



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

**Diplomatic Note 2018/6**

**Briefing regarding the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands  
13 September 2018**

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

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, provides the framework for international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

The 170 Parties to the Convention will convene for the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) from 21 to 29 October, hosted in Dubai by the United Arab Emirates.

COP13 will provide a critical opportunity to address the rapid loss of wetlands and take the necessary actions to ensure that they continue to provide vital benefits for people, to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The Permanent Missions in Geneva are invited to a briefing with the Secretary General of the Convention on the key subjects to be negotiated, and other events to take place at that meeting.

The primary purpose is to provide information on COP13, and the issues to be discussed there, and in particular the draft resolutions that will be negotiated.

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, 27 August 2018

