11.11.2013. In a few hours Australia will welcome heads of state, ministers, heads of International Organizations alongside social entrepreneurs, businesses executives, indigenous leaders, park rangers and renowned conservationists at the IUCN World Parks Congress.

The Ramsar Convention is taking part in the 'Inspiring Solutions' at this once in a decade event! Ramsar’s Secretary General Dr Christopher Briggs will be taking this opportunity to engage with the world’s environmental leaders to work towards the Convention’s overall mission to reverse the loss of wetlands.
- 1 pm, Aquatic Centre.
At the Forum on the Wise Use of Wetlands in Australia, Ramsar's Secretary General Dr Christopher Briggs will present the priorities for an effective wise use of wetlands.
through international cooperation. He will also open discussions around the need to develop mechanisms at national level to make better use of the experience of national wetland experts in the decision.
making process for wetland and conservation.

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Dr. Briggs will moderate the opening remarks on the University of North Carolina's campus.
Parallel Plenary

This Plenary session at the World Parks Congress will give a global view on water scarcity and the necessity to achieve good management of all land and wetlands.
To stop the alarming pace of wetland loss and degradation, Dr Briggs will present the Convention’s new initiative for a Global Partnership for wetland restoration, with emphasis on restoring flood...
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Noam Meir, top left. "How Different Sectors Use Key Biodiversity Areas in river basins, coastal wetlands, and peatlands.

08. 30 – 10. 00 am, Southern North. Panel Discussion on “How Different Sectors Use Key Biodiversity Areas"
as (KB As)”, Dr Briggs will present key uses of KBA's for the Ramsar Convention, by showing how wetland and KBA's that are not already Ramsar Sites would help governments complete their list of Wet
lands of International Importance. He will stress their relevance as well as possible areas as of concerns such as the need to have a general agreement on the criteria and thus locations of KBA's.
10. 30 – 12. 00 am, Hub 2.
Session on Water and Cities moderated by Dr Briggs. In this session, the speakers will present the strong links built with Latin American water funds schemes linking...
ng protected area as (as water and service provider) and metropolitan area as (as water users); highlight the increasing corporate engagement in watershed conservation and restoration, and
explore the incorporation of watershed conservation costs into water tariffs, making the end user part of the solution.

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