RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

57th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 24 – 28 June 2019

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**Provisional working programme**

**Monday 24 June 2019**

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

09:45 – 11:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group

* Report on the selection process of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel for the triennium 2019-2021 according to Resolution XII.5
* Report on the Establishment of the CEPA Oversight Panel

11:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Working Group on the Review of the Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention

13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group

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

**Tuesday 25 June 2019**

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

1. Opening statements

1.1 Chair of the Standing Committee (United Arab Emirates)

1.2 Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (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

13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group

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

7. Financial and budgetary matters – report of the Subgroup on Finance

7.1 Report on financial matters for 2018 and 2019

7.2 Report of the auditor on the financial statements 2018 (included in item 7.1)

7.3 Status of annual contributions

7.4 Approval of Small Grant Fund beneficiaries

8. Urgent challenges to wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention

9. Report of the Working Group on the Review of the Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention

25. Report of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives in 2018 and 2019, and establishment of the Ramsar Regional Initiatives Working Group

**Wednesday 26 June 2019**

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

11. Final reports of the Chairs of retired working groups

11.1 Transition Committee

11.2 Resource Mobilization Working Group

11.3 Working Group on CEPA Implementation

11.4 Facilitation Working Group

11.5 Language Strategy Working Group

11.6 Staffing Working Group

12. Terms of reference of the Executive Team

13. Review of the Rules of Procedure

14. Review of all previous Resolutions and decisions

13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group

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

18. Observer status in the United Nations General Assembly

21. Follow up to COP13 and preparation of COP14

21.1 Report of the Secretariat on COP13

21.2 COP14 Host and establishment of the Subgroup on COP14

20. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, including work plan for
2019-2021

**Thursday 27 June 2019**

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

10. Report of the Effectiveness Working Group and approval of the Terms of Reference of the Group

16. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2019-2021

15. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)

15.1 Establishment of the CEPA Oversight Panel

(Proposal to assume the responsibilities assigned in Resolution XII.9 *The Ramsar Convention´s CEPA Programme* and in accordance with Decision SC50-08 tasked to the Working Group on CEPA Implementation to develop a new approach for supporting CEPA implementation: paragraphs 25 and 26 of Resolution XIII.5 *Review of the fourth Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention*)

15.2 Report of the Secretariat on World Wetlands Day

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

17. Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions

19. Ramsar Convention Resource Mobilization Work Plan

22. National Reports for COP14

**Friday 28 June 2019**

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

23. Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance

24. Ramsar Advisory Missions: Operational guidance

26. Wetland City Accreditation: Guidance for the 2019-2021 triennium

13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group

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

27. 58th meeting of the Standing Committee

27.1 Implications of joint meetings of the Standing Committee and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel

27.2 Dates of the 58th meeting

28. Adoption of the report of the meeting

29. Any other business

30. Closing remarks