THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

Intersessional processes of the Standing Committee
March – June 2023

**Summary of the Intersessional Decisions of the Standing Committee prior to its 62nd meeting, March – June 2023**

3 March 2023

**Pre-SC62 Intersessional Decision 01: The Standing Committee approved the following composition of the CEPA Oversight Panel to the Convention for the 2023-2025 triennium:**

* **Gabon (Jean Hervé Mve Beh) - Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee**
* **To be determined - Chair of the Subgroup on Finance**
* **Madagascar (Vony Raminoarisoa) - CEPA Government Focal Point**
* **Philippines (Susan Joyce Se) - CEPA Government Focal Point**
* **Uganda (Regina Ceali Namakula) - CEPA Government Focal Point**
* **STRP Chair - Hugh Robertson**
* **Felipe Velasco (Colombia) - CEPA NGO Focal Point**
* **Denis Berlemont (France) - CEPA NGO Focal Point**
* **Harison Andriambelo (Madagascar) - CEPA NGO Focal Point**
* **Awa Joof (Gambia) - Youth representative**
* **Ahmed Sulaiman (Yemen) - Indigenous Peoples representative**
* **Chris Rostron (Wetlands & Wildfowl Trust) - IOP representative**
* **Interested Party: Zambia (Sandra Ponde Imbuwa)**

8 May 2023

**Pre-SC62 Intersessional Decision 02: The Standing Committee:**

**i. endorsed the Operational Guidance for Wetland City Accreditation[[1]](#footnote-1);**

**ii. instructed the Secretariat to publish the call for applications for both new and renewed accreditation within six months after COP14 in accordance with Resolution XIV.10;**

**iii. further instructed the Secretariat to publish the Operational Guidance as a separate document on the dedicated Wetland City Accreditation web page and use it to provide information to Administrative Authorities and cities interested in new or renewed accreditation on relevant processes; and**

**iv. invited Contracting Parties and International Organization Partners to use the Operational Guidance for wider promotion of the Wetland City Accreditation scheme.**

15 May 2023

**Pre-SC62 Intersessional Decision 03: The Standing Committee approved the nomination of the United States of America as the Chair of the Subgroup on Finance.**

29 June 2023

**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.**[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/operational-guidance-for-wetland-city-accreditation-of-the-ramsar-convention-on-wetlands>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/report-and-decision-intersessional-virtual-meeting-standing-committee-consider-work-plan>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)