



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

Notification 2015/6

51st Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention 23 – 27 November 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 Secretariat is pleased to inform Contracting Parties that the 51st Meeting of the Standing Committee (SC51) will take place from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 November 2015. SC51 will be preceded on Monday 23 November by meetings of the Management Working Group and the Subgroup on Finance. A draft agenda is enclosed, as well as the lists of members of the Standing Committee, of the Management Working Group and of the Subgroup on Finance.

The venue for these meetings will be the Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland, except for meetings on Thursday 26 November, which will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, because meeting rooms are unavailable at Secretariat headquarters. Further information will be made available in due course.

Contracting Parties which are not members of the Standing Committee are welcome to attend as observers. Countries which are not Contracting Parties but have expressed an interest in joining the Convention (Resolution XI.19, 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-Contracting Party countries seeking observer status at the meeting register by **23 October 2015**. Registration forms are available on request from: loetscher@ramsar.org or fax no. +41 22 999 0169.

Working documents will be available from the Convention web site (www.ramsar.org/event/51st-meeting-of-the-standing-committee) in English, French and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation in these three languages will be provided throughout the week.

The Secretariat may be able to offer financial support to one delegate representing an eligible voting member of the Standing Committee, upon request. However, financial constraints prevent the Secretariat from providing support to help observer states attend.

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 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, 21 August 2015

Enclosed: Draft agenda and members lists

