



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

Punta del Este, Uruguay, 1-9 June 2015

Agenda item III

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Provisional Agenda

- I Opening of the Meeting
- II General Statements and Keynote Addresses
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 Contracting Parties 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 (DELIC), 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)