



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
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Invitation to submit offers 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.

At each meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention, the Conference is expected to choose the host country of the subsequent meeting. At its 13th meeting (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, October 2018), the Conference of the Contracting Parties noted that no offer had been received to host the 14th meeting.

Consequently, the Conference established a new deadline for the submission of offers, one month before the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee, that is by **24 May 2019**, so that the location of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties can be decided by the Standing Committee.

In accordance with Rule 3.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, a formal invitation to host a meeting of the Conference should be issued by the Head of State or Government or the Cabinet or the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the country making the offer. Invitations should be communicated to the Secretariat in writing and should preferably include "a hosting rationale, the proposed location and venue, and suggested financial resources as appropriate to support the event".

The Secretariat of the Convention invites Contracting Parties that might wish to offer to host the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to indicate this to the Secretariat. Following receipt of expressions of interest, the Secretariat will provide a copy of a sample host country agreement that would be signed by the host country and the Secretariat, as well as a provisional statement of requirements and an indicative budget, which are integral parts 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, 19 November 2018



cc: Ramsar Convention national Administrative Authority and national Focal Point