

Report and decision of the intersessional virtual meeting of the Standing Committee to consider the work plan of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel for 2023-2025

Thursday 29 June 2023

13.05 – 13.50 CEST Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

Draft STRP work plan 2023-2025

1. The **Chair of the Standing Committee** opened the session, and informed members that the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) had requested intersessional consideration and approval of the STRP work plan for the triennium, and that, on the recommendation of the Executive Team, the Management Working Group was consulted to seek its endorsement of requesting intersessional approval of the work plan and the Management Working Group had no objection.
2. The **Secretary General** welcomed participants and noted the importance of the work of the STRP in supporting Parties in the implementation of the Convention, emphasizing the critical role of wetlands in the achievement of global environmental objectives.
3. The **Chair of the STRP** summarized the key aims of the STRP for the triennium and provided an overview of the Panel's 25th meeting (STRP25) held from 2 to 5 May 2023¹. He introduced the STRP work plan which is annexed to document SC62 Doc.19², summarizing the high and highest-priority tasks and estimated funding requirements.
4. Interventions were made by **Belgium, Canada, China, Georgia, Libya** and **Sweden**.
5. In response to comments by Committee members, the **Chair of the STRP** noted:
 - i. the recommendation to seek additional funding for implementation of task 5.1 on the Global Wetland Outlook (GWO) 2025;
 - ii. the importance of incorporating indigenous and traditional knowledge into task outputs, which had been planned for task 2.2 on small wetlands, and would be incorporated into task 5.1;

¹ See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/25th-meeting-of-the-scientific-and-technical-review-panel-strp25-report-and-decisions>.

² See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/sc62-doc19-report-of-the-chair-of-the-scientific-and-technical-review-panel-including-draft>.

- iii. that other matters addressed in the STRP Chairs report to SC62 can be discussed under agenda item 19 at SC62, including wetland inventory and classification; and
- iv. that references to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework be updated in the work plan, to reflect its full title.

Pre-SC62 Intersessional Decision 04: The Standing Committee approved the work plan of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel for 2023-2025, contained in Annex 1 of document SC62 Doc.19.