

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)  
 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
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## Draft Resolutions anticipated for COP12 consideration

**Action requested:**

Standing Committee is invited to note the draft resolutions expected to be prepared and transmitted for COP12 consideration.

1. The list below is provided to the Standing Committee for its information on the planning and preparation for COP12. It lists draft resolutions, which will either be required, are expected or may be anticipated from information available at this stage of the triennium.

Draft resolution topic/title	Comments
1. Financial and budgetary matters	Needed for 2016-2018 triennium, to supersede Resolution XI.2.
1. 1 Review of Standing Committee procedures to encourage payment of arrears	SC47 to consider possibility of restricting membership of committees to Parties without arrears, based on WHC, CBD and CMS practice.
1.2 Inclusion of cost of triennial COP into core budget of Convention	Agreement to this DR would allow any country to offer to host the COP and avoid need for host to be highly developed country.
2. Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2021	Needed to supersede Strategic Plan 2009-2015 (Resolution X.1).
3. CEPA Programme 2016-2021	Needed to supersede CEPA Programme 2009-2015 (Resolution X.8).
4. The status of sites in the List of Wetlands of International Importance	Required for each COP, under Article 8.2 of Convention text.
5. Regional initiatives 2016-2018 in the framework of the Ramsar Convention	Needed to update Resolution XI.5, which applies for 2013-2015 only.
5.1 Consistency of rules and governance in Regional Centres to better deliver capacity development	Anticipated as Parties help to make Regional Centres more effective at delivering capacity development courses with peer-reviewed training responding to needs of field staff and government focal points.

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6. Partnerships with multilateral environmental agreements, and other institutions	This has been a regular resolution at each COP, updating relationships in light of changes in Ramsar and other processes. For COP12 it would probably include indicative post-2015 sustainable development goals (SDGs).
6. 1 The Convention's International Organization Partners (IOPs)	Anticipated, if SC47 endorses the submission in October 2013 of a formal request for IOP status by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT). Resolution will be needed to update previous IOP Resolution IX.16.
7. Future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention with necessary Adjustments to the way of working of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)	Requested by COP11, responding to Resolution XI.16 review on "Ensuring efficient delivery of scientific and technical advice and support to the Convention".
8. Consideration of additional criteria for Ramsar Sites, including for example, say, delivery / treatment of water, cultural values, etc for post post-2015 implementation	Possible, based on interest from African countries among others and possible SDG on water, ecosystems, etc.
9. Mainstreaming the "Integrated Framework for linking wetland conservation and wise use with poverty eradication" (Resolution XI.13) into international and national policies and programmes for poverty eradication	Possible, from STRP 2013-2015 Highest Priority tasks (and Resolution XI.13).
10. Assessing effectiveness of management of Ramsar Sites and other wetlands	Suggested by Asia STRP NFPs meeting (Rep. Korea, October 2013).
11. Raise Ramsar visibility and increase involvement with MEAs, UN agencies and other international entities by increasing the reach and impact of the regional teams. Strengthen the human resource so all aspects of the Convention's core mission can be covered as well as the regular work of the regional teams. Bring in P1 Regional Officers to support each senior regional advisor in phased approach.	Anticipated if SC47 endorses funding case for increased regional staff, which have been previously approved, but unfunded: need for promotion of wise use and mainstreaming of water and wetlands across development sectors; need to reach out to wetland managers and respond to their needs; need to work on increased number of Ramsar sites with increasing % of sites under Article 3.2 and nearly 70% of Sites without updates or full data; (see Info paper at COP XI.4 para 5).
12. Redesign of Ramsar Small Grant Fund	Anticipated as we build on experience, learn from other funds around the world, develop new model that is targeted to Ramsar needs and attractive to investors.
13. Wetland city / villages accreditation	Republic of Korea proposing.

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14. Adjustments to the terms of Resolution XI.19 on the regional categorization of countries under the Convention	Anticipated as request from Israel to join the Europe grouping. The DR could also include moving the five Russian-speaking Central Asian CPs from the Asia region to Europe for linguistic and cultural integrity.
15. Streamlining documentation from COPs, STRP, etc for increased readability and conciseness	Possible new format for resolutions, renewed commitment to clarity, brevity and accessibility.
16. Reform and revision of Rules of Procedure	Numerous calls in previous COPs for revision of Rules of Procedure need to be actioned. Technical and legal review of current rules compared to other conventions and consideration of separate, linked rules for Standing Committee and STRP.
<i>DRs submitted by Contracting Parties</i>	
17. Wetlands and disaster risk reduction (submitted by the Philippines) (see DOC. SC47-11)	
xx. Thanks to the Host country	Traditional; prepared during COP.