



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS  
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES  
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES  
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

## Diplomatic Note 2019/3

### The 57th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention 24-28 June 2019

The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of [...] and has the honour to inform Contracting Parties that the plenary sessions of the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC57) will take place from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 June 2019, at the Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland.

SC57 will be preceded on Monday 24 June by meetings of the Committee's sub-groups and working groups.

Simultaneous interpretation in the three official languages of the Convention will be provided throughout the week of the meeting.

The provisional agenda is available on the Ramsar website at <https://www.ramsar.org/event/57th-meeting-of-the-standing-committee>. Links to documents will be added to the agenda as they are published.

Membership of the Standing Committee and its sub-groups and working groups is published on the Ramsar website at <https://www.ramsar.org/about/current-standing-committee-2018-2021-members>.

Contracting Parties that are not members of the Standing Committee are welcome to attend as observers. States that are not Contracting Parties but have expressed an interest in acceding to the Convention (Resolution XIII.4, Annex 1, paragraph 12) may also be admitted as observers.

The Secretariat requests that members of the Standing Committee, Contracting Parties wishing to attend as observers and non-party States seeking observer status at the meeting complete the preregistration process by **25 April 2019**.

The online preregistration system is accessible at: <https://contacts.ramsar.org/register-sc57>.

In addition, a personalized link to the preregistration system will be sent to the nominated representatives of Contracting Parties which are members of the Standing Committee.

Contracting Parties are encouraged to promote gender parity in their delegations according to the provisions of Resolution XIII.18 on *Gender and wetlands* in planning their participation in the meeting.

The Secretariat can provide financial support to enable the participation of one delegate representing each of the eligible members of the Standing Committee, upon request. However, the Secretariat cannot support the participation of representatives of observer States. Contracting Parties unable to attend the meeting as observers are invited to communicate their position on issues to the Standing Committee representative(s) of their region or directly to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of [...] the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 25 March 2019

