

Draft Agenda for the Asian Regional Meeting

(13-16 May 2005, Beijing, China)

12 May 2005

14:00 – 18:00 Registration, by Meeting Secretariat (China AA & Ramsar Staff)

13 May 2005

8:00 - 9:30 am Registration, by Meeting Secretariat (China AA & Ramsar staff)

Opening Session: Chaired by Dr. Peter Bridgewater, Secretary General, Ramsar Convention

9:30 – 10:00 Opening Remarks:

- State Forestry Administration, P. R. China, Minister;
- Standing Committee Representative (Japan);
- Donor representative
- International Organisation Partners (IOPs) Representative

10:00 - 10:15 Adoption of the Agenda

10:15 - 10:30 Briefing on COP9 themes and preparations: Secretary General, Ramsar Secretariat

10:30 – 10:50 Ramsar Convention Implementation in China: China Ramsar Administrative Authority

10:50 - 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 – 12:00 Regional overview: I.R. Iran (Asia Standing Committee Member)
Followed by discussions/debate on regional implementation issues

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:45 **Technical Session 1: Special issues related to Asia in the COP9 draft Resolutions.** Chair: Indonesia (Asia Standing Committee Member)

Introduction to draft COP9 Resolutions that have high relevance to Asia: Mr. David Pritchard (BirdLife International)

Discussion

15:45 - 16:00 Tea Break

- 16:00 - 18:00 **Technical Session II: Building Wetland Conservation into Asian Sustainable Development.** Chair: I.R. Iran (Asia Standing Committee Member)
- Water, wetland and livelihoods: Mr. Mike Ounsted (Wetlands International)
 - Wetlands, culture and biodiversity: Mr. Sebastià Semene Guitart (Ramsar Secretariat)
 - The CEPA role in wetland conservation. Ms. Sandra Hails (Ramsar Secretariat)
 - Financing wetland conservation and wise use /Financial mechanism for Asia region:
- 18:00 – 18:15: Conclusion of the day, instruction for tomorrow’s group discussions. By Meeting Chair
- 18:30 – 21:00 Reception
- 14 May 2005**
- 9:00 – 11:00 **Technical Session III: Group discussions** (*participants will break into the following groups. Additional groups could be added if more topics are proposed*)
- Group I: Himalayan initiative.** Chair: China; Rapporteur: tbc
- Group II: Waterbird Flyways.** Chair: Japan; Rapporteur: WI
- Group III: CEPA/Ramsar Centers.** Chair: I.R. Iran; , Rapporteur : Ramsar Center Japan
- Group IV: Peatland Wise Use.** Chair: Ms. Tatiana Minaeva (STRP member); Rapporteur: Global Environment Center
- 11:00 – 12:00 Presentation of outcomes by each group & Discussion
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Technical session IV: The Indian Ocean tsunami & Coastal Wetland Management.** Chair: Japan (Asia Standing Committee Member)
- 13: 30 – 13:45 Recommendations for Action from the Special Session of the Asian Wetland Symposium on Tsunami and Coastal Wetland Management: Co-organizers of the Special Session
- 13:45 – 14:00 The role and progress of the Ramsar Tsunami Reference Group Progress: Wetlands International
- 14:00 – 14:30 Discussion and Conclusions

- 14: 30 – 14:45 Tea Break
- 14: 45 – 18:00 **Technical Session V: Code of Conduct for Mangrove Forest Management.** Chair: Peter Bridgewater, Ramsar Convention Secretariat
- 14:45 – 15:30 Presentation on the World Bank Code of Conduct for Mangrove Forest Management, by Professor Donald Macintosh
- 15:30 -15:45 Outcomes from the Americas & Africa Regional Meeting discussions: Ramsar Secretariat
- 15:45 – 17:45 Discussion on the Code of Conduct for Mangrove Forest Management
- 17: 45 – 18:00 Summary and Conclusions of the Discussion on the Code of Conduct for Mangrove Forest Management

15 May 2005

Excursion, under planning by China AA

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Conclusion of the Asia Regional Meeting, Chaired by SC Members & Ramsar Secretariat

- 9:00 – 9: 30 Ramsar Center Japan/Japan/India, joint presentation on the previous Asian Wetland Symposium outcomes, followed by discussion;
- 9:30 – 9:50 Proposal to host COP10 in Korea, presentation by Korea Delegate
- 9:50 – 10:05 Tea Break
- 10:05 – 11:00 Open item for discussion of additional issues
- 11:00 – 12:00 Adoption of regional issues for COP9
- 12:00 -12:30 Concluding remarks
- 12:30 -14:00 Lunch