



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

13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 21-29 October 2018

Provisional Agenda

- I Opening of the Meeting
- II General statements and keynote addresses
- III Adoption of the Agenda
- IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
- V Election of the President and Vice-Presidents and remarks by the President
- VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees
- VII Admission of Observers
- VIII Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee
- IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level
- X Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2016-2018
- XI Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
- XII Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
- XIII Secretariat's report on administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions
- XIV Financial report for 2016-2018 by the Chair of the Subgroup on Finance of the Standing Committee, and proposed budget for the triennium 2019-2021
- XV Election of Contracting Parties to the Standing Committee 2019-2021
- XVI Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee
- XVII Report of the Credentials Committee
- XVIII Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions
- XIX Adoption of resolutions and recommendations
- XX Date and venue of the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
- XXI Any other business
- XXII Adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
- XXIII Close of the meeting

Provisional Working Programme

Sunday, 21 October 2018

- 08:30 – 18:00 Registration of delegates (continues each day to 29 October)
- 10:00 – 13:00 **55th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (subsequently to meet as the Conference Bureau)
- 14:00 – 18:00 **Regional meetings** (including discussions on Contracting Parties to be proposed for election to the Standing Committee, plenary agenda item XV)
- 18:15-19:15 Meetings of Regional Initiatives

Monday, 22 October 2018

- 08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
- 09:00 – 13:00 **Regional meetings**
- 14:00 – 16:00 **Regional meetings**
- 17:00 – 19:00 **Opening ceremony and welcoming statements** (includes **Agenda items I and II** and Ramsar Award Ceremony)
- 19:00 – 21:30 Welcome reception

Tuesday, 23 October 2018

- 08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
- 08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau
- 10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**
- III Adoption of the agenda**
 - IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**
 - V Election of the President and Vice-Presidents and remarks by the President**
 - VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees**
 - VII Admission of Observers**
 - VIII Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee**
- 13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**
- IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level**
 - X Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2016-2024**
 - XI Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)**
 - XII Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**
 - XIII Secretariat's report on administrative and financial implications of draft Resolutions**

Wednesday, 24 October 2018

- 08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
- 08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau
- 10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**
- XIV Financial report for 2016-2018 by the Chair of the Subgroup on Finance of the Standing Committee, and proposed budget for the triennium 2019-2021**
 - XV Election of Contracting Parties to the Standing Committee 2019-2021**

XVI **Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

XVI **Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)**

18:30 – 21:00 **Regional Meetings** to prepare and canvass views for the upcoming sessions

Thursday, 25 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau (with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers)

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

XVI **Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

XVI **Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)**

Friday, 26 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

XVI **Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

XVI **Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)**

18:30 – 20:00 Preparatory meeting of the appointees to the incoming Standing Committee 2019-2021

Saturday, 27 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau (if needed) with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

Free time

Sunday, 28 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

XVII **Report of the Credentials Committee**

XVIII	Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00	Plenary Session
XIX	Adoption of Conference resolutions and recommendations

Monday, 29 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00	Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45	Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers
10:00 – 13:00	Plenary Session
XIX	Adoption of Conference resolutions and recommendations (continued)
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00	Plenary Session
XX	Date and venue of the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
XXI	Any other business
XXII	Adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
XXIII	Close of the meeting
18:30 – 19:30	56th Meeting of the Standing Committee (incoming members to elect officers and subgroup members, and agree the date and venue of the first full meeting)