



Ramsar Workshop of the STRP National Focal Points of Africa & Other Wetland Experts

Emperors Palace, Johannesburg, South Africa,
30 November - 2 December 2010

About the Ramsar Workshop:

Dear participants,

we are pleased to be able to welcome you to this meeting, and hope you will find it productive and stimulating.

The STRP, the Ramsar Secretariat and the WRC team who are organizing the meeting have put together this annotated agenda and a number of briefing notes to help you find relevant background and preparatory material easily, and to be able to quickly find agenda documents. Please take some time before the workshop to read the briefing notes, as in several places we are asking for specific inputs from the National Focal Points and other wetland experts, to support STRP task work and to complement the group discussions in the work sessions in Johannesburg. You may need to contact your colleagues in your country, through your scientific networks, to provide some of these inputs.

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Tuesday 30 th November 2010		Support documents
8.00-9.30	1. Participant Registrations	
9.30-9.50	2. Opening & Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 The Ramsar Administrative Authority of South Africa, Department of Environmental Affairs <i>(Ms Wilma Lutsch, Director of Biodiversity Conservation)</i> 	
9.50-10.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.2 The Water Research Commission -WRC <i>(Dr Rivka Kfir, Chief Executive Officer)</i> 	
10.20-10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.3 The Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Ramsar Convention <i>(Dr Heather MacKay, STRP Chair)</i> 	
10.30-10.50	3. Overview of the workshop process and objectives - Presentation & Questions <i>(Dr Heather MacKay, STRP Chair)</i>	
10.50-11.10	Coffee break	
11.10-11.25	4. Introduction to the Ramsar Convention - Presentations & Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Global status of the Ramsar Convention. <i>(Ms Cathleen Cybéle, Ramsar Secretariat)</i> 	
11.25-11.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.2 Convention bodies and Processes <i>(Ms Monica Zavagli, STRP Officer, Ramsar Secretariat)</i> 	

11.40-12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.3 The Convention in Africa - status & implementation (<i>Dr Paul Ouedraogo, Ramsar Secretariat</i>) 	
	5. Wetland issues in the Africa region - presentations & discussion	
12.00-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Eastern Africa perspective (<i>Professor Kassim Kulindwa, STRP invited Expert</i>) 	Presentation Outline
12.30-13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2 Northern Africa perspective (<i>Mr Denis Landenbergue, Wetlands manager, WWF International</i>) 	
13.00-14.15	<i>Lunch</i>	
	6. STRP 2009-2012 work plan - presentations & discussion:	
14.15-14.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Overview of the STRP work plan for 2009-2012 cycle, priorities & process leading up to COP11. (<i>Dr Heather MacKay, STRP Chair</i>) 	Briefing Note Agenda item 6.1
14.50-15.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.2 STRP priority issues for COP11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.2.1 Restoration guidance (<i>Mr Rob McInnes, STRP expert</i>) 	Briefing Note Agenda item 6.2.1
15.45-16.00	6 bis. "Who is a Wetland Manager" exercise. (<i>Dr Heather MacKay, STRP Chair</i>)	
16.00-16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.30-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.2 STRP priority issues for COP11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.2.2 Revision of Ramsar Information Sheets (RIS) & Strategic Framework. (<i>Dr Heather MacKay, STRP Chair</i>) 	Briefing Note-Agenda item 6.2.2
	7. Ramsar's International Organization Partners (IOPs):	
17.00-17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 Roles & relationships. How the IOPs support the Convention at global, regional and national level. (<i>Dr Jonas Chafota, WWF-East and Southern Africa & Denis Landenbergue, WWF International</i>) 	
17.30-18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.2 Wetlands and Livelihoods (<i>Dr Lisa Rebelo, International Water Management Institute - IWMI</i>) 	Presentation Abstract
18.00-18.30	8. The status of research on wetland ecology, management and conservation in South Africa (<i>Dr Heather Malan, University of Cape Town</i>)	Presentation Abstract
18.30-19:15	<i>Break</i>	
19.15-19.30	Results & brief discussion of "Who is a Wetland Manager" exercise (<i>Mr Rob McInnes, STRP expert</i>)	
19.30	Welcome dinner host by the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa	
Wednesday 1st December 2010		Support documents
	9. Wetland issues in the Africa region - presentations & discussion	
9.00-9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1 Identification and Mapping National Freshwater Ecosystems Priority Areas (wetlands) in South Africa (<i>Miss Namhla Mbona, South African Institute of Biodiversity - SANBI</i>) 	

9.30-10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2 Rwanda, a case study on wetland governance and its impacts on urban city planning (<i>Dr Paul Ouedraogo, Senior Adviser for Africa, Ramsar Secretariat</i>) 	
10.00-10.20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.20-13.00	10. Work session1: Urban and Peri-Urban Wetlands (<i>Mr Rob McInnes, STRP task lead</i>)	Briefing Note-agenda item10
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00-16.00	11. Work session2: Wetlands & extractives industries (<i>Dr Heather MacKay, STRP task lead</i>)	Briefing Note-agenda item11
16.00-16.25	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.25-17.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetlands & Extractives industries work session continues 	
17.15-17.30	<i>Break</i>	
17.30-17.50	12. African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement-AEWA. presentation & discussion (<i>Ms Evelyn Moloko, AEWA Secretariat</i>)	
17.50-18.30	13. Capacity building, conservation and management of migratory waterbirds and their flyways in the African-Eurasian Region - presentation & discussion (<i>Mr Oliver Nasirwa, Wetland International</i>)	Presentation Abstract
Thursday 2nd December 2010		Support documents
9.00-10.15	14. Work session3: building the STRP Network in the Africa Region (<i>Ms Monica Zavagli, task lead</i>)	Briefing Note-agenda item14
10.15-10.40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.40-11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Work session on STRP Network continues 	
11.30-12.20	15. Wrap up discussion & Summary of Recommendations (<i>Dr Heather MacKay, STRP Chair</i>)	
12.20-12.30	16. Closure of the workshop	
13.00-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30 – 18.30	17. Field Trip - more information to come.	

Speakers' Biographies can be found [here](#)