

## AFRICAN PREPARATORY MEETING

- 15H00 - 16H00** New Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS)  
Introduction to the online formats
- 16H00 - 17H00** Finance: Outstanding contributions/Arrears
- 17H00 - 17H30** Forum & Wetlands Forum Policy Advisory Committee
- 17H30 - 18H30** Group Work to appoint Standing Committee Representatives to be validated at COP12  
Groups: Eastern Africa (1) ; Western Africa (1) ; Central Africa (1); Northern Africa (1); Southern Africa & Indian Ocean (1)

## DAY 5 FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2014

Chair: Uganda  
Co-Chair: Senegal  
Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF and WWF-Tunisia

- 9H00 - 9H15** Reporting back from sessions 6 & 7
- 9H15 - 9H45** Session 8 Plenary  
Quick overview of the RESSOURCE-Wetlands Project
- 9H45 - 11H00** Appointment of Contracting Parties to voice out Africa position on Draft Resolutions during COP12

### TEA/COFFEE BREAK

- 11H30 - 12H30** Recommendations from the African PreCOP Meeting  
Proposals and discussions
- 12H30 - 12H45** Closing Ceremony  
Statement by the Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention
- 12H45 - 13H00** Closing remarks  
Minister of Agriculture, Tunisia

### LUNCH BREAK

## 15H00 Departure

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Direction Générale des Forêts



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Hammamet, Tunisia  
17 - 21 November 2014



## SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2014

### 11:00 - 18:00 Registration (Help Desk)

## DAY 1 MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2014

Chair: South Africa  
Co-Chair: Benin  
Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF and WWF-Tunisia

- 9H - 9H30** Session 1: Introduction (Plenary)  
Keynote address by The Ramsar Administrative Authority for Tunisia
- 9H30 - 9H50** Meeting objectives and adoption of the Agenda

- 9H50 - 10H30** First name introduction of Delegates

- 10H30 - 11H00** Group Photo

### TEA/COFFEE BREAK

- 11H00 - 11H30** Introduction of the 4th Strategic Plan

- 11H30 - 11H45** General discussion & Clarifications

- 11H45 - 13H00** Group Work: 4th Strategic Plan  
Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean

### LUNCH BREAK

- 14H30 - 15H30** Group Work on 4th Strategic Plan  
Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean

- 15H30 - 18H30** Session 2: Negotiations (Plenary)  
Groups' reports and discussions  
Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean

## DAY 2 TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2014

Chair: Burundi  
Co-Chair: Guinea  
Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF and WWF-Tunisia

- 8H30 - 8H40** Reporting back from sessions 1 & 2

- 8H40 - 9H45** Session 3: Draft Resolutions (Plenary)  
Presentation of Draft Resolutions for COP12  
General discussion & Clarifications  
Speakers: South Africa, Tunisia, Seychelles
- 9H45 - 13H00** Group Work on Draft Resolutions for COP12  
Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean

### TEA/COFFEE BREAK

### LUNCH BREAK

- 14H30-16H00** Group Work on Draft Resolutions for COP12  
Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean

- 16H00-18H00** Session 4: Negotiations (Plenary)  
Reporting from Groups discussions on DR  
Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern

## DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014

Chair: Tunisia  
Co-Chair: Congo  
Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF and WWF-Tunisia

- 7H00 - 17H30** Session 5: Field Trip  
Visit to the Lagune de Ghar el Melh Site N° 1706 and Ichkeul, Site N°213  
Departure from the hotel at 7:00 am

- 18H30 - 19H30** - Opening Ceremony  
- Welcome address  
Minister of State for Sustainable Development, Tunisia  
- Keynote address  
Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention  
- Opening address  
Minister of Agriculture, Tunisia

- 19H30 - 21H30** - Cocktail (Entertainment)



## DAY 4 THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2014

Chair: Ghana  
Co-Chair: Seychelles  
Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF and WWF-Tunisia

- 8H30 - 8H40** Reporting back from sessions 3, 4 & 5

- 8H40 - 9H10** Session 6  
Priorities for next Triennium 2015 - 2017 (Plenary)  
Comments & General discussion

- 9H10 - 9H40** COP Rules and Procedures  
Comments & General discussion

- 9H40 - 10H30** Presentation of National Legislation to Protect Wetlands Goods and Services: Course for African Parliamentarians and Parliamentarians Staff  
Comments & General discussion

### TEA/COFFEE BREAK

- 10H45 - 11H30** Presentation of GlobWetland Africa Project  
Comments & General discussion

- 11H30 - 13H00** Ramsar Regional Initiatives in Africa  
Briefing on Ramcea, NigerWet and Wacovet activities  
Briefing on the process to establish a Southern Africa Ramsar Regional Initiative

### LUNCH BREAK

- 14H30 - 15H00** Session 7 : Ramsar Sites (Plenary)  
Articles 3.2 & 2.5 ; Montreux Record and RAM

