

Standing Committee, STRP & COP11

Timelines and deadlines for COP11 preparatory processes

SC41 Subgroup on COP11 – 27 April 2011



Covers timings for:

- Standing Committee
- STRP
- Secretariat
- Ramsar Award
- CPs' National Reporting
- Regional preparatory meetings



Some key issues to consider:

- Dates indicated are predicated on May 2012 date for COP11
- COP documents must be distributed (in all official languages) **at least 3 months before opening of COP** (COP RoP #10)
- Standing Committee documents distributed **1 month before SC meeting** (established practice)
- Any draft Resolution to be submitted by a Party or Parties must reach Secretariat **at least 60 days prior to the final SC meeting** approving COP documents (COP RoP #5)
- Sufficient time needed between steps in the document preparatory process to permit Secretariat editing and translations
- As for recent triennia, **2 SC meetings in 2011** (or 1 SC and 1 COP11 Sub-group meeting) recommended – to progress COP preparations and approval of COP documents effectively
- **STRP16** meeting (final in triennium) set for **14-18 February 2011**
- Christmas & New Year 2011/2012 holiday break occurs during key stage of COP preparations
- Easter 2012 falls in April – shortly before COP11

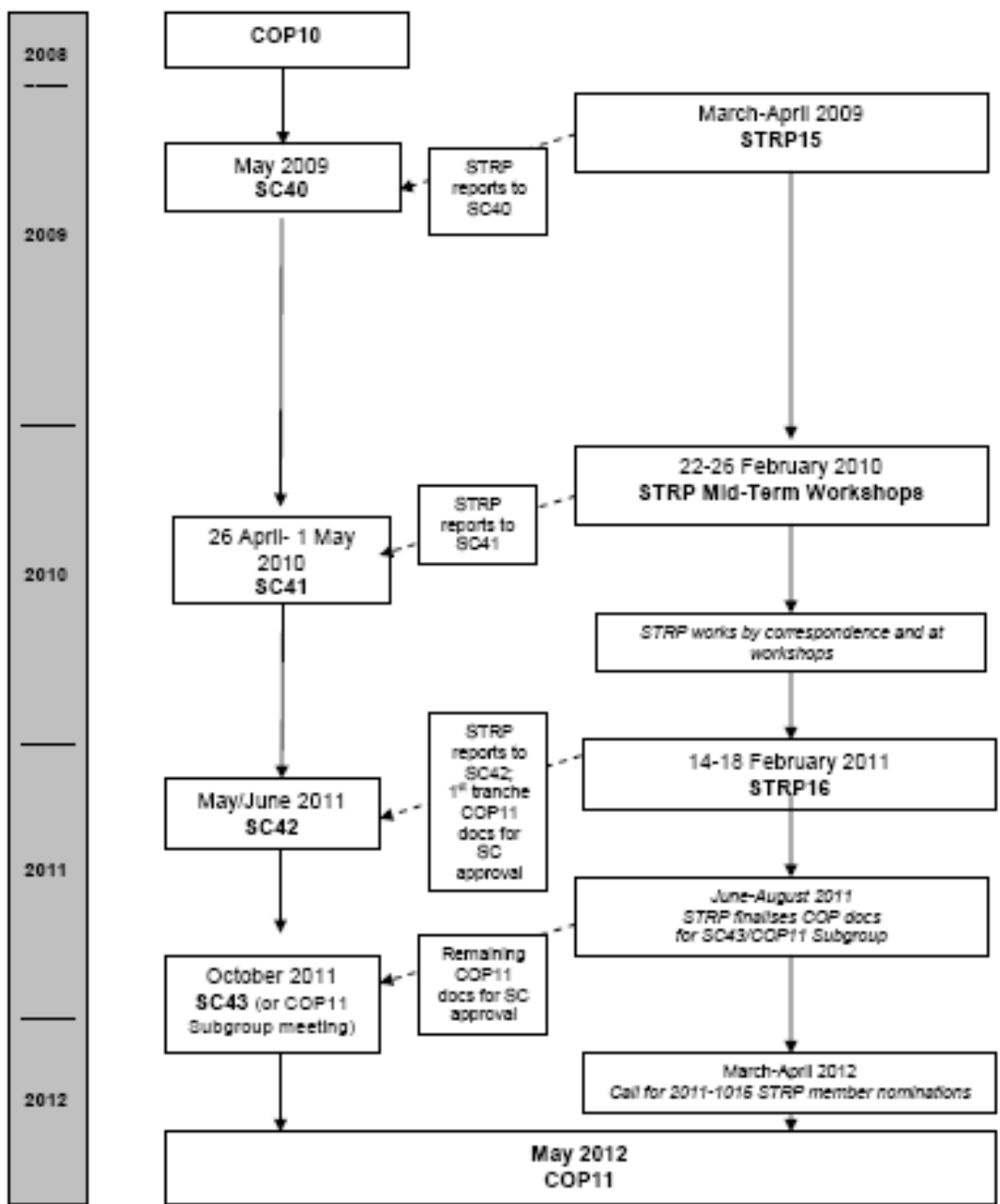
Latest deadlines (working back from COP11 - May 2012)

- COP DRs & documents issued by Secretariat (3 months prior to COP): **February 2012**
- Secretariat document editing and translation (3 months): **November 2011-February 2012**
- Final SC/Subgroup meeting for COP document approval: **late October 2011**
- Final SC/Subgroup meeting COP documents issued by Secretariat: **late September 2011**
- Deadline for CP submission to SC of draft Resolutions (60 days prior): **late July 2011**
- Remaining draft COP11 documents with Secretariat for editing: **early August 2011**
- Secretariat 1st tranche document editing and translation: **June/July 2011**
- SC42 (approval of 1st tranche of COP documents): **May /June 2011**
- SC42 documents issued by Secretariat: **April /May 2011**
- STRP 1st tranche documents/guidances sent to Secretariat: **March 2011**
- STRP16: **14-18 February 2011**

Some scheduling implications ...

1. Given timing of Xmas/New Year 2011/2012 holiday period (affects Secretariat and translators during final document preparations); and
2. April 2012 timing of Easter celebrations/holidays
 - a. Air travel in demand and expensive around Easter; and
 - b. Need clear period between Easter and COP to effect final arrangements
3. *COP11 dates in late May*, rather than early May, preferable
4. To have needed time-period for document finalisation, final SC/Subgroup 2011 meeting in *second half of October 2011* rather than later

Standing Committee & COP schedule & process (schedule is provisional)	STRP schedule & process (modus operandi – Resolution X.9)
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2009-2012: Summary sequence of meeting dates

Some other COP11-related processes in parallel:

- ✓ Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award
- ✓ COP11 National Reporting
- ✓ COP11 regional preparatory meetings

Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award

Proposed schedule (see DOC. SC41-16):

- Call for nominations: **January 2011**
- Deadline for nominations: **30 April 2011**
- Review & recommendations by Secretariat: **May-August 2011**
- Submitted to SC COP11 Subgroup (in confidence): **September 2011**
- Final SC before COP (SC43) decides Award laureates (from COP11 Subgroup recommendations): **late October 2011**

COP11 National Report Format (NRF)

Proposed schedule (see DOC. SC41-21):

- SC41 approves finalisation of NRF: **May 2010**
- Secretariat finalises & translates NRF: **May-December 2010**
- NRF issued to Parties: **January 2011**
- Parties fill-in NRF (9 months): **January-September 2011**
- Deadline for NRF submission to Secretariat: **September 2011**
- Secretariat reviews NRFs, enters into database & prepares global & regional implementation analyses (COP11 Information Papers): **October 2011-March 2012**
- COP11 Information Papers issued not later than: **March/April 2012**

When will COP11 Draft Resolutions (DRs) be available?

- Progressively during 2011 and 2012 ...
- 1st tranche:
 - Drafts (English only) for SC42 approval: **April/May 2011**
 - Final DRs (EN, ES, FR), posted on web progressively: **c. August 2011 onwards**
- Final tranche:
 - Drafts (English only) for SC43 approval: **September 2011**
 - Final DRs (EN, ES, FR), posted on web progressively: **c. December 2011 – February 2012**
- All final COP11 DRs:
 - On web & issued to Parties in 1st mailing: **February 2012**

When will COP11 Information Papers(DOCs) be available?

- Progressively during 2011 and 2012 ...
- Some Information Papers during **2nd half of 2011/early 2012**
 - On web & issued to Parties in 1st mailing: : **February 2012**
- Remaining Information Papers:
 - On web & issued to Parties in 2nd mailing: : **April 2012**

- If a regional meeting plans to draft and submit a CP's Draft Resolution:
 - Draft must be submitted to Secretariat by **late July 2011**
- If a regional meeting wishes to review COP11 Draft Resolutions (DRs) in EN, ES or FR:
 - Some DRs available: **August 2011 onwards**
 - More DRs available: **December 2011 onwards**
 - All DRs available: **during February 2012**



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