THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
63rd meeting of the Standing Committee
Gland, Switzerland, 3-7 June 2024

Provisional working programme

Monday 3 June

08:30 – 09:15 Regional meetings
09:30 – 11:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance
11:00 – 12:30 Meeting of the Management Working Group
13:30 – 16:00 Meeting of the Strategic Plan Working Group
16:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on Institutional Strengthening

Tuesday 4 June

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings
10:00 – 13:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee

1. Opening statements
   1.1 Chair of the Standing Committee (China)
   1.2 Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
   1.3 International Organization Partners (IOPs)
   1.4 Secretary General of the Convention

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda

3. Adoption of the provisional working programme

4. Admission of observers

5. Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee and of the Executive Team

6. Report of the Secretary General

14:00 – 15:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP15
15:00 – 18:00  Plenary session of the Standing Committee

   7.1 Report on the activities of the Management Working Group
   7.2 Report on the process for recruiting a new Secretary General


Wednesday 5 June

08:30 – 09:45  Regional meetings

10:00 – 13:00  Plenary session of the Standing Committee

21. Preparation of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15)
   21.1 Report of the Secretariat on COP15
   21.2 Report of the Subgroup on COP15
   21.3 Proposal of the Secretariat on the process for preparation and review of draft resolutions
   21.4 Proposal of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards

13. Report of the Secretariat on implementation of Resolution XIV.3
   13.1 Strategy for communication with Contracting Parties (Resolution XIV.3 paragraph 11)
   13.2 Enhancing intersessional collaboration between Contracting Parties (follow-up to Standing Committee Decision SC62-18)

14:00 – 15:00  IOP information session (update for Parties on activities of the IOPs)

15:00 – 18:00  Plenary session of the Standing Committee

15. Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies in partnership with multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions

8. Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Decisions of the Standing Committee

16. Review and consolidation of current Resolutions
**Thursday 6 June**

08:30 – 09:45  Regional meetings

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

25. Report of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives

17. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)
   17.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel
   17.2 Report of the Secretariat on the proposed future operations of the CEPA Oversight Panel, in accordance with Resolution XIV.8
   17.3 Report of the Secretariat on World Wetlands Day 2024
   17.4 World Wetlands Day themes for 2025, 2026 and 2027

10. Urgent challenges to the wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention: Update on wetlands inventories

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

   9.1 Report on financial matters for 2023 and 2024
   9.2 Status of annual contributions

19. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel on implementation of the STRP work plan

20. Technical proposal of the STRP on resourcing and implementing waterbird population estimates

18. Report of the Youth Working Group

**Friday 7 June**

08:30 – 09:45  Regional meetings

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

22. Report of the Secretariat on the challenges and opportunities related to the submission and updating of Ramsar Information Sheets

23. Report of the Secretariat on proposals on strengthening the process to include a Site on the List of Wetlands of International Importance
24. Update of the Secretariat on the implementation of Resolution XIV.20

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

14. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2024

26. Dates of the 64th meeting of the Standing Committee

27. Adoption of the report of the meeting

28. Any other business

29. Closing remarks