



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
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Diplomatic Note 2018/3

Invitation to host the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

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

The 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention will be held from 21 to 29 October 2018, hosted in Dubai by the United Arab Emirates.

At that meeting, in accordance with Rule 3.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the Contracting Parties shall decide which country will be the host of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties. This decision shall be based on a formal invitation received from a potential host country.

In accordance with the same rule, any such invitation should be issued by the Head of State or Government or Cabinet, or the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the potential host country. Formal invitations should be provided to the Secretariat in writing. They should preferably include a hosting rationale, the proposed location and venue, and suggested financial resources as appropriate to support the event.

The deadline for the submission of invitations to host the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is one month before the conclusion of the 13th meeting, that is on 29 September 2018.

The Secretariat of the Convention invites Contracting Parties that might be interested in submitting an invitation to host the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to indicate this to the Secretariat before doing so. Following receipt of expressions of interest, the Secretariat will provide a copy of a sample Host Country Agreement that should be signed by the host country and the Secretariat, and a copy of the provisional Statement of Requirements, which is an integral part of the Host Country Agreement.

The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands 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, 8 June 2018

