**African Preparatory Meeting**

**Méhari Hotel - Hammamet, Tunisia 17-21 November 2014**

**Draft Agenda**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Activities** | **Chairpersons/ Rapporteurs** |
| **Sunday 16 November**  **2014** | 11:00-18:00 | Arrival of participants and Registration | Help Desk |
| **Day 1**  **Monday 17 November 2014** | 09:00-09:30 | **Session 1: Introduction (Plenary)**  Keynote address by the Ramsar Administrative Authority for Tunisia | Chair: South Africa  Co-Chair: Benin  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF-Tunisia and WWF-Tunisia |
| 09:30-09:50 | Meeting objectives and adoption of the Agenda |
| 09:50-10:30 | First name introduction of Delegates |
| 10:30-11:00 | Group Photo & Tea/Coffee break |
| 11:00-11:30 | Introduction of the 4th Strategic Plan |
| 11:30-11:45 | General discussion & Clarifications |
| 11:45-13:00 | Group Work: 4th Strategic Plan  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30-15:30 | Group Work: 4th Strategic Plan (cont’d)  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 15:30-18:30 | **Session 2: Negotiations (Plenary)**  Groups’ reports and discussions  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 18:30 | End of day 1 |

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| **Day 2**  **Tuesday 18 November 2014** | 08:30-08:40 | Reporting back from sessions 1 & 2 | Chair: Burundi  Co-Chair: Guinea  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF-Tunisia and  WWF-Tunisia |
| 08:40-09:45 | **Session 3: Draft Resolutions (Plenary)**  Presentation of Draft Resolutions for COP12  General discussion & Clarifications  Speakers: South Africa, Tunisia, Seychelles |
| 9:45-13:00 | Group Work: Draft Resolutions for COP12  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean*  Tea/Coffee break to be decided by each group |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30-16:00 | Group Work: Draft Resolutions for COP12 (cont’d)  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 16:00-18:00 | **Session 4: Negotiations (Plenary)**  Reporting from Groups discussions on DR  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 18:00 | End of day 2 |

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| **Day 3**  **Wednesday 19 November 2014** | 07:00-17:30 | **Session 5: Field Trip**  Visit to the Lagune de Ghar el Melh Site N° 1706 & Ichkeul, Site N°213  *Departure from Méhari Hotel at 7:00 am* | Chair: Tunisia  Co-Chair: Congo  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF-Tunisia and  WWF-Tunisia |
| 18:30-19:30 | Opening Ceremony  Welcome address  Minister of State for Sustainable Development, Tunisia  Keynote address  Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention  Opening address  Minister of Agriculture, Tunisia |
| 19:30-21:30 | Cocktail (Entertainment) |
| 21:30 | End of day 3 |

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| **Day 4**  **Thursday 20 November 2014** | 08:30-08:40 | Reporting back from sessions 3, 4 & 5 | Chair: Ghana  Co-Chair: Seychelles  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF-Tunisia and  WWF-Tunisia |
| 08:40-09:10 | **Session 6: Priorities for next Triennium 2015-2017 (Plenary)**  *Comments & General discussion* |
| 09:10-09:40 | COP Rules and Procedures  *Comments & General discussion* |
| 09:40-10:30 | Presentation of National Legislation to Protect Wetlands Goods and Services: Course for African Parliamentarians and Parliamentarians Staff  *Comments & General discussion* |
| 10:30-10:45 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 10:45-11:30 | Presentation of GlobWetland Africa Project  *Comments & General discussion* |
| 11:30-13:00 | Ramsar Regional Initiatives in Africa  Briefing on Ramcea, NigerWet and Wacowet activities  Briefing on the process to establish a Southern Africa Ramsar Regional Initiative |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30-15:00 | **Session 7 : Ramsar Sites (Plenary)**  *Articles 3.2 & 2.5 & Montreux Record cases and RAMs* |
| 15:00-16:00 | New Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS)  *Introduction to the online formats* |
| 16:00-17:00 | Finance: *Outstanding contributions/Arrears* |
| 17:00-17:30 | Forum & Wetlands Forum Policy Advisory Committee |
| 17:30-18:30 | Group Work to appoint Standing Committee Representatives  to be validated at COP12  Groups: Eastern Africa (1) ; Western Africa (1) ; Central Africa (1) ; Northern Africa (1); Southern Africa & Indian Ocean (1) |
| 18:30 | End of day 4 |

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| **Day 5**  **Friday 21 November 2014** | 09:00-09:15 | Reporting back from sessions 6 & 7 | Chair: Uganda  Co-Chair: Senegal  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DGF-Tunisia and WWF-Tunisia |
| 09:15-09:45 | **Session 8: Plenary**  Quick overview of the RESSOURCE-Wetlands Project |
| 09:45-11:00 | Appointment of Contracting Parties to voice out Africa position on Draft Resolutions during COP12 |
| 11:00-11:30 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 11:30-12:30 | Recommendations from the African PreCOP Meeting  Proposals and discussions |
| 12:30-12:45 | Closing Ceremony  Statement by the Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention |
| 12:45-13:00 | Closing remarks  Minister of Agriculture, Tunisia |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 15:00 | Departure |