



The Regional Meeting for Oceania in preparation for the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Wellington, New Zealand, 13 – 16 March 2018

AGENDA

Venue: Wharewaka Function Centre
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Time	Items	Chair and Facilitator	Desired outcomes
Day 1 – Tuesday 13th March			
09:00	Pōwhiri to welcome guests Opening remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government of New Zealand (Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation) - Representative of the Oceania region to the Ramsar Standing Committee (Mark Taylor, Australia) - Ramsar Secretariat (Jonathan Barzdo, Deputy Secretary General) 	New Zealand to facilitate	
09:50	Coffee break and group photo		
10:30	Setting the scene: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of the participants - Aims of the meeting - Go over the programme, any final changes and confirmations if needed 	ROO will facilitate	
11:00	Update from Ramsar Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key highlights since COP12 - Preparation for COP13 - Key timelines moving forward - Any other issues to update the Parties including the outcome of the request for UN observer status, any updates on governance, including CEPA 	DSG to present	Oceania Parties informed
11:30	Update from ROO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of implementation in the Oceania since COP12 - Recap and follow up from 7th Oceania Regional Meeting 	ROO to present	Oceania Parties informed
12:00	Update from the Parties:	Countries to	Oceania Parties

	- Australia, - Fiji	present (15 minutes each)	informed
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	Update from the Parties: - Kiribati, - New Zealand, - Marshall Islands, - Palau	Countries to present (15 minutes each)	Oceania Parties informed
14:30	Update from the Parties: - Papua New Guinea, - Samoa	Countries to present (15 minutes each)	Oceania Parties informed
15:00	Update from non-member states: - Vanuatu	Vanuatu to present	Oceania Parties informed
15:15	Coffee break		
15:45	Update from partner organizations: - IUCN (Lilian Sauni – Water and Wetland Manager), - SPREP (Warren Lee Long – Coastal and Marine Advisor),	Partners to present (15 minutes each)	Oceania Parties informed
16:15	Introducing the INTECOL International Wetlands Conference (to be hosted by New Zealand in 2020)	TBC	Oceania Parties informed
16:30	Review of the Pacific Regional Wetland Action Plan (TBC)	SPREP to present and facilitate, ROO to co-facilitate	Oceania Parties are consulted on way forward
17:00	Close of the day		
Day 2 – Wednesday 14th March			
	Field trip to Wairarapa Moana Wetlands (separate programme provided)	New Zealand to facilitate	
Day 3 – Thursday 15th March			
09:00	Discuss and comment on Draft Resolutions for COP13 with focus on the more relevant DRs: 1. Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention – proposed by the Facilitation Working Group (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-9] 2. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes of the Convention – proposed by Switzerland (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.8]	Fiji to chair	1&2: Oceania view developed
09:40	3. Wetlands and Blue Carbon (Australia to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.9] DRs on peatlands: 4. Guidance on identifying Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) for global climate change regulation as an additional argument to existing Ramsar criteria – proposed by STRP (Secretariat to	Australia to chair	3: Specific needs of Oceania Parties discussed; level of support gauged and Oceania view developed

	<p>introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-24]</p> <p>5. Restoration of degraded peatlands to mitigate and adapt to climate change and enhance biodiversity – proposed by STRP (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-25]</p>		4&5: Oceania view developed
10:30	Coffee break		
11:00	<p>6. Urbanization, climate change and sustainable wetlands – proposed by UAE (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.12]</p> <p>7. Promoting conservation and wise use of inter-tidal wetlands and ecologically-associated habitats – proposed by the Philippines (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.13]</p>	Papua New Guinea to chair	6&7: Oceania view developed
11:40	<p>8. Conservation and Management of Small and Micro Wetlands – proposed by China (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.3]</p> <p>9. Agriculture in wetlands – proposed by Czech Republic (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.5]</p> <p>10. World Wetlands Day – proposed by the United Arab Emirates (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.11]</p>	Marshall Islands to chair	8-10: Oceania view developed
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	<p>11. Wetlands and Culture/the role of indigenous people and local community – proposed by Burkina Faso, Senegal and Tunisia (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.2]</p> <p>12. Techniques on Rapid Assessment of Wetland Ecosystem Services – proposed by the Republic of Korea (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.1]</p>	New Zealand to chair	11&12: Oceania view developed
14:10	<p>13. Ramsar Advisory Missions – proposed by Burkina Faso (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc. SC54-21.4]</p> <p>14. Scope and modalities for the review of the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 (Secretariat to introduce) [Doc.SC54-8]</p>	Kiribati to chair	13-14: Oceania view developed
15:00	Coffee break		
15:30	<p>15. Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other institutions (Secretariat to introduce) [Doc.SC54-14]</p> <p>16. Gender and wetlands – proposed by Colombia (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc.SC54-21.16]</p> <p>17. Strengthening the protection and management of marine turtle breeding and foraging habitats and the</p>	Samoa to chair	15-17: Oceania view developed

	Ramsar designation of important marine turtle habitats – proposed by France and Senegal (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc. SC54-21.10]		
17:00	Close of the day		
	Dinner at Coenes restaurant	New Zealand to facilitate	
Day 4 – Friday 16th March			
09:00	18. Ramsar Regional Initiatives: Draft resolution for 2019-2021 and operational framework – proposed by Working Group on Regional Initiatives (Secretariat to introduce the DR) [Doc. SC54-20.2] Ramsar Regional Initiative for Oceania: Review the proposal to establish a Ramsar Regional Initiative/Centre for Oceania	Australia to chair	18: Oceania view developed; Specific needs of the Oceania parties discussed; level of support gauged
10:30	Coffee break		
11:00	Wrap up on Draft Resolutions - Summarise the Oceania views on the DRs Discuss other issues that Oceania region would like raised at SC54	Palau to chair	Summarize and agree on Oceania views on DRs for Australia to take to SC54
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	Reporting on 2017 and Priorities for 2018 for ROO	ROO to present and facilitate	The ROO work plan has inputs from Oceania Parties
14:00	Wrap up, any other business	DSG to facilitate	
15:00	Closing karakia		