

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
42nd Meeting of the Standing Committee
Gland, Switzerland, 16-20 May 2011

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Draft Agenda and Programme

Note: Some agenda items have been rearranged in Revision 1 of this document, but SC42 document numbers retain the original order of items.

Monday, 16 May

10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group (Chair and Vice Chair of COP9 Standing Committee, Chair and Vice Chair of COP10 SC, COP9 and COP10 Chairs of Subgroup on Finance, STRP COP9 Chair, STRP COP10 Chair, Secretary General (*ex officio*), Contracting Party representatives (Czech Republic, Japan, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Paraguay), IOP representative (WWF International))

Personnel matters

- a) Review of issue with work permits and other arrangements for internship programme (Verbal response to Decision SC41-3)
- b) Strategy to maximize synergies within the Secretariat (Decision SC41-37c) (DOC. SC42-02)
- c) Criteria and methodology for the annual evaluation of the Secretary General (Decision SC41-37d) (DOC. SC42-03)

14:00-18:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance (Finland (Chair), China, Jamaica, Marshall Islands, Mexico, and Nigeria)

Financial Matters (Items 8 and 9 of the SC42 agenda)

- a) Review of 2010 core and projects income and expenditure, including audited financial statements (DOC. SC 42-04)
- b) Current status of the Reserve Fund (Resolution X.2, para. 21) (DOC. SC42-05)
- c) Contracting Parties that are consistently in arrears with payments to the Convention (Resolution X.2, para. 17)(DOC. SC42-06)
- d) Brief update on Secretariat staff salary awards (Decision SC41-13)
- e) Ramsar Core Budget 2011 (Resolution X.2)
- f) Ramsar non-Core requirements and activities 2011 and beyond, including update on renewal of the Danone/Evian partnership (DOC. SC42-07)
- g) Towards a new budget Framework for COP11: including options for presentation of budget 2013-2015 (Decision SC41-16)

- h) Progress report on engagement with the Global Environment Facility (Decision SC41-17)
- i) Report on the Ramsar Small Grants Fund (Decision SC41-18) (DOC. SC42-23)
- j) Regional Initiatives 2009-2012 in the framework of the Ramsar Convention (DOC. SC42-08)
 - i) Progress reports from initiatives which have received core budget funding
 - ii) Levels of financial support to individual initiatives in 2010 (Resolution X.6)

Tuesday, 17 May

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings as needed

10:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP11 (Romania (Chair), Canada, Croatia, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Panama, Uganda, Republic of Korea, STRP Chair)

- a) Report of preparations for COP11 (DOC. SC42-09)
 - i) Introduction to Romania, its wetlands and national wise use policy
 - ii) Information on the COP11 venue in Bucharest
 - iii) Time plan of the preparations for the COP11
 - iv) Media communications plan prior and during the COP
 - v) Proposals for COP11 logo and slogan
 - vi) Additional funding needs
 - vii) Preregistration of participants and visa delivery
- b) First draft of proposed COP11 agenda (DOC. SC42-10)
- c) Ramsar Award/Evian Special Prize (short verbal report on status of nominations)

15:00-18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

1. Opening statements
 - Chair of the Standing Committee, Republic of Korea
 - IUCN (Director General or someone on her behalf)
 - Statement on behalf of the five International Organization Partners
 - Secretary General, Anada Tiéga
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Admission of Observers
4. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform (Resolution X.5)

Wednesday, 18 May

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings as needed

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

5. Report of the Secretary General (including reports on Decision SC41-1 on the ECOSOC process, Decision SC41-17b and c on GEF, Decision SC41-37c on maximizing synergies within the Secretariat) (DOC. SC42-11)
6. Report of the Management Working Group
7. Report of the Subgroup on COP11

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

8. Financial Matters: Report of the Subgroup on Finance
9. Regional Initiatives
 - 9.1 Regional Initiatives 2009-2012 in the framework of the Ramsar Convention (Resolution X.6)(DOC. SC42-08)
 - 9.2 Brief presentation on special achievements (one Regional Initiative per region)

Thursday, 19 May

08:15 – 09:15 Regional meetings as needed

09:30 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

- [4.] Discussion of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform (continued)
10. Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) matters
 - 10.1 Report of the STRP Oversight Committee (Resolution X.9) (verbal report)
 - 10.2 Report of the STRP Chair (Resolution X.10) (DOC. SC42-18), including
 - Proposed COP11 DR on wetlands and energy issues;
 - Progress with guidance on issues related to extractive industries;
 - Possible COP11 DR on sectoral partnerships for implementation support;
 - Progress and advice on the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (Decision SC41-34, DOC. SC42-19-02);
 - COP11 DRs and guidances anticipated for SC43 from the STRP (see DOC. SC42-18 Annex 1)
 - 10.3 Draft COP11 Resolutions and guidelines prepared by STRP and other STRP materials for COP11:
 - Improved and streamlined procedures for selecting, describing and designating Ramsar Sites: updating the format of the Ramsar Information Sheet and the *Strategic Framework and guidelines for the future development of the List of Wetlands of International Importance* (DOCs. SC42-19-01; 19-01 Add. 1; 19-01 Add. 2; 19-01 Add.3)

14:30 – 16:30 Plenary Session

11. Collaborative review with the International Organization Partners of the Convention's relationships with the IOPs (Decision SC41-26) (DOC. SC42-13)
12. Work plans and priorities for the future:
 - 12.1 Promotion and utilization of the "Changwon Declaration" (Resolution X.3, Decision SC41-27) (DOC. SC42-14)
 - 12.2 Ramsar Secretariat Work Plan 2011 – Report on activities since January 2011 (DOC. SC42-15)

17:00 Departure from headquarters for Geneva for the Ramsar 40th anniversary celebration with the authorities and the diplomatic corps at the Natural History Museum

Friday, 20 May

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings as needed

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session

- [4.] Discussion of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform (continued)
13. Report on National Reports Format for COP11 (Decision SC41-29) (verbal report)
14. Review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2009-2015 (DOC. SC42-16)
15. Ramsar Sites
 - 15.1 Status of Ramsar Sites (Decision SC35-28 and Resolution X.13) (DOC. SC42-17)
 - 15.2 Publication illustrating the process and the benefits of Ramsar Site designation

14:00 – 17:00 Plenary Session

16. Roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee (Decision SC41-5) (DOC. SC42-12)
17. COP10 outputs requiring action or review by Standing Committee (verbal presentation)
18. Update on business partnership activities (DOC. SC42-20)
19. Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) matters
 - 19.1 Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel (DOC. SC42-21)

- 19.2 Report on the Convention's 40th anniversary celebrations and activities (DOC. SC42-22)
- 19.3 Presentation on the celebration of Ramsar 40th anniversary in Islamic Republic of Iran and Mexico
20. Date and venue of the 43rd Meeting of the Standing Committee (Proposed date: 31 October to 4 November 2011)
21. Adoption of the report of the meeting
22. Any other business
23. Closing remarks