

Adoption of the provisional working programme

Monday 23 April 2018

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

09.45 – 11:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group

- CEPA Implementation Working Group (agenda item 11.2)
- Language strategy (agenda item 13)
- Review of current and proposed cooperative agreements (agenda item 16)

11:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP13
(Including closed session on the Ramsar Awards)

14:00 – 15:00 Meeting of the Facilitation Working Group

15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance

15:00 – 16:00 Meeting of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation

Tuesday 24 April 2018

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

09:45 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

1. Opening statements
 - 1.1. Chair of the Standing Committee (Uruguay)
 - 1.2. Director General of IUCN
 - 1.3. International Organization Partners
 - 1.4. Secretary General of the Convention
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda
3. Adoption of the provisional working programme
4. Admission of observers

5. Report of the Secretary General
6. Report of the Management Working Group
9. Report of the Facilitation Working Group
10. Roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee
21. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties
 - 21.8 Draft resolution on improving the efficiency of structures and processes of the Convention (Submitted by Switzerland)

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21. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued)
 - 21.6 Draft resolution on peace and the sustainable management of biodiversity in Ramsar Sites (Submitted by the Central African Republic)
 - 21.15 Draft resolution on wetlands, peace and security (Submitted by Senegal)
 - 21.2 Draft resolution on cultural values, local communities and climate change mitigation and adaptation in wetlands (Submitted by Burkina Faso, Senegal and Tunisia)
 - 21.12 Draft Resolution on urbanization, climate change and sustainable wetlands (Submitted by the United Arab Emirates)
13. Language strategy
21. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued)
 - 21.5 Draft resolution on agriculture in wetlands (Submitted by the Czech Republic)
 - 21.14 Draft Resolution on wetlands in polar and subpolar regions (Submitted by Sweden)

Wednesday 25 April 2018

08:00 – 09:00 Regional meetings

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

7. Financial and budgetary matters: Report of the Subgroup on Finance
 - 7.1. Report on financial matters for 2016-2018
 - 7.2. Status of annual contributions
 - 7.3. Budget scenarios for 2019-2021 and draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters

- 7.4. Potential financial implications of draft resolutions
- 8. Review of the fourth Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention
- 14. Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other institutions
- 19. Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance
- 11. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)
 - 11.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel
 - 11.2 Report of the CEPA Implementation Working Group
 - 11.3 Update on the MAVA project "Conservation of the natural and cultural heritage in wetlands"
- 17. Ramsar Convention Resource Mobilization Work Plan
- 20. Ramsar Regional Initiatives (continued)
 - 20.1 Update for 2018
 - 20.2 Draft resolution for 2019-2021 and operational framework

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Report on progress of contact groups

- 15. Observer status in the United Nations General Assembly
- 21. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued)
 - 21.1 Draft resolution on the rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services (Submitted by the Republic of Korea)
 - 21.3 Draft resolution on conservation and management of small and micro wetlands (Submitted by China)
 - 21.4 Draft resolution on Ramsar Advisory Missions (Submitted by Burkina Faso)
 - 21.7 Draft resolution on wetlands in West Asia (Submitted by Iraq)
 - 21.9 Draft resolution on promoting conservation, restoration and sustainable management of coastal blue carbon ecosystems (Submitted by Australia)

Thursday 26 April 2018

08:00 – 09:00 Regional meetings

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

21. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued)
 - 21.11 Draft resolution on World Wetlands Day (Submitted by the United Arab Emirates)
 - 21.13 Draft resolution on promoting the conservation and wise use of intertidal wetlands and ecologically associated habitats (Submitted by the Philippines)
 - 21.10 Draft resolution on the enhanced protection and management of sea turtle breeding, feeding and nursery areas and the designation of key areas as Ramsar Sites (Submitted by France and Senegal)
 - 21.16 Draft resolution on gender and wetlands (Submitted by Colombia)

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22. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel
23. Draft resolution on future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2019-2021
24. Draft Resolution on guidance on identifying Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) for global climate change regulation as an additional argument to existing Ramsar criteria
25. Draft resolution on restoration of degraded peatlands to mitigate and adapt to climate change and enhance biodiversity.

Friday 27 April 2018

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

09:45 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

12. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2018 and proposed format for 2019-2021
16. Review of current and proposed cooperative agreements
7. Financial and budgetary matters: Report of the Subgroup on Finance (continued if necessary)

18. Preparation of the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

18.1. Report of the Secretariat

18.2. Report of the Subgroup on COP13

18.3 Process for review of draft resolutions

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26. World Wetlands Day 2018, 2019 and 2020

27. The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards 2018 (in closed session)

28. Wetland City Accreditation (in closed session)

27. The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards 2018 (continued in open session)

28. Wetland City Accreditation (continued in open session)

29. Dates and venues of the 55th and 56th meetings

30. Adoption of the report of the meeting

31. Any other business

32. Closing remarks