

**52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**  
**Draft 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** (outgoing SC Chair  
for the 2012-2015 triennium), **South Africa** (outgoing SC Vice-Chair), **Canada** (outgoing 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. Update on the process of selecting the new Secretary General (verbal)
- b. Update from the Acting Secretary General on the eight-point Action Plan for the Secretariat (verbal)
- c. 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)

- d. Report of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation

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

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

- a. Approval of 2015 financial statements (Doc. SC52-18 *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 *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
- 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 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*)

**15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives**

(SC52-11 *Update on Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)

**15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on Improving Management Instruments**

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

**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 *Draft agenda and programme* and SC52-Inf.Doc.01 *List of meeting documents*)
3. Admission of observers
4. Report of the Management Working Group

5. Report of the Sub-Group on COP13 (SC52-02 *Progress with preparations for COP13*)
6. 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*)

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

7. Report of the Acting Secretary General (SC52-04 *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. Review process for Standing Committee documents (SC52-05 *Amendment of Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure*)
11. 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*)
12. 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*)
13. Costs of actions to implement COP12 Resolutions in the 2016-2018 triennium (SC52-09 *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**

14. 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*)
  - a. STRP work plan for 2016-2018
15. Ramsar Regional Initiatives
  - a. Report of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (SC52-11 *Update on Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)

- b. Assessment of existing Ramsar Regional Initiatives (SC52-Inf.Doc.04 *Ramsar Regional Initiatives: An assessment of their achievements by 2015*)
- c. Regional Initiatives communications strategy (SC52-Inf.Doc.05 *Update on a common communications strategy for Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)
- d. Consideration of new Regional Initiatives (SC52-12 *Proposals for new Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)

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- 16. Update on the preparation of the National Report format for COP13 (SC52-13 *Draft format for National Reports to COP13*)
- 17. Implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention according to Resolution XII.10 (SC52-14 *Progress report on the implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention*)
- 18. 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*)

**Friday, 17 June 2016**

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

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

- 19. 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. Progress on MOUs (SC52-16 *Update on formal agreements and joint work plans of the Ramsar Convention and partners*)
- 20. 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)

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

21. Report of the Sub-Group on Finance (SC52-18 *Update on Ramsar financial matters* and SC52-19 *Contracting Parties with outstanding annual contributions*)
22. 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*)
23. Report of the Working Group on Improving Management Instruments
24. Other matters
  - Date and venue of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee
  - Adoption of the report of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
  - Any other business
  - Closing remarks

(Projected close of meeting: 18:00 on Friday, 17 June)