

COP13 Working Group: Recommendations

Monday 29 May

Venue and accommodation

1. Secretariat to arrange a site visit to the proposed venue (Madinat Jumerirah) in Dubai as soon as possible;
2. UAE to look into the availability of suitable hotels close to the venue and the number of rooms at those hotels;
3. UAE to check the number of suitable rooms at the venue for side events, and their cost in case any of the IOPs, regional initiatives or other partners wish to book those rooms.

High-level segment

4. The UAE has agreed to hold a high-level segment at the start of COP13 and will discuss and coordinate arrangements for the segment with the Secretariat;
5. UAE to start discussion on the date, theme, format etc of the high-level session as soon as possible.

Theme of COP13

6. The theme of COP13 will be 'Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future' and the sub-themes will be a) drinking and sanitation, b) flooding and climate change adaptation, c) urban health and human wellbeing, and d) realizing the value of wetlands;
7. The UAE will consider adding 'Smart planning' as the fifth sub-theme.

Logo for COP13

8. The Secretariat will work with the UAE to take account of the comments from the meeting to finalize the design of the logo which Dubai/UAE can identify with and on which they will make the final choice.

Timeline in lead up to COP13

9. All the key Draft Resolutions (DRs) for COP13 should be translated and made available as early as possible before the pre-COP meetings take place. This is so that Parties have a chance to review them prior to discussing them at the pre-COP meetings. The timing of SC54 and the pre-COP regional meetings was still to be decided.

'Paperless COP'

10. UAE will develop an app for COP13 participants to support the 'paperless COP'. The app will contain much of the information, e.g. DRs etc. needed by the participants. In addition, the UAE will:
 - consider making the app available as a website;
 - ensure that the app/website can be accessed widely and not just at the venue;
 - consider having a pick up system and a 'print on demand' system to print small quantities of critical documents;
11. Secretariat will provide information later regarding the date when registration will begin for participants attending COP13, as well as the date when registration for side events will begin. In any case, information will be available several months before the meeting.

COP13 Agenda

12. The Secretariat will:
 - revise the COP13 Agenda to accommodate the change in date of the COP and the high-level segment;

- prepare a template for DRs, to include budget implications from the actions in the DR;
- propose a page limit on each of the DRs and translation will be limited to those pages. The Annexes will not be translated;
- where necessary, consider establishing a 'Friends of the President' process to deal with contentious DRs rather than a full contact group involving the time of many Parties;
- be mindful of the need to avoid too many special presentations and to make sure that there is enough time to deal with the core business of the COP;
- allow IOPs to make a statement at the opening of the COP and consider the possibility for other relevant stakeholders to make statements as well.