



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
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Diplomatic Note 2018/2

54th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention 23-27 April 2018

The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of [...] and has the honour to inform Contracting Parties that the plenary sessions of the 54th Meeting of the Standing Committee (SC54) will take place from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 April 2018, at the Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland.

SC54 will be preceded on Monday 23 April by meetings of the Committee's sub-groups and working groups.

Simultaneous interpretation in the three official languages of the Convention will be provided throughout the week of the meeting.

The provisional agenda is available on the Ramsar website at www.ramsar.org/event/54th-meeting-of-the-standing-committee. Links to documents will be added to the agenda as they are published.

Membership of the Standing Committee and its sub-groups and working groups is published on the Ramsar website at www.ramsar.org/about/standing-committee-2015-2018-members.

Contracting Parties that are not members of the Standing Committee are welcome to attend as observers. States that are not Contracting Parties but have expressed an interest in acceding to the Convention (Resolution XII.4, 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-party States seeking observer status at the meeting register by **23 March 2018**. Registration forms are available on request from: loetscher@ramsar.org.

The Secretariat can provide financial support to enable the participation of one delegate representing each of the eligible members of the Standing Committee, upon request. However, the Secretariat cannot support the participation of 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 Ramsar 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, 12 February 2018

