**12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to   
the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

**Punta del Este, Uruguay, 1-9 June 2015**

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| **Agenda item III** | **Ramsar COP12 DOC.1 Rev.1** |

**Provisional Agenda**

I Opening of the Meeting

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VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees

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IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level

X Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2009-2015

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XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee

XVI Report of the Credentials Committee

XVII Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions

XVIII Adoption of Resolutions and Recommendations

XIX Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

XX Any other business

XXI Adoption of the report of the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

XXII Close of the meeting

***Monday, 1 June 2015***

08:30 – 18:00 Registration of delegates (continues each day to 9 June)

08:30 – 09:30 Meeting of the Management Working Group (closed session)

09:30 – 13:00 **49th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (subsequently to meet as the Conference Committee)

14:00 – 18:00 **Regional meetings** (including discussions on ContractingParties to be proposed for election to the Standing Committee at plenary agenda item XIV)

18:15 – 19:15 Meetings of Regional Initiatives

***Tuesday, 2 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

09:00 – 13:00 **Regional** **meetings** (continued)

14:00 – 15:00 **Regional meetings** (continued)

16:00 – 18:00 **Opening ceremony and welcoming statements** (includes **Agenda items I** and **II**)

19:00 – 21:00 Welcome Host Country reception for Country Delegations

***Wednesday, 3 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 12:30 **Plenary Session**

**III Adoption of the agenda**

**IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**

**V Election of the President and Vice-Presidents and remarks by the President**

**VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees**

**VII Admission of Observers**

**VIII Report of the Chairperson of the Standing Committee**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 15:30 *Special Presentation: Wetlands in Uruguay. Alejandro Nario, National Director of Environment, Ministry of Housing, Planning and Environment of Uruguay*

15:30 – 16:00 *Panel Discussion on “Innovative Public-Private partnerships” with Danone and Livelihoods funds. Laurent Sacchi, Bernard Giraud, Ramsar Secretary General and invited guests*

16:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

**IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level**

**X Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2009-2015**

**XI Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)**

**XII Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

20:00 – 21:30 Presentation of **Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards** followed by a reception

***Thursday, 4 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 10:30 *Special Presentation: Could the SDGs help save wetlands*? *Jane Madgwick, Chief Executive Officer, Wetlands International*

10:30 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

**XIII Financial report for 2012-2015 by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee Subgroup on Finance and proposed budget for the triennium 2016-2018**

**XIV Election of Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee 2015-2018**

**XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

**XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

18:30 – 21:00 **Regional Meetings** to prepare and canvass views for the upcoming sessions

***Friday, 5 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee (with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers)

10:00 – 10:30 *Special Presentation*: *Healthy wetlands for the sustainable future of our planet. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Director Division of Environmental Law and*  *Conventions (DELC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*

10:30 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

**XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

**XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

***Saturday, 6 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

10:00 – 10:30 *Special Presentation: International Water Governance: Nothing fishy about it.* *Sibylle Vermont, Deputy Head of Section Global Affairs, International Affairs Division Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland*

10:30 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

**XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

**XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

18:30 – 20:00 Preparatory meeting of the appointees to the incoming Standing Committee 2015-2018

***Sunday, 7 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee (if needed) with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

**Field visits** organized by Uruguay

***Monday, 8 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

**XVI Report of the Credentials Committee**

**XVII Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

**XVIII Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations**

***Tuesday, 9 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

**XVIII Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations** (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

**XIX Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

**XX Any other business**

**XXI Adoption of the report of the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

**XXII Close of the meeting**

18:30 – 19:30 **50th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (incoming members to elect officers and subgroup members, and agree the date and venue of the first full meeting)