

Provisional working programme

(* includes a draft resolution)

Monday 20 January

- 08:30 – 09:15 Regional meetings
- 09:30 – 11:30 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance
- 14:00 – 15:30 Meeting of the Management Working Group
- 15:30 – 17:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP15

Tuesday 21 January

- 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 Executive Team and Chair of the Standing Committee
6. Report of the Secretary General
7. Report of the Management Working Group

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

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

- 11. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group *
- 12. Report of the Working Group on Institutional Strengthening *
- 26. Report of the Working Group on RIS Updating *
- 29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *

Wednesday 22 January

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

- 18. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel
- 19. Draft resolution on the future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2026-2028 *
- 20. Draft resolution on the establishment of the Waterbird Estimates Partnership (WEP) and the delivery of the 2027 edition of Waterbird Population Estimates (WPE2027) *
- 21. Draft resolution on the application of Criteria 6 and 9 to new and existing Wetlands of International Importance *
- 29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *

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

- 29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *

Thursday 23 January

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

- 29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *

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

9. Financial and budgetary matters
 - 9.1 Report on financial matters for 2024 and 2025
 - 9.2 Status of annual contributions
 - 9.3 Budget scenarios for 2026-2028 and draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters *
 - 9.4 Potential financial implications of draft resolutions
15. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)
 - 15.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel
 - 15.2 Draft resolution on CEPA *
16. Report of the Youth Working Group
29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *

Friday 24 January

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

13. Roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee *
14. Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions *
25. Draft resolution on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance *
8. Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Decisions of the Standing Committee
10. Urgent challenges to the wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention: Update on wetlands inventories
27. Report of the Secretariat on proposals on strengthening the process to include a Site on the List of Wetlands of International Importance

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

22. Preparation of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
 - 22.1 Report of the Subgroup on COP15

- 22.2 The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards [for discussion in closed session – document to members of the Subgroup on COP15 only]
- 22.3 Draft resolution on the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards *
- 23. Draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2025-2028 *
- 28. Update of the Secretariat on the implementation of Resolution XIV.20
- 24. Report of the Co-Chairs of the Independent Advisory Committee on Wetland City Accreditation
- 17. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2025
- 30. Dates and venue of the 65th and 66th meetings of the Standing Committee
- 31. Adoption of the report of the meeting
- 32. Any other business
- 33. Closing remarks