



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

## Notification 2016/5

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention 13 – 17 June 2016

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

The Secretariat is pleased to inform Contracting Parties that the 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee (SC52) will take place from Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 June 2016 at Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland. SC52 will be preceded on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 June by meetings of its Sub-Groups and Working Groups. A draft agenda is enclosed.

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

Contracting Parties which are not members of the Standing Committee are welcome to attend as observers. Countries which are not Contracting Parties but have expressed an interest in joining 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 countries seeking observer status at the meeting register by **13 April 2016**. Registration forms are available on request from: [loetscher@ramsar.org](mailto:loetscher@ramsar.org) or fax no. +41 22 999 0169.

Working documents are available from the Convention web site in English (<http://www.ramsar.org/event/52nd-meeting-of-the-standing-committee>), with French and Spanish versions to be added as soon as translation is completed. Simultaneous interpretation in these three languages will be provided throughout the meeting week.

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 help observer states attend.

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 ... the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 14 March 2016

Enclosed: Draft agenda

