CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 29 May – 2 June 2017

**SC53-01**

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**Provisional Agenda**

**Monday 29 May 2017**

**08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group**

Working Group on CEPA Implementation (Doc. SC53-03)

Proposal of new MOUs (Doc. SC53-04)

Review of existing Working Groups (Doc. SC53-05)

Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

**15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of Sub-group on COP13**

Progress with preparations for COP13 (Doc. SC53-07)

* Dates and venue of COP13
* COP theme and logo
* Timeline in lead up to COP13 including regional pre-COP meetings
* Document distribution (“paperless COP”)

COP13 Agenda (Doc.SC53-08)

**Tuesday 30 May 2017**

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**10:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Sub-group on Finance**

Financial matters 2016 (Doc. SC53-20)

Report on outstanding contributions (Doc. SC53-21)

Update on fundraising for COP13 (Pre-COP regional meetings and other priority activities for fundraising)

**13:00 – 15:00 Meeting of the Facilitation Working Group**

**15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the CEPA Oversight Panel / Meeting of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation**

**Wednesday 31 May 2017**

**08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Opening statements
   1. Chair of the Standing Committee (Uruguay)
   2. Director General of IUCN (or her representative)
   3. Statement on behalf of the six International Organization Partners (IOPs)
   4. Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention
2. Review and adoption of the Provisional Agenda (Docs. SC53-01, SC53-01 Add.1)
3. Admission of observers (SC53-Inf.Doc.02)
4. Report of the Secretary General (Doc. SC53-02)
5. Report of the Management Working Group
   1. Working Group on CEPA Implementation (Doc. SC53-03)
   2. Proposal of new MOUs (Doc. SC53-04)
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1. Secretariat Work Plan for the 2016-18 triennium and annual plan for 2017 (Doc. SC53-09)
2. Report of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (Doc. SC53-10)

**18:00 Reception**

**Thursday 1 June 2017**

**08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Report of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Doc. SC53-11)
2. Update on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Doc. SC53-12)
3. Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

**15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel
2. Secretariat report on CEPA-related activities
   1. Implementation of Secretariat CEPA action plan (Doc. SC53-03)
   2. Report on World Wetlands Day 2017
   3. Theme for World Wetlands Day 2018
   4. The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards 2018 (Doc. SC53-13)
   5. Update on the MAVA project “Conservation of the natural and cultural heritage in wetlands” (Doc. SC53-14)
3. Progress on implementing Resolution XI.6 on partnership and synergies (Doc. SC53-15)
4. Progress report on implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation (Doc. SC53-16)

**Friday 2 June 2017**

**08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Report on national and regional targets of the Strategic Plan (Doc. SC53-17)
2. The status of the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Doc. SC53-18) and update on the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS).

**15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Options for holding future meetings of the Standing Committee in Geneva (Doc. SC53-19)
2. Report of the Facilitation Working Group
3. Report of the Sub-group on Finance
   1. Financial matters 2016 (Doc. SC53-20)
   2. Report on outstanding contributions (Doc.SC53-21)
   3. Update on fundraising for COP13 (Pre-COP regional meetings and other priority activities for fundraising)

1. Other matters
   1. Date and venue of the 54th Meeting of the Standing Committee
   2. Adoption of the report of the 53rd Meeting
   3. Any other business
   4. Closing remarks