Implementation of the Agreement
7.2	Criteria for listing and de-listing species in Annex 1
7.3	Proposed Amendment to Annex 1 - listing of new species
7.4	Identification of Priority Actions for Conservation Measures
7.5	Indicators to Measure the Success of the Agreement
7.6	Capacity Building
7.7	Communication Strategy
7.8	Arrangements with Other Organisations
7.9	Financial Report

7.10	Agreement Budget 2026 - 2028
7.11	Scale of Contributions
7.12	National Plans of Action
7.13	Accession of non-Party Range States to the Agreement
8.	Provisional Date and Venue of the Ninth Meeting
9.	Other Business
9.1	Media Release
9.2	Participation at future Conferences
10.	Adoption of MoP8 Report
11.	Closing Remarks