

**53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
Provisional Agenda**

**Monday 29 May 2017**

**08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group**

Working Group on CEPA Implementation (Doc. SC53-03)  
Proposal of new MOUs (Doc. SC53-04)  
Review of existing Working Groups (Doc. SC53-05)  
Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

**15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of Sub-group on COP13**

Progress with preparations for COP13 (Doc. SC53-07)

- Dates and venue of COP13
- COP theme and logo
- Timeline in lead up to COP13 including regional pre-COP meetings
- Document distribution (“paperless COP”)

COP13 Agenda (Doc. SC53-08)

**Tuesday 30 May 2017**

**08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Sub-group on Finance**

Financial matters 2016 (Doc. SC53-20)  
Report on outstanding contributions (Doc. SC53-21)  
Update on fundraising for COP13 (Pre-COP regional meetings and other priority activities for fundraising)

**13:00 – 15:00 Meeting of the Facilitation Working Group**

**15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the CEPA Oversight Panel / Meeting of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation**

## **Wednesday 31 May 2017**

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

### **10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

1. Opening statements
  - a. Chair of the Standing Committee (Uruguay)
  - b. Director General of IUCN (or her representative)
  - c. Statement on behalf of the six International Organization Partners (IOPs)
  - d. Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention
2. Review and adoption of the Provisional Agenda (Docs. SC53-01, SC53-01 Add.1)
3. Admission of observers (SC53-Inf.Doc.02)
4. Report of the Secretary General (Doc. SC53-02)
5. Report of the Management Working Group
  - a. Working Group on CEPA Implementation (Doc. SC53-03)
  - b. Proposal of new MOUs (Doc. SC53-04)
  - c. Review of existing Working Groups (Doc. SC53-05)
  - d. Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

### **15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

6. Report of the Sub-group on COP13
  - a. Progress with preparations for COP13 (Doc. SC53-07)
    - Dates and venue of COP13
    - COP theme and logo
    - Timeline in lead up to COP13 including pre-COP regional meetings
    - Document distribution ("paperless COP")
  - b. COP13 Agenda (Doc. SC53-08)
7. Secretariat Work Plan for the 2016-18 triennium and annual plan for 2017 (Doc. SC53-09)
8. Report of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (Doc. SC53-10)

### **18:00 Reception**

## **Thursday 1 June 2017**

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

### **10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

9. Report of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Doc. SC53-11)
10. Update on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Doc. SC53-12)

11. Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

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

12. Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel
13. Secretariat report on CEPA-related activities
  - a. Implementation of Secretariat CEPA action plan (Doc. SC53-03)
  - b. Report on World Wetlands Day 2017
  - c. Theme for World Wetlands Day 2018
  - d. The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards 2018 (Doc. SC53-13)
  - e. Update on the MAVA project “Conservation of the natural and cultural heritage in wetlands” (Doc. SC53-14)
14. Progress on implementing Resolution XI.6 on partnership and synergies (Doc. SC53-15)
15. Progress report on implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation (Doc. SC53-16)

**Friday 2 June 2017**

**08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings**

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

16. Report on national and regional targets of the Strategic Plan (Doc. SC53-17)
17. The status of the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Doc. SC53-18) and update on the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS).

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

18. Options for holding future meetings of the Standing Committee in Geneva (Doc. SC53-19)
19. Report of the Facilitation Working Group
20. Report of the Sub-group on Finance
  - a. Financial matters 2016 (Doc. SC53-20)
  - b. Report on outstanding contributions (Doc. SC53-21)
  - c. Update on fundraising for COP13 (Pre-COP regional meetings and other priority activities for fundraising)
21. Other matters
  - a. Date and venue of the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee
  - b. Adoption of the report of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting
  - c. Any other business
  - d. Closing remarks