

Who they are – and how they are selected

What they do

How they do it

Their mission in brief

Administrative Authority

An agency within each Party's government, designated by the head of state or government or the Foreign Office, to take charge of the implementation of the Convention

- Take primary responsibility for overall implementation of the Convention within the country, designating suitable wetlands for the List, arranging for their appropriate management, implementing a National Wetland Policy, promoting Ramsar values in-country, etc.;
- Liaise actively with other sectors of government concerned with wetland- and water-related issues, in order to strengthen implementation of the Ramsar Convention;
- Liaise actively with the Party's national focal points for other biodiversity- and water-related multilateral environmental agreements, in order to generate synergy in implementation of the various conventions;
- Report to the Secretariat and to each COP on the status of Ramsar sites and other wetlands and on implementation of the Convention.

- Maintaining regular contacts with the Secretariat and the Regional Representatives on the SC;
- Participating in Ramsar regional meetings and the COP;
- Establishing National Ramsar/Wetland Committees to support the implementation work of the AA.

- Implement the Convention on Wetlands at national and subnational level;
- Cooperate with other Ramsar Contracting Parties at international level in order to support regional implementation of the Convention.

STRP NFP

An acknowledged and committed wetland technical expert from either government or other organisation, appointed by the Administrative Authority

- Advise the STRP Working Groups on issues and draft documents within their areas of expertise;
- Develop a national network of experts, disseminate Ramsar and STRP information to them and seek their advice as appropriate;
- Liaise with the AA on STRP matters, and contribute to national reporting for the Convention;
- Liaise with and provide input to STRP members, especially the relevant regional member, on in-country issues (Ramsar sites in particular);
- Help to monitor and evaluate Small Grants Fund (SGF) projects when requested to do so;
- Undertake communication and networking through the relevant regional STRP member, helping to disseminate the work of the STRP to in-country networks of wetland experts.

- Networking through e-mail & the STRP Support Service Web site;
- Organizing expert consultations on key issues;
- Participating in National Ramsar/Wetland Committees where they exist;
- Maintaining contact with relevant STRP members and other MEAs' NFPs within the Party.

- Respond to regional scientific priorities;
- Ensure that key national & regional issues are communicated to STRP;
- Review STRP draft global guidances and other reports;
- Ensure that global Convention scientific and technical decisions and guidances are fed back into national decision-making.

CEPA NFPs

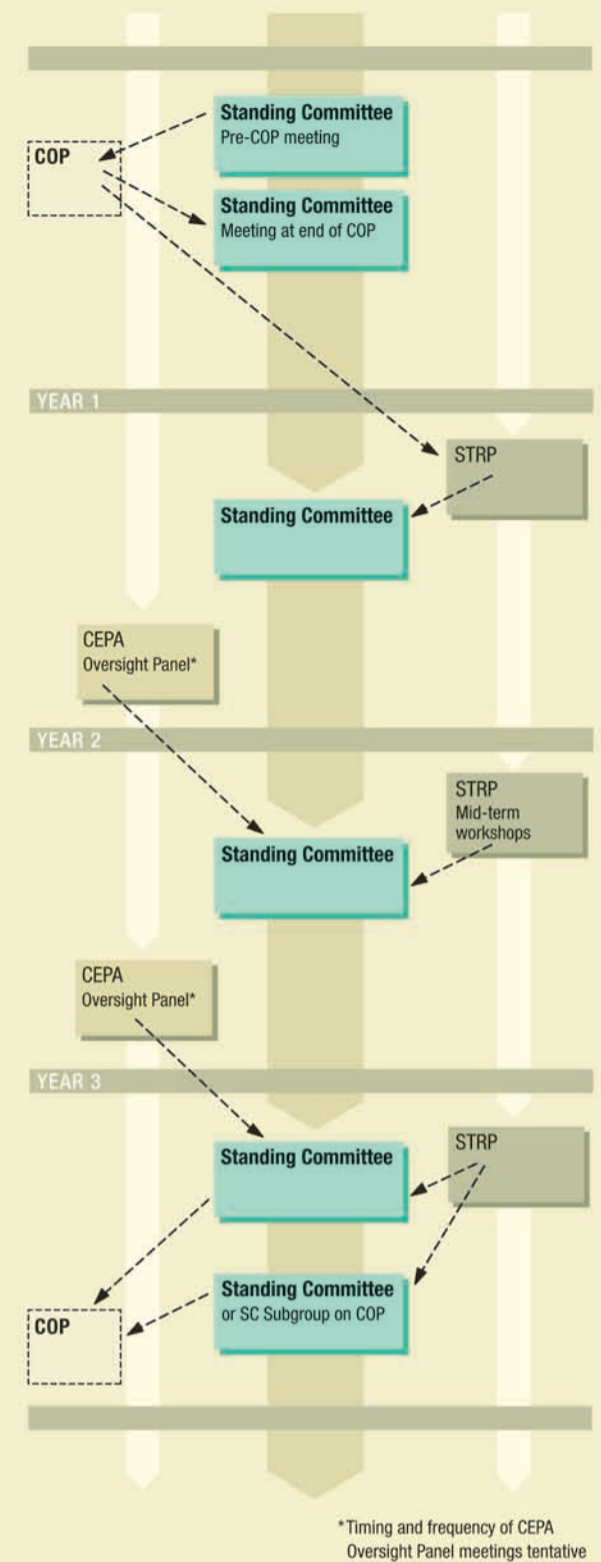
Two qualified CEPA experts, one from within government and one from an NGO, appointed by their Administrative Authority

- Cooperate closely with the Party's other NFPs in the following matters:**
- Provide leadership through a single point of contact for the development and implementation of a wetland CEPA programme at an appropriate level (national, subnational, local);
 - Serve as the main points of contact on CEPA matters a) between the Secretariat and the Contracting Party and b) between Contracting Parties;
 - Serve as members of the National Ramsar/Wetland Committees or similar national structures;
 - Assist in practical CEPA implementation at the national level and in national reporting on CEPA activities to the Ramsar COPs;
 - Ensure a high, positive public profile for the Convention and its conservation and wise use goals;
 - Serve as active spokespersons for wetland CEPA;
 - Establish and maintain any contacts, networks, structures and mechanisms necessary to ensure the efficient communication of information between relevant actors at all levels and in all sectors.

- Networking through the CEPA e-mail lists;
- Participating in National Ramsar/Wetland Committees where they exist, or establishing a CEPA task force to develop a CEPA programme of work;
- Liaising with the Secretariat and other Parties on CEPA issues.

- Provide leadership in developing and implementing a national CEPA Programme.

Global triennial processes



Global bodies & processes

Decision making bodies

