Celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

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Global Forum on Wetlands for the Future

On the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
5 March - Tehran
6 March - Ramsar
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Date & Venue: 5-6 March 2011, Tehran & Ramsar - I. R. of Iran,

Organizers: Department of Environment (DOE) - I. R. of Iran & Ramsar Convention Secretariat

Expected Arrival Dates: Delegates are expected to arrive in Tehran by 4th March, 2011

Entry Visas: Participants requiring entry visas must obtain it from Iranian Embassies or Consulates in their countries before leaving for Tehran. Moreover, in case that the Iranian mission is not accessible, the concerned participants are requested kindly to fill up the registration form in the website of the Forum (www.40ramsar.com) and sent it to the Forum’s Secretariat for appropriate arrangements for visa issuance at the airport.

Arrivals: Delegates arriving at Imam Khomeini International Airport will be received by Forum’s Liaison Officers at the arrival lounge to facilitate transfer to the hotel. The delegates are requested to convey their travel itinerary to the Secretariat of the Global Forum to ia@40ramsar.com for necessary coordination.

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Commemorative stamps

Special stamps commemorating the Ramsar Convention’s 40th anniversary were launched.
Contains 14 operative paragraphs:

1. *Recognize* the importance of wetlands as a natural infrastructure that stores and delivers water;

2. *Acknowledge* the vital role of wetlands in sustainable development and in achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015;

4. *Urge* the Contracting Parties with the support of the Secretariat and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel to seek the inclusion of wetlands in the “REDD+” mechanism for reducing carbon emissions from ecosystem destruction and degradation;
11. Recognise the potential benefit for implementation of the Ramsar Convention that could be gained from the formation of a Trust Fund, and call upon the international donor community and the private sector to explore the possibilities for contributing to such a Fund;

13. Invite interested Parties to participate in an eminent persons group to develop further a vision on the role of wetlands in providing ecosystem services for sustainable development in conjunction with STRP, to be completed in time for presentation to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2012, and welcome the invitation by the I.R. Iran to host a meeting of this group in Tehran;
A warm welcome in Ramsar
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The Ramsar Hotel
Awards for outstanding long-term contribution to wetland conservation

Luc Hoffman (accepted by Denis Landenbergue)

David Pritchard

Dr. Ali Nazaridoust

Presented by Mr. Rahim Mashaee
Ramsar Hotel
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