



Report to Donors

Sponsored Delegates
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Details of Sponsorship

We are pleased to report on the use of the funds generously donated to enable delegates from developing countries to attend the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention in Punta del Este, Uruguay. The report to donors is a statement of account with details of sponsored delegates' costs. We hope that this will meet your reporting requirements and would be pleased to provide further details, if so required.

We were most gratified to have raised a total of USD 444,045 (CHF 422,000) in financial assistance, which allowed the Secretariat to sponsor 109 delegates from Contracting Parties. You should be aware that:

- all delegates were informed prior to the Conference that only their airfare, hotel accommodation, a small per diem, and any unavoidable costs en route would be covered
- the travel agent, Jetmar Viajes, sought bids from several airlines and obtained the best possible economy-class airfares
- a modest allowance to cover stopover costs was provided when delegates had a flight stopover connection the following day(s)
- hotel accommodation was paid on behalf of the delegates by the Secretariat and they each received a US \$116 daily allowance to cover meals and any other expenses
- basic travel and medical insurance was provided for all delegates receiving travel support
- cancellation costs were incurred in the case of last-minute cancellations of air tickets because of the penalty clauses pertaining to cheap air fares.

The participation of delegates from developing countries is important. Without their participation, Ramsar COP12 would have been very unbalanced and decisions taken would not have reflected the viewpoints of all Contracting Parties. We are therefore much obliged to you for your support.

Ramsar COP12 was a successful meeting. In total, 16 Resolutions were adopted, including the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan (2016-2024), many of which contain significant guidance to Parties for furthering the implementation of the Convention. The conference approved resolutions can be found in our website at : <http://www.ramsar.org/about/cop12-resolutions>

The financial accounts will be audited early in 2016, and if there are any modifications to this report, the adjusted figures would be posted on the web.

We trust that we may look forward to your help once again for COP13 which is to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2018.

Table 1. Fundraising (income from donors)

COP12 Fundraising, Sponsored Delegates, USD			
Donor	Priority	Amount USD	Currency
Star Alliance	Pot	14,280	EUR 12,995
Australia	Oceania	31,221	AUD 40,000
Austria	Africa	5,437	EUR 5,000
Canada	Americas	32,795	CAD 40,000
Finland	Pot	21,902	EUR 20,000
Germany	Pot	11,031	EUR 10,000
Korea (Republic of)	Pot	25,000	USD 25,000
Netherlands	Pot	8,495	EUR 7,500
Norway	Africa	42,997	NOK 340,000
Sweden	Pot	58,615	SEK 500,000
Switzerland	Africa	121,053	CHF 115,000
UNEP-ROWA	Asia	13,630	CHF 12,950
Other funds (note 1)	Pot	57,590	CHF 54,700
Subtotal		444,045	
Cost		565,543	
Deficit		121,498	
Budget (est.)	Budget	600,000	
Funds raised as % of actual cost		79%	

Note 1: Other funds = remaining amounts from other funding with agreement to use for sponsored delegates.

Table 2. Sponsored delegate costs

Sponsored Delegates Costs, USD								
Description	No. Delegates	Airfare	Hotel	Insurance	Transfer	Subtotal	Per Diems	Total
Sponsored	104	295,441	109,688	6,830	12,522	424,481	121,990	546,471
Cancellation	5	14,112	4,685	275	-	19,072	-	19,072
Total	109	309,553	114,373	7,105	12,522	443,553	121,990	565,543

Note: Cancellation costs by region:

- Latin America and Caribbean CHF 1,000
- Africa CHF 18,072.

Table 3. Sponsored delegate average costs

Sponsored Delegate Costs, USD			
USD	Number	Average Cost	Total Cost
Air fares	104	2,841	295,441
Hotel nights (per night)	1075	102	109,688
Insurance	104	66	6,830
Transfers, Airport to hotel	104	120	12,522
Per diems (per sponsored delegate)	104	1,173	121,990
Subtotal	104	5,255	546,471
Cancellation costs	5	3,814	19,072
Total	109	5,188	565,543

Note: Cancellation costs by region:

- Latin America and Caribbean CHF 1,000
- Africa CHF 18,072.

Table 4. Sponsored delegate costs, by region

Sponsored Delegates Costs, by Region, USD									
Region	No. Delegates	Airfare	Hotel	Insurance	Transfer	Subtotal	Per Diems	Total	Average
Africa	47	148,323	44,495	3,200	5,190	201,208	50,510	251,718	5,356
Asia	22	80,703	24,747	1,575	2,575	109,600	24,430	134,030	6,092
Europe	12	30,580	12,060	765	1,320	44,725	13,260	57,985	4,832
Oceania	4	17,703	5,311	290	806	24,110	6,500	30,610	7,653
Latin America and Caribbean	24	32,244	27,760	1,275	2,631	63,910	27,290	91,200	3,800
Total	109	309,553	114,373	7,105	12,522	443,553	121,990	565,543	5,188

Table 5. Sponsored delegate cost, by region and DAC List category

Sponsored Delegates, by DAC List Category						
Region	Least Developed	Other Low Income	Lower Middle Income	Upper Middle Income	Total	% Total
Africa	30	2	9	6	47	43%
Asia	6	1	8	7	22	20%
Europe			4	8	12	11%
Oceania	1		1	2	4	4%
Latin America and Caribbean			6	18	24	22%
Total	37	3	28	41	109	100%

Table 6. List of DAC Contracting Parties, by Region

AFRICA

Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of Congo
Djibouti
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
South Sudan
Sudan

Swaziland
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

ASIA

Bangladesh
Bhutan
Cambodia
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lebanon
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
Sri Lanka
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Viet Nam

EUROPE

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Georgia
Moldova
Montenegro
Serbia
Turkey
Ukraine

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Lucia
Suriname
Venezuela

OCEANIA

Fiji
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Samoa