

Ramsar Convention on Wetland (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

Americas Preparatory Meeting for Ramsar COP13

San José, Costa Rica 12-16 March 2018

Provisional Order of the Day

SUNDAY 11-03-2018

Arrival of participants to San José (Hotel Park Inn)

Registration in the afternoon/evening, from 16:00 to 19:00 in the hotel.

Delegates who arrive on the 11th of March are advised to register immediately in the afternoon/evening to avoid delays during the registration on Monday morning before the opening of the meeting.

MONDAY 12-03-2018

08:30 - 09:00 Registration and seat accommodation in the plenary room

09:00 - 10:00 Opening and welcome

Welcome address: Ms. Belkis Carolina Montalvan, Honduras Ramsar Focal Point on behalf of the Standing Committee Representative for Central America

Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Mr. Edgar Gutierrez Espeleta, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica.

Group Picture

Special Presentation: Progress in the Conservation and Management of Wetlands in Costa Rica. Mr. Fernando Mora Viceminister of Water, Seas, Coasts and Wetlands Ministry of Environment and Energy.

Special Presentation: Recognition for the designation of Ramsar Sites to Contracting Parties: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras. Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat

10:00 - 10:15 Coffee break

Plenary Sessions

10:15 - 10:25 Election of the Chairs of the meeting

Adoption of the agenda

Admission of Observers

Experiences of Wetlands in the Americas

- 10:25 - 12:00 Report of the Regional Initiatives Coordinators in the Americas and discussion on opportunities, challenges and ways forward (Amazon, Cariwet, High Andean Wetlands, La Plata River Basin, Mangroves, Coral Reefs, and CREHO).
- 12:00-13:00 Successful experiences and lessons learned during the triennium (Contracting Parties, Intergovernmental Organizations, NGOs).
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 -16:30 Successful experiences and lessons learned during the triennium (Contracting Parties, Intergovernmental Organizations, NGOs).
- 16:30 - 16:45 Coffee break

Implementation of the Convention 2016 – 2018

- 16:45 - 18:30 The region's achievements since COP12. Report of the Ramsar Secretariat on the application of the Convention in the Americas region. Ramsar Secretariat.
- Report of the Standing Committee Regional Representatives (Colombia, Honduras, Suriname, United States)
- Report on the Work Plan of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel. STRP Chair/Experts
- Plenary discussion priorities under the Convention for the next triennium
- 19:00 - 21:00 Welcome dinner

TUESDAY 13-03-2018

- 09:00 - 09:15 Conclusions from the first day of the meeting (Chair/Vice chair of the meeting)
- 09:15 - 10:00 Discussion on the nominations/election of the Standing Committee Representatives for the next triennium
- 10:00 - 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 - 10:30 Continue Discussion on the nominations/election of the Standing Committee Representatives for the next triennium.

Draft Resolutions for Standing Committee 54 and subsequent consideration by COP13

Note: all Draft Resolutions can be retrieved from the Convention web sites in the link: <https://www.ramsar.org/event/54th-meeting-of-the-standing-committee>

These documents will not be printed on site and delegates are kindly requested to bring their own copies as necessary. Copies on USB keys will be available upon request.

10:30 - 12:30 *Financial, budgetary and Strategic matters*

-Doc. SC54-7.3. Budget scenarios for 2019-2021 and draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters

-Doc. SC54. 8. Draft Resolution Scope and modalities for the review of the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016- 2024.

-Doc. SC54-9. Draft Resolution on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention
Submitted by the Facilitation Working Group

-Doc.SC54-10. Draft Resolution The responsibilities, roles and composition of the Standing Committee and regional categorization of countries under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

-Doc.SC54-13. Draft Resolution on Language Strategy

-Doc.SC54-14. Draft Resolution Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 16:30 *Implementation and Scientific matters*

-Doc. SC54-19. Draft Resolution. The status of Sites in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

-Doc.SC54.20.2 Draft Resolution Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2019-2021 with an Operational Framework.

-Doc. SC54.23 Draft resolution on future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2019-2021 (STRP).

-Doc.SC54.24. Draft Resolution on guidance on identifying Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) for global climate change regulation as an additional argument to existing Ramsar criteria (STRP).

-Doc. SC54.25. Draft resolution on restoration of degraded peatlands to mitigate and adapt to climate change and enhance biodiversity (STRP)

Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties

-Doc.SC54.21.1 Draft resolution on the rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services (Submitted by the Republic of Korea).

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45-18:00 Continue *Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties*

-Doc.SC54.21.2. Draft resolution on cultural values, local communities and climate change mitigation and adaptation in wetlands (Submitted by Burkina Faso, Senegal and Tunisia).

-Doc.SC54.21.3. Draft resolution on conservation and management of small and micro wetlands (Submitted by China).

-Doc.SC54.21.4. Draft Resolution on Ramsar Advisory Missions (Submitted by Burkina Faso).

-Doc.SC54. 21.5. Draft resolution on agriculture in wetlands (Submitted by the Czech Republic).

-Doc.SC54.21.6. Draft resolution on peace and the sustainable management of biodiversity in Ramsar Sites (Submitted by the Central African Republic).

WEDNESDAY 14-01-2018

09:00 - 09:15 Conclusions from the second day of discussion (Chair of the meeting)

09:15 - 10:30 *Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties*

-Doc.SC54.21.7. Draft resolution on wetlands in West Asia (Submitted by Iraq).

-Doc.SC54.21.8. Draft resolution on improving the efficiency of structures and processes of the Convention (Submitted by Switzerland).

-Doc.SC54.21.9. Draft resolution on promoting conservation, restoration and sustainable management of coastal blue carbon ecosystems (Submitted by Australia).

-DocSC54.21.10. Projet de résolution sur le renforcement de la protection et de la gestion des zones de reproduction, d'alimentation et de croissance des tortues marines, et sur la désignation au titre de Ramsar des sites à enjeux majeurs (Présenté par la France et le Sénégal).

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 12:30 Continue *Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties*

-DocSC4.21.11. Draft resolution on World Wetlands Day (Submitted by the United Arab Emirates).

-Doc.SC54.21.12. Draft Resolution on urbanization, climate change and sustainable wetlands (Submitted by the United Arab Emirates).

-Doc.SC54.21.13. Draft resolution on promoting the conservation and wise use of intertidal wetlands and ecologically associated habitats (Submitted by the Philippines).

12:30 -14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 16:30 Continue *Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties*

-Doc.SC54.21.14. Draft Resolution on wetlands in polar and subpolar regions (Submitted by Sweden).

-Doc.SC54.21.15. Draft resolution on wetlands, peace and security (Submitted by Senegal)

-Doc.SC54.21.16. Draft resolution on gender and wetlands (Submitted by Colombia)

16:30 -16:45 Coffee break

16:45 - 17:30 San Jose Declaration and Conclusions of the meeting

17:30 - 18:00 Closing ceremony

THURSDAY 15-01-2018

09:00 – 17:30 Experience on the management of Reventazon River Watershed organized by the Government of Costa Rica (see separate agenda)

FRIDAY 16-01-2018

Departure of participants