

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 26-30 January 2015

SC48-01 Rev.2

## 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee Provisional Agenda

Note: In order to complete the extensive agenda while respecting the planned end time of 13:00 on Friday 30 January, additional Plenary Sessions of the Standing Committee with full interpretation have been included to run from 19:00 to 21:00 on Thursday evening and from 08:30 to 09:45 on Friday morning. Sandwiches and non-alcoholic drinks will be made available for the Thursday evening session.

### Monday, 26 January 2015

#### 08:15-09:45 Regional meetings

#### 10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group

(Republic of Korea, Paraguay, Romania and South Africa as Chairs and Vice Chairs of COP10 and COP11 Standing Committees (Romania serving as MWG Chair), Canada and Finland as Chairs of COP10 and COP11 Subgroups on Finance; Chairs of STRP for 2008-2012 and 2012-2015; Secretary General (*ex officio*); Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Fiji, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates as Contracting Party regional representatives; and IUCN as IOP representative)

- a. Revision of the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of the Parties and meetings of other Convention bodies (DOC. SC48-03 *Revision of the Rules of Procedure*)
- b. Review of progress in follow-up to Resolution XI.1 (DOC. SC48-04 *SPWG Considerations on visibility, stature and synergies*, DOC. SC48-05 *Legal brief on languages*, DOC. SC48-17 *DR: Follow up on Resolution XI.1*)
- c. Review of progress in follow-up to Resolution XI.16 (DOC. SC48-18 *DR: Proposed new framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice*)
- d. Staffing matters

#### 15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Strategic Plan Working Group

(Finland and France (Co-Chairs), Australia, Burundi, Chile, Cuba, Indonesia, I.R. Iran, Switzerland, USA, Chair of STRP, Chair of CEPA Oversight Panel (South Africa), IOP representative (BirdLife International), UNEP)

- a. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group (DOC. SC48-04 *SPWG Considerations on visibility, stature and synergies*, DOC. SC48-19 *DR: 4th Strategic Plan*)

## **Tuesday, 27 January 2015**

### **08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

#### **10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP12**

(Uruguay as COP12 Host (Chair), Romania (COP11 Host), Cambodia, Fiji, France, Guatemala, Mexico, South Africa)

- a. Report on preparations for COP12 (DOC. SC48-06 *Progress with COP12 preparations*, DOC. SC48-07 *Guidance to Parties on providing input to COP documents*)
- b. Draft agenda for COP12 (DOC. SC48-13 *COP12 provisional agenda*)
- c. The Ramsar Convention Awards, in closed session (DOC. SC48-08 *Ramsar Awards – not published*)

#### **15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance**

(Canada (Chair), Finland (Preceding Subgroup Chair), Burundi, Chile, Denmark, Fiji, R.O. Korea)

- a. Preliminary review of 2014, including status of reserve fund and audited financial statements for 2013 (DOC. SC48-09 *Financial matters 2014/2015*)
- b. Update on payment of contributions (DOC. SC48-10 *Annual contributions*)
- c. 2015 budget approval (DOC. SC48-09 *Financial matters 2014/2015*)
- d. COP12 finances (DOC. SC48-06 *Progress with COP12 preparations*, DOC. SC48-09 *Financial matters 2014/2015*)
- e. Small Grants Fund 2014-2015
- f. Financial implications of Draft Resolutions
- g. Draft Resolution on financial matters 2016-2018 (DOC. SC48-20 *DR: Financial and budgetary matters 2016-2018*)

## **Wednesday, 28 January 2015**

### **08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

#### **10:00- 12:30 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

1. Opening statements
  - Chair of the Standing Committee (Romania)
  - Director General of IUCN (or her representative)
  - Statement on behalf of the five International Organization Partners (IOPs)
  - Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention

2. Review and adoption of the Provisional Agenda (DOC. SC48-01Rev.2) including the supplementary provisional agenda item at 2a below.

2a. Supplementary item (SC48-32 *Proposal for a Draft Resolution on polar and subpolar wetlands*)<sup>1</sup>

3. Admission of observers
4. Report of the Management Working Group (DOC. SC48-03 *Revision of the Rules of Procedure*, DOC. SC48-04 *SPWG Considerations on visibility, stature and synergies*, DOC. SC48-05 *Legal brief on languages*, DOC. SC48-17 *DR: Follow up on Resolution XI.1*, DOC. SC48-18 *DR: Proposed new framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice*)
5. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group (DOC. SC48-04 *SPWG Considerations on visibility, stature and synergies*, DOC. SC48-19 *DR: 4th Strategic Plan*)
6. Report of the Subgroup on COP12 (DOC. SC48-06 *Progress with COP12 preparations*, DOC. SC48-07 *Guidance to Parties on providing input to COP documents*)

**12:30 – 13:00 Closed session of voting members of Standing Committee**

7. Selection of Ramsar Convention Awards laureates (DOC. SC48-08 *Ramsar Awards – not published*)

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

8. Report of the Subgroup on Finance (DOC. SC48-06 *Progress with COP12 preparations*, DOC. SC48-09 *Financial matters 2014/2015*, DOC. SC48-10 *Annual contributions*, DOC. SC48-20 *DR: Financial and budgetary matters 2016-2018*)
9. Report of the Secretary General and Secretariat Work Plan for 2015 (DOC. SC48-11 *SG's report for 2014 and Secretariat workplan for 2015*)
10. Report of the STRP Chair (DOC. SC48-12)
11. Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel (verbal presentation)
12. Report on Communications
13. Report on Partnerships
14. Other matters arising from SC47 decisions

**18:00 Reception (foyer)**

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<sup>1</sup> This item has been included as a supplementary provisional agenda item, with the agreement of the Chair of the Standing Committee, as it was not submitted according to the deadlines outlined in Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure and as communicated through Diplomatic Notification 2014/2. The Standing Committee may consider its inclusion when adopting the agenda in line with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure.

**Thursday, 29 January 2015**

**08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00-13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

15. Review of COP12 Draft Resolutions (DOCS. SC48-17 – SC48-31)

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

15. Review of COP12 Draft Resolutions (continued)

**19:00- 21:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

15. Review of COP12 Draft Resolutions (continued)

**Friday, 30 January 2015**

**08:30-09:45 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

15. Review of COP12 Draft Resolutions (continued)

**10:00-13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

15. Review of COP12 Draft Resolutions (continued)

16. Other matters

- Date and venue of the 49th meeting of the Standing Committee: Monday 1 June 2015, 10:00 – 13:00
- Adoption of the report of the 48th meeting
- Any other business
- Closing remarks

(Projected close of meeting: 13:00 on Friday, 30 January)