



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

Notification 2015/7

Meeting of an expert group on indicators for the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024

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 refers to paragraphs 27 and 28 of Resolution XII.2 on *The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024*, which read:

“27. INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to convene, initially, a small, regionally representative expert group back-to-back with the meeting of the CBD’s Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators [...] including interested Contracting Parties, expert support from the STRP, IOPs and other relevant MEAs and international processes to develop options, for additional indicators for the Strategic Plan having regard in particular to:

- previous Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties related to indicators, including Resolution IX.1;
- the need for indicators to address outcomes and effectiveness and to be capable of practical implementation;
- the need to minimize cost of indicator implementation by using existing data and information flows, including through national reporting and reporting on Ramsar Sites; and

28. REQUESTS the expert group to report on possible indicators to the Standing Committee; and INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee, as a high priority, to refine the potential indicators and present the proposal to COP13 for approval.”

Pursuant to these instructions, the Secretariat has the honour to inform Contracting Parties that an expert group on indicators is being convened on 18 September 2015, the day after the meeting of the CBD’s Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators (AHTEG), which takes place in Geneva from 14 to 17 September. The Ramsar meeting will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva, Rue de Varembe 17, 1211 Geneva.

Please find below links to the following background documents:

- Resolution XII.2 *The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024*:
www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/cop12_res02_strategic_plan_e_0.pdf

- Resolution IX.1 Annex D, *Ecological “outcome-oriented” indicators for assessing the implementation effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention*:
www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/res/key_res_ix_01_annexd_e.pdf
- SBSTTA18 Information document 18 on *Opportunities and challenges for harmonization of global indicators for the CBD and Ramsar Convention*:
<https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-18/information/sbstta-18-inf-18-en.pdf>
- List of proposal for Sustainable Development Goal indicators:
<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/files/List%20of%20Indicator%20Proposals%202011-8-2015.pdf>

Interested Contracting Parties are invited to inform the Secretariat of their intention to participate (Ms Marcela Bonells, e-mail: bonells@ramsar.org; tel: +41 (0)22 999 0182) at their earliest convenience and by 4 September at the latest.

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, 29 August 2015

