



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

Notification 2015/1

12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

"Wetlands for our future"

Punta del Este, Uruguay, 1-9 June 2015

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

The Ramsar Secretariat is pleased to announce that preregistration is now open for the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, to be held in at the Conrad Hotel, Punta del Este, Uruguay from 1 to 9 June 2015. The preregistration process will close on 15 May. Access to online preregistration and other practical information are available on the Ramsar Convention Web site at:

<http://www.ramsar.org/about/cop12-punta-del-este-uruguay-1-9-june-2015>.

The password to access the online preregistration is: **copybara**

Standing Committee 49 and regional meetings

Please note that the 49th Meeting of the Standing Committee (SC49) will take place on 1 June, regional meetings on 1 and 2 June and the Opening Ceremony on the afternoon of 2 June.

Delegations to Ramsar COP12

Concerning the composition of each Contracting Party delegation to Ramsar COP12, the Ramsar Secretariat respectfully urges Parties to finalize delegations and complete preregistration formalities very promptly and, where a visa for delegates to enter Uruguay or a transit visa will be needed, by 6 April 2015 at the latest.

Contracting Parties are requested to designate a Head of Delegation and any additional members of the delegation.

Financial support

Contracting Parties which are on the OECD's DAC list of aid recipient countries wishing to be considered for financial support for one delegate should preregister their delegation **no later than 6 April**. Financial support cannot be considered for delegates preregistering after this date.

Please also note that it will not be possible to make changes to the name of the sponsored delegate once the nomination has been provided to the Ramsar Secretariat.

Visas

Information about visas is attached.

Credentials

The Secretariat reminds all Parties of the importance of bringing original credentials to the Conference and presenting them upon registration. Detailed information about credentials is contained in the proposed revision to the current Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP12 DOC.3) which will be available online by 1 March.

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 to the Permanent Mission ofthe assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 23 February 2015

