



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

Diplomatic Note 2017/2

53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention 29 May – 2 June 2017

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of [...] and has the honour to refer to the following:

The Secretariat is pleased to inform Contracting Parties that the plenary sessions of the 53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee (SC53) will take place from Wednesday 31 May to Friday 2 June 2017 at Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland. SC53 will be preceded on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 May by meetings of its sub-groups and working groups. The Provisional Agenda is enclosed with the present note.

Membership of the Standing Committee and its Sub-Groups and Working Groups is published on the Ramsar website at <http://www.ramsar.org/about/standing-committee-2015-2018-members>.

Contracting Parties which are not members of the Standing Committee are welcome to attend as observers. States which are not Contracting Parties but have expressed an interest in acceding to the Convention (Resolution XI.19, Annex 1, paragraph 12) may also be admitted as observers.

The Secretariat requests that members of the Standing Committee, Contracting Parties wishing to attend as observers and non-Contracting Party States seeking observer status at the meeting register by **7 April 2017**. Registration forms are available on request from: loetscher@ramsar.org or fax no. +41 22 999 0169.

Working documents are accessible on the Convention web site in English, French and Spanish (<http://www.ramsar.org/event/53rd-meeting-of-the-standing-committee>). Simultaneous interpretation in the three languages will be provided throughout the week of the meeting.

The Secretariat provides financial support to one delegate representing each of the eligible members of the Standing Committee, upon request. However, financial constraints prevent the Secretariat from providing support to representatives of observer States.

Contracting Parties unable to attend the meeting as observers are invited to communicate their position on issues to the Standing Committee representative(s) of their region or directly to the Secretariat.



The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of [...] the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 7 March 2017

Enclosed: Provisional Agenda

