

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
52nd Meeting of the Standing Committee
Gland, Switzerland, 13-17 June 2016

SC52-01 Rev.2

52nd Meeting of the Standing Committee Agenda and programme

Monday, 13 June 2016

08:15-09:45 Regional meetings

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

Uruguay (Standing Committee Chair, also serving as Chair of the Management Working Group), **Australia** (SC Vice-Chair), **Senegal** (Chair of the Sub-Group on Finance), **Romania** (former SC Chair for the 2012-2015 triennium), **South Africa** (former SC Vice-Chair), **Canada** (former Chair of the Sub-Group on Finance).

Other interested Contracting Parties: **Fiji, Switzerland, UAE and USA.**

Chair of the STRP and Acting Secretary General (*ex officio*).

- a. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
- b. Update on the process of selecting the new Secretary General (**closed session of the MWG**)
- c. Update from the Acting Secretary General on the eight-point Action Plan for the Secretariat (verbal)
- d. Update from the Acting Secretary General on staffing matters (verbal)

13:15-14:45 Meeting of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation

(**Democratic Republic of Congo, Honduras, Kenya, Romania, Seychelles, United States of America**)

15:00-15:30 Meeting of the Management Working Group (continued)

- e. Report of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation

15:30-18:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on Finance

(**Senegal** (Chair), **Canada** (former Sub-Group Chair), **Australia, Estonia, Republic of Korea, Suriname, the United States of America**)

- a. Approval of 2015 financial statements (Doc. SC52-18 Rev.1 *Update on Ramsar financial matters*)
- b. 2016 budget review including review of consultancy contracts

- c. Update on payment of annual contributions (SC52-19 *Contracting Parties with outstanding annual contributions*)
- d. Financial implications of COP12 Resolutions (SC52-09 Rev.1 *Costs of actions to implement COP12 Resolutions in the 2016-2018 triennium*)

Tuesday, 14 June 2016

08:15-09:45 Regional meetings

10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on COP13

(United Arab Emirates (Chair) as host country for COP13, Uruguay as host country for COP12, Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Honduras, Romania, Tunisia)

- a. Report from the host country, UAE
- b. Review of COP13 MOU and the COP13 draft agenda
- c. Review of Secretariat progress in organizing COP13 (SC52-02 *Progress with preparations for COP13*)
- d. Update on COP13 fundraising

10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Facilitation Working Group (formerly the Working Group on Improving Management Instruments)

(Kenya, Romania, Senegal, Switzerland, United States of America (Co-chair), Uruguay (Co-chair))

15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (if needed)

(SC52-11 Rev.1 *Update on Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)

15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on Resource Mobilization

(Colombia, Kenya, United States of America)

(SC52-20 *Report on the review of resource mobilization from all sources, especially as it relates to fundraising*)

Wednesday, 15 June 2016

08:15-09:45 Regional meetings

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

1. Opening statements
 - Chair of the Standing Committee (Uruguay)
 - Director General of IUCN
 - Statement on behalf of the six International Organization Partners (IOPs)

- Acting Secretary General
2. Review and adoption of the draft agenda (Doc. SC52-01 Rev.1 *Draft agenda and programme* and SC52-Inf.Doc.01 Rev.2 *List of meeting documents*)
 3. Admission of observers (SC52-Inf.Doc.09 *List of registered observers*)
 4. Approval of terms of reference for a future language strategy for the Convention (SC52-03 *Consultancy support for the development of a strategy outlining the potential phased integration of Arabic or other UN languages into the work of the Convention*)
 5. Report of the Sub-Group on COP13 (SC52-02 *Progress with preparations for COP13*)
 6. Report of the Management Working Group **(in closed session if necessary)**

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

7. Report of the Acting Secretary General (SC52-04 Rev.2 *Report of the Acting Secretary General*)
8. Report on Secretariat actions arising from SC51 (SC52-Inf.Doc.02 *Secretariat actions arising from SC51 Decisions*)
9. Report on actions arising from COP12 Resolutions (SC52-Inf.Doc.03 *Standing Committee actions arising from COP12 Resolutions and SC50 Decisions*)
10. Update on the status of the Ramsar List (Doc. SC52-06 *Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance*)
11. Secretariat work plans
 - a. Work Plan for the 2016-2018 triennium (SC52-07 *Secretariat Work Plan for the 2016-2018 triennium*)
 - b. Work Plan for 2016 (SC52-08 *Secretariat Work Plan for 2016*)
12. Costs of actions to implement COP12 Resolutions in the 2016-2018 triennium (SC52-09 Rev.1 *Costs of actions to implement COP12 Resolutions in the 2016-2018 triennium*)

18:00 Reception

Thursday, 16 June 2016

08:15-09:45 Regional meetings

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

13. Report of the Chair of the STRP (SC52-10 *Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) and amended draft STRP 2016-2018 Work Plan*)

14. Ramsar Regional Initiatives

- a. Update by Mr. Li-jeong LEE (Director, Suncheon City Government, Republic of Korea) on the hosting of the Ramsar Regional Centre - East Asia (RRC-EA)
- b. Assessment of existing Ramsar Regional Initiatives (SC52-Inf.Doc.04 *Ramsar Regional Initiatives: An assessment of their achievements by 2015*)
- c. Report of the Chair of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (SC52-11 Rev.1 *Update on Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)
- d. Regional Initiatives communications strategy (SC52-Inf.Doc.05 *Update on a common communications strategy for Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)
- e. Consideration of new Regional Initiatives (SC52-12 *Proposals for new Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)

13:30-15:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on Finance

(Senegal (Chair), Canada (former Sub-Group Chair), Australia, Estonia, Republic of Korea, Suriname, the United States of America)

- a. Review of financial implications of the decisions of the Standing Committee
- b. Finalization of the Report of the Sub-Group on Finance

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15. Update on the preparation of the National Report format for COP13 (SC52-13 *Draft format for National Reports to COP13*)
16. Implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention according to Resolution XII.10 (SC52-14 Rev.1 *Progress report on the implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention*)
17. Update on the Ramsar Culture Network (SC52-Inf.Doc.06 *The Ramsar Culture Network and its contribution to the implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024*)

18:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on Finance (if needed)

Friday, 17 June 2016

08:15-09:45 Regional meetings

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

18. Update on the process of selection of the new Secretary General (**closed session**)
19. CEPA and Secretariat Communications
 - a. Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel (verbal presentation)

- b. Revised CEPA Action Plan for the Ramsar Secretariat 2016-2018
- c. Report on World Wetlands Day 2016 (verbal presentation)
- d. World Wetlands Day Themes for 2017 and 2018 (SC52-17 *World Wetlands Day themes*)
- e. Update on the Ramsar web site and the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS) site (verbal presentation)

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- 20. Report of the Sub-Group on Finance (SC52-18 Rev.1 *Ramsar financial matters 2014/2015* and SC52-19 *Contracting Parties with outstanding annual contributions*)
- 21. Report of the Working Group on Resource Mobilization (SC52-20 *Report on the review of resource mobilization from all sources, especially as it relates to fundraising*)
- 22. Report of the Facilitation Working Group (formerly the Working Group on Improving Management Instruments)
- 23. Update on partnerships and synergies
 - a. Progress on implementing Resolution XI.6 on Partnership and synergies with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other institutions (SC52-15 *Progress on implementing Resolution XI.6 on Partnership and synergies with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other institutions*)
 - b. Update by UNEP, and video showing the UNEPLive platform interlinking the SDGs and the Ramsar Convention
 - c. Progress on MOUs (SC52-16 Rev.2 *Update on formal agreements and joint work plans of the Ramsar Convention and partners*)
- 24. Other matters
 - Date and venue of the 53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee
 - Adoption of the report of the 52nd Meeting
 - Any other business
 - Closing remarks

The Standing Committee Chair will close the 52nd Standing Committee Meeting at approximately 6pm on Friday, 17 June.