

**CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**  
**Gland, Switzerland, 11-15 May 2009**

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**Draft Agenda and Programme**

**Monday, 11 May**

**10:00 – 13:00**      **Meeting of the Transition Committee of the Management Working Group** (Resolution X.4) (Republic of Korea (Chair), Paraguay, Finland, Uganda, Bahamas, USA; Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General *ex officio*) (closed meeting)

**15:00-18:00**      **Meeting of the Management Working Group** (Chair and Vice Chair of COP9 Standing Committee, Chair and Vice Chair of COP10 SC, COP9 and COP10 Chairs of Subgroup on Finance, STRP COP9 Chair, STRP COP10 Chair, Secretary General (*ex officio*), [IOP representative and representatives of other interested Contracting Parties to be confirmed])

- Report of the Management Working Group Transition Committee (Resolution X.4)
- Secretariat Partnership Officer (Resolution X.2) (DOC. SC40-3)

**Tuesday, 12 May**

**09:00 – 12:00**      **Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance** (Finland (Chair), China, Jamaica, Marshall Islands, Mexico, and Nigeria)

**Financial Matters** (Items 8 & 9 of the SC40 Agenda)

- 8.1 Review of 2008 core and projects income and expenditure, including audited financial statements (DOC. SC40-6)
- 8.2 Current status of the reserve fund (Resolution X.2, paragraph 21) (DOC. SC40-7)
- 8.3 Ramsar Secretariat Budget 2009 (Resolution X.2) (DOC. SC40-2)
- 8.4 Status and summary of Secretariat services agreement with IUCN (DOC. SC40-8)
- 8.5 Contracting Parties that are consistently in arrears with payments to the Convention (Resolution X.2, paragraph 17) (DOC. SC40-9)
- 8.6 Optimizing the Ramsar Small Grants Fund during the period 2009-2012 (Resolution X.7)
- 9.1 Regional Initiatives 2009-2012 in the framework of the Ramsar Convention - financial matters (DOC. SC40-10):
  - a) progress reports from initiatives which have received core budget funding
  - b) levels of financial support to individual initiatives in 2009 (Resolution X.6)

**12:45-17:00**                    **Study tour to a Swiss wetland** (sandwich lunch provided)

**Wednesday, 13 May**

**10:00 – 13:00**                    **Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

1.    Opening statements

Chair of the Standing Committee, Kim Chan-woo, Republic of Korea  
Welcome Statement on behalf of the Director General of IUCN, Julia Marton-Lefevre  
Secretary General, Anada Tiega  
Statement on behalf of the five International Organization Partners  
Statement by the Republic of Korea concerning COP10 carbon offset fund and other matters

2.    Adoption of the Agenda

3.    Admission of Observers

4.    Briefing on the roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee Chairs and members (DOC. SC40-4)

5.    Report of the Secretary General (DOC. SC40-5)

6.    Establishment of the Subgroup on COP11, and review of arrangements for other Subgroups

**14:00 – 18:00**                    **Plenary Session**

7.    Report of the Management Working Group

8.    Financial matters: Report of the Subgroup on Finance (DOCs. SC40-2, SC40-6 to SC40-9)

9.    Regional initiatives 2009-2012 in the framework of the Ramsar Convention (Resolution X.6) (DOC. SC40-10)

**Thursday, 14 May**

**10:00 – 13:00**                    **Plenary Session**

10.   Work plans and priorities for the future:

10.1 Implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2009-2015 in the 2009-2012 cycle (Resolution X.1)

10.2 Promotion and utilization of the “Changwon Declaration” (Resolution X.3) (DOC. SC40-11)

10.3 Ramsar Secretariat Work Plan 2009 (DOC. SC40-12)

10.4 Report of the ad hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform (Resolution X.5)

11. Review of utility of the COP10 National Report Format, and development of the format for National Reports to COP11 (DOC. SC40-13)
12. Review of COP10 & progress with preparations for COP11 (DOC. SC40-14)
13. Update on the status of Ramsar sites (Decision SC35-28 & Resolution X.13) (DOC. SC40-15)

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14. Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) matters:
  - 14.1 Report of the STRP Oversight Committee (Resolution X.9) (DOC. SC40-16)
  - 14.2 Report of the STRP Chair and STRP draft 2009-2012 Work Plan (Resolution X.10) (DOC. SC40-17)
  - 14.3 Progress with the assessment of the Ecological “outcome-oriented” indicators for assessing the implementation effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention (Resolution IX.1 Annex D), and the 2010 biodiversity target (DOC. SC40-18)
15. Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) matters:
  - 15.1 Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel, and appointment of Panel members for 2009-2012 (DOC. SC40-19)
  - 15.2 Progress with the review of the utility of World Wetlands Day (DOC. SC40-20)
  - 15.3 Themes for World Wetlands Day 2011 and 2012 (DOC. SC40-21)
  - 15.4 Redevelopment of the Ramsar Web site
  - 15.5 Update on business partnership activities

**19:30                                      Standing Committee dinner**

**Friday, 15 May**

**10:00 – 13:00                      Plenary Session**

16. Date and venue of the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee
17. Adoption of the report of the meeting
18. Any other business
19. Closing remarks