

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:

- endorsed the Operational Guidance for Wetland City Accreditation¹;
- 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;
- 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
- 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.

¹ See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/operational-guidance-for-wetland-city-accreditation-of-the-ramsar-convention-on-wetlands>.

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

² See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/report-and-decision-intersessional-virtual-meeting-standing-committee-consider-work-plan>.