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Provisional working programme

Monday 23 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

09:45 – 11:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group
  • Overview of the progress on the process of selection of the Secretary General
  • Progress on STRP matters
  • Report on 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 Subgroup on COP14
  • Update on preparatory process
  • Draft report to SC59
  • Closed session on the Ramsar Awards

15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance
  • Report on financial matters for 2019-2021 and 2022 including the audited statements for 2021
  • Status of annual contributions
  • Budget scenarios for 2023-2025 and draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters
  • Potential financial implications of draft resolutions
Tuesday 24 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30 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 Executive Team and Chair of the Standing Committee


7. Report of the Secretary General

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


21. Ramsar Regional Initiatives
   21.1 Draft Resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2022-2024
   21.2 Report of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties
   24.1 Draft resolution on development of legal indicators to measure the effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention
   24.2 Draft resolution on review of the Ramsar criteria, and delisting of Ramsar Sites located in territories which are not recognized at the UN level as part of the territory of the submitting country
Wednesday 25 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

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


15. Roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued)

24.8 Draft resolution on Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention

24.1 Draft resolution on guidance on protection, management and restoration of Mediterranean wetlands as nature-based solutions to address environmental and climate changes

20. Preparation of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

20.1 Report of the Subgroup on COP14

20.2 Report of the Secretariat on COP14

22. Report of the Co-chairs of the Independent Advisory Committee on Wetland City Accreditation

15:00 – 19:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued)

24.4 Draft resolution on guidance on conservation and management of small wetlands

24.5 Draft Resolution on integrating wetland conservation and restoration into national sustainable development strategy

24.6 Draft resolution on Wetland education in the formal education sector

24.7 Draft Resolution on the Ramsar Wetland Awards

18. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2022

9. Urgent challenges to the wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention: Best practices in the development of wetland inventories

Thursday 26 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings
10:00 – 13:00  Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

8. Financial and budgetary matters
   8.1 Report on financial matters for 2019-2021 and 2022 including the audited statements for 2021
   8.2 Status of annual contributions
   8.3 Budget scenarios for 2023-2025 and draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters
   8.4 Potential financial implications of draft resolutions

13:30 – 15:00  Closed Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

22. Wetland City Accreditation

15:00 – 19:00  Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

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

12. Review of the Rules of Procedure

13. Review of all previous Resolutions and decisions


26. Draft resolution on future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2022-2024

Friday 27 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30  Regional meetings

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

17. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)
   17.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel
   17.2 Report of the Secretariat on World Wetlands Day
   17.3 Implementation of Resolution XIII.1 on World Wetlands Day (declaration by the United Nations General Assembly)

20. Preparation of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
   20.3 The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards (continued in open session)
22. Wetland City Accreditation (continued in open session)

15:00 – 19:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

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

19. Management of requests for data

27. Dates and venues of the 60th and 61st meetings of the Standing Committee

28. Adoption of the report of the meeting

29. Any other business

30. Closing remarks