

Draft Proposed Agenda for the Ramsar Regional Initiatives Workshop

12 June 2016

- 08h15 Arrival and registration
- 09h00 Welcome by the Acting Secretary General
- 09h05 Election of the Chair for the Working Group on Ramsar Regional Initiatives
- 09h10 The Chair moves to accept the proposed Workshop Agenda.
- 09h15 Discussion on the revised Operational Guidelines 2016-2024
- 10h40 Coffee/tea break
- 11h00 Continued discussion and agreement on the final version for revised Operational Guidelines to be submitted to SC52 for adoption
- 12h00 Presentation on the subject of a legal status (or formal recognition) to be provided by the Ramsar Convention to Regional Initiatives: initial discussion and exchange of views, based upon specific proposals made by individual Ramsar Regional Initiatives (available information documents will be circulated by 25 May)
- 12h30 Light lunch provided in the Ramsar cafeteria
- 14h00 Continued discussion on the legal status for Ramsar Regional Initiatives
- 15h30 Agreement on a statement that outlines a proposed way forward and next steps, on how the Convention can provide its Ramsar Regional Initiatives with a legal status
- 16h00 Coffee/tea break
- 16h20 Presentation on integrating the work of the Ramsar Regional Initiatives with the Convention's work on Culture, communications and education (CEPA), and scientific and technical matters (STRP), cf. also SC52 Inf. Docs 04, 05, 06
- 16h30 Discussion on proposals made and the way forward
- 17h00 Discussion on the usefulness of the continued existence of the Working Group, and if so, on issues to include in its next work plan for the annual period between SC52 and SC53
- 17h50 The Chair proposes the adoption of short conclusions of the workshop and possible proposals to be presented by the Working Group to SC52. If an annual work plan for the period SC52-SC53 will be adopted, this will be translated into French and Spanish before submission to SC52.
- 18h00 Closure of the workshop