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**Subject:** June 7/8: next AHEAD GLTFCA Working Group Meeting

Dear AHEAD-GLTFCA Working Group colleagues (and anyone else who'd like to join in!):

As per David Cumming's email update of April 8th (which accompanied the latest draft Concept Paper disseminated at that time), our Mozambican colleagues have graciously offered to host the next AHEAD (Animal Health for the Environment And Development) GLTFCA Working Group meeting on **June 7th & 8th in Maputo**. (If you have not received the 2nd draft of the discussion paper, *Sustaining animal health and ecosystem services in large landscapes: Concept for a programme to address wildlife, livestock and related human and ecosystem health issues in the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area*, please let us know and we can email it to you.)

**(Jorge, Carlos or Bartolomeu: please comment if any of the information provided below is not completely accurate. Thank you.)**

**The meeting will be from 11 AM to 5 PM on June 7 (immediately following the meeting of the members of the Veterinary Subcommittee of the Joint Management Board), and will continue the following morning (June 8th) from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.**

The meeting and accommodations will be at the Avenida Hotel at Julius Nyerere, 627. Phone (+258.1. 492000):

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**Please book your own accommodation directly**, but mention the AHEAD meeting for a group rate graciously organized by Jorge Ferrão, GLTP International Coordinator.

**As David Cumming is on travel with limited email access for the next few days, PLEASE reply to myself <[sosofsky@wcs.org](mailto:sosofsky@wcs.org)>, Bartolomeu Soto <[bsoto@tvcabo.co.mz](mailto:bsoto@tvcabo.co.mz)> and Jorge Ferrão <[LJFerrao@tvcabo.co.mz](mailto:LJFerrao@tvcabo.co.mz)> SO WE KNOW WHO IS COMING. Thanks.** Invitees are responsible for paying for and arranging their own travel, accommodations, meals and incidentals. For those invitees from outside Mozambique requiring financial assistance, please let me know.

David will be sending out an agenda shortly, and we do welcome suggestions on items that need to be covered. As per his last update (reattached below fyi), we hope to cover a range of time-sensitive issues, including "the idea of establishing an MOU among participating parties.... It would seem prudent to start to formalize the AHEAD-GLTFCA consortium as we approach a point at which detailed proposal development and

fundraising, etc. should begin."

We apologize that we could not send this announcement out sooner, but unavoidable logistics issues caused a minor delay.

We sincerely hope you can make the meeting,

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David's Note of April 8th:

In preparing for, and planning, the next AHEAD-GLTFCA Working Group meeting it would be very helpful if you could let me (and/or the Group cc'd here) have your thoughts/answers on the following:

1. If you have any further critical comments/corrections or ideas to add to the attached latest draft of the AHEAD-GLTFCA concept paper, in which I've tried to address your comments from the last meeting on February 25th and since, please let me have them so that they can be consolidated and circulated back to the Working Group before the next meeting.
2. Are there any particular themes or modules that you, or your organisation, would like to develop, or help develop, into a proposal?
3. Do you have any existing (unfunded?) proposals that you would like to see included within the AHEAD-GLTFCA programme?
4. Are there existing projects within the GLTFCA in which you are engaged, or on which your organisation is working, that deal with aspects included in the concept and which might contribute to the overall programme?

Some examples from Zimbabwe include: (a) the Rhino Conservancy and landuse policy work being done by Raoul du Toit and WWF in the SE Lowveld, (b) the SELCORE programme; (c) the resilience analysis of the SEL that I am working on under the auspices of the Resilience Alliance and TREP, (d) the preliminary BTB surveys carried out in the Sengwe Communal Land and the proposal that was submitted by the

Veterinary Wildlife Research Unit (Chris Foggin, Lisa Marabini and Keith Dutlow) to the Wellcome Trust; (e) the participatory rural appraisal surveys and landuse options work in relation to the GLTFCA and the Shashe-Limpopo TFCA being carried out by CESVI.

4. Are you ready to seek support/backing (formal or informal) from your organisation in further developing and following through on the AHEAD-GLTFCA proposals, and are you willing to get involved in helping with project proposal development, or in project development more broadly?

5. If the next meeting is held in Maputo (tentatively the 3rd or 4th week of May) will you be able to make it?

6. The idea of establishing an MOU among participating parties will be an important item for the agenda of the next meeting. Any ideas on how you think we might facilitate this process between now and the proposed May meeting would of course be very welcome. It would seem prudent to start to formalize the AHEAD-GLTFCA consortium as we approach a point at which detailed proposal development and fundraising, etc. should begin.

7. Two brief informal meetings, arranged by PPF, were held last month with members of the SADC Secretariat and I will circulate a brief summary of these shortly.

I should note that if you wish to be removed from this e-mail list, please just let me know.

With best wishes,

David