Provisional Agenda

I Opening of the Meeting
II General Statements and Keynote Addresses
III Adoption of the Agenda
IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
V Election of the President and Vice-Presidents and remarks by the President
VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees
VII Admission of Observers
VIII Report of the Chairperson of the Standing Committee
IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level
X Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2016-2018
XII Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
XIII Administration and financial implications of draft Resolutions
XIV Financial report for 2016-2018 by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee
XV Election of Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee 2019-2021
XVI Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee
XVII Report of the Credentials Committee
| XVIII | Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions |
| XIX  | Adoption of Resolutions and Recommendations |
| XX   | Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties |
| XXI  | Any other business |
| XXII | Adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties |
| XXIII| Close of the meeting |
Sunday, 21 October 2018
08:30 – 18:00 Registration of delegates (continues each day to 29 October)
10:00 – 13:00 **55th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (subsequently to meet as the Conference Bureau)
14:00 – 18:00 **Regional meetings** (including discussions on Contracting Parties to be proposed for election to the Standing Committee. Plenary agenda item XIV)
18:15-19:15 Meetings of Regional Initiatives

Monday, 22 October 2018
08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
09:00 – 13:00 Regional meetings
14:00 – 16:00 Regional meetings
17:00 – 19:00 **Opening ceremony and welcoming statements** (includes Agenda items I and II and Ramsar Award Ceremony and Cocktail)
19:00 – 21:30 Welcome reception

Tuesday, 23 October 2018
08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau
10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**
   III Adoption of the agenda
   IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
   V Election of the President and Vice-Presidents and remarks by the President
   VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees
   VII Admission of Observers
   VIII Report of the Chairperson of the Standing Committee
13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
15:00 – 15:30 **Special Presentation:**
15:30 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**
   IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level
   X Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2016-2024
   XII Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
   XIII Administration and financial implications of draft Resolutions
18:30 – 21:30 Host country reception for Country Delegations

Wednesday, 24 October 2018
08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau
10:00 – 10:30 **Special Presentation:**
10:30 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**
   XIV Financial report for 2016-2018 by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee
   Subgroup on Finance and proposed budget for the triennium 2019-2021
   XV Election of Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee 2019-2021
XVI Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session

XVI Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)

18:30 – 21:00 Regional Meetings to prepare and canvass views for the upcoming sessions

Thursday, 25 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau (with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers)
10:00 – 10:30 Special Presentation:
10:30 – 13:00 Plenary Session

XVI Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session

XVI Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)

Friday, 26 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers
10:00 – 10:30 Special Presentation:
10:30 – 13:00 Plenary Session

XVI Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session

XVI Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)

18:30 – 20:00 Preparatory meeting of the appointees to the incoming Standing Committee 2019-2021

Saturday, 27 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau (if needed) with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

Field visits organized by the United Arab Emirates

Sunday, 28 October 2018

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session
XVII Report of the Credentials Committee
XVIII Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions
13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session
XIX Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations

Monday, 29 October 2018
08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers
10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session
XIX Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations (continued)
13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session
XX Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
XXI Any other business
XXII Adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
XXIII Close of the meeting
18:30 – 19:30 56th Meeting of the Standing Committee (incoming members to elect officers and subgroup members, and agree the date and venue of the first full meeting)