

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)  
53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
Gland, Switzerland, 29 May – 2 June 2017

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## COP13 Provisional Agenda

**13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to  
the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 21-29 October 2018**

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### 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
- XI Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
- XII Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
- XIII Secretariat's report on administrative and financial implications of draft Resolutions
- 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
- 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 **55<sup>th</sup> 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**
- XI Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)**
- XII Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**
- XIII Secretariat's report on administrative 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**

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

***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		<b>Plenary Session</b>
	<b>XIX</b>	<b>Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations (continued)</b>
13:00 – 15:00		Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00		<b>Plenary Session</b>
	<b>XX</b>	<b>Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties</b>
	<b>XXI</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<b>XXII</b>	<b>Adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties</b>
	<b>XXIII</b>	<b>Close of the meeting</b>
18:30 – 19:30		<b>56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee</b> (incoming members to elect officers and subgroup members, and agree the date and venue of the first full meeting)