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Wetland City Accreditation - Call for Applications

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

Following the adoption of Resolution XII.10 at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention, in June 2015, and Decisions by the Standing Committee of the Convention at its 52nd and 53rd meetings (June 2016 and June 2017 respectively), the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention has the pleasure, hereby, to launch the call for applications for Wetland City Accreditation.

It is hoped that the Wetland City Accreditation scheme will encourage cities that are close to and dependent on wetlands, especially wetlands of international importance, to highlight and strengthen a positive relationship with these valuable ecosystems, for example through increased participation and public awareness of wetlands in municipal planning and decision-making. The Accreditation scheme should further promote the conservation and wise use of urban and peri-urban wetlands, as well as sustainable socio-economic benefits for local people.

Contracting Parties to the Convention may nominate a city within their territory for accreditation through their Ramsar National Focal Point or Head of Administrative Authority. Cities that are candidates for Wetland City Accreditation will be assessed by an Independent Advisory Committee, on the basis of the criteria contained in Resolution XII.10, which may be found at the following internet address: <http://www.ramsar.org/document/resolution-xii10-wetland-city-accreditation-of-the-ramsar-convention>.

An electronic version of the Wetland City Accreditation nomination form can also be found at the Ramsar website, at: <http://www.ramsar.org/news/wca-applications>. Contracting Parties are invited to submit their nominations before the deadline of 31 October 2017.

Guidance on completion of the nomination form is also accessible at the same address, as well as: a guidance note for Ramsar Administrative Authorities and National Focal Points; a call for applications, including conditions and deadlines for submission.

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, 15 June 2017

