



Celebrating Wetland Culture

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values to wetland conservation

Saturday 6 June, 18:15 – 19:45

Punta del Este B

Ramsar

The source of sustainable development





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Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
Wetlands International Japan

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18:15-18:25 **In conversation with**

Dr Christopher Briggs, *Secretary General, Ramsar Convention*
Mr Thymio Papayannis, *Senior Advisor, Culture & Wetlands*

18:25-18:55 **Celebrating Wetland Culture – showcasing inspiring case studies from Asia, Latin America, Europe, Africa and Oceania**

Professor Koichi Sasagawa, *Wetland Culture in Asia*
Wetlands International Japan, Hosei University

Mr Yalap P. Yalap, *Taro Festival*
Palau Conservation Society

Ms. Belda Mosepele, *Community Dialogue and Wetlands*
Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism, Botswana

Ms. Maria José Viñals,
Intangible heritage of the Mediterranean diet
Politechnic University of Valencia

18:55-19:05 **The way forward – introducing the new MAVA partnership Celebrating Culture, Livelihoods & Wetlands and the Ramsar Culture Network**

Mr Dave Pritchard
Coordinator, Ramsar Culture Network

19:05-19:15 **Questions and comments from participants and closing of the meeting**

Followed by a buffet and drinks