

Ramsar Convention on Wetland (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

Preparatory Meeting for Ramsar COP12

VI Pan American Regional Meeting

Bogotá, Colombia 27-31 October 2014

Provisional Order of the Day

Sunday 26-10-2014

Arrival of participants to Bogotá (Hotel Dann Carlton)

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

Distinguished delegates who arrive on the 26th of October 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 27-10-2014

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

09:00 – 10:00 Opening and welcome

Welcome address: To be determined - Colombian Authorities

Ramsar Secretariat

Standing Committee Representative for South America

Special Presentation: Recognition for the designation of Ramsar Sites (Colombia, United States).

Special Presentation: To be determined by Colombia

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

Plenary Sessions of the VI Pan American Meeting

10:15 – 10:25 Election of the Chair and Vice- Chair of the meeting

Adoption of the agenda

Admission of Observers

Panel on Wetlands in the Americas with a view to the Sustainable Development Goals

- 10:25 – 13:00 The Panel will be comprised of four experts who will present the views of the Contracting Parties, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs.
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 16:30 - Report of the Regional Initiatives Coordinators in the Americas.
- Successful experiences and lessons learned during the triennium (Contracting Parties, Intergovernmental Organizations, NGOs).
- 16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break
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- 19:00 – 21:00 Welcome dinner

TUESDAY 28-10-2014

- 08:30 – 08:45 Conclusions from the first day of the meeting (Chair/Vice chair of the meeting)
- 08:45 – 10:00 **Implementation of the Convention 2013 – 2014**
- Report of the Standing Committee Regional Representatives
 - The region's achievements since COP11. Report of the Ramsar Secretariat on the application of the Convention in the Americas region. Ramsar Secretariat.
 - Plenary discussion priorities for the next triennium.
- 10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break
- Key issues and Draft Resolutions for Standing Committee 48 and subsequent consideration by COP12**
- Strategic Plan of the Convention 2016 – 2021
- 10:15 – 10:30 Introduction by the Standing Committee Regional Representatives and members to the Strategic Plan Working Group.
- 10:30 – 12:30 Presentation and work of the participants with the Strategic Plan consultant, Mr. Peter Hilaire.
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:30 Continuation on inputs for the Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021

Consideration of Draft Resolutions

- 15:30 – 16:30 - Reform and revision of Rules of Procedure
- Draft Resolution on Follow up to Resolution XI.1

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

- 16:45 – 18:00 -Regional Initiatives
- Budgetary issues

WEDNESDAY 29-10-2014

08:30 – 08:45 Conclusions from the second day of discussion (Chair of the meeting)

08:45 – 10:30 Plenary discussion on Draft Resolutions

- Results of Resolution XI.16. Ensuring efficient delivery of scientific and technical advice and support to the Convention and proposal for the Scientific and Technical Review Panel. United States, Chair of the Review committee.

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 Continuation – Consideration of Draft Resolutions

- State of Ramsar Sites on the list of international importance

11:45 – 12:30 -Environmental flow for wetlands management. (Draft Resolution proposed by Mexico)

- City accreditation (Draft Resolution proposed by Tunisia)

12:30 -14:00 Lunch break

14:00 -15:00 -Evaluation of the management effectiveness of Ramsar Sites and other wetlands (Draft Resolution proposed by Thailand).

15:00 – 14:30 Progress in the preparation for COP12 and considerations for the visibility of the region. Uruguay.

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 – 17:30 Presentation and approval of the report of the meeting

17:30 – 18:00 Closing ceremony

THURSDAY 30-10-2014

09:00 – 17:30 Field visit organized by the Government of Colombia

FRIDAY 31-10-2014

Departure of participants