

THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
59th Meeting of the Standing Committee
Resumed session
Gland, Switzerland, 23-27 May 2022

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Annotated working programme

The **Rules of Procedure** are online at:

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Monday 23 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

**(Throughout the week, the meetings of each region will be in the following rooms:
Americas - Red List A; Africa - Red List B; Asia and Oceania - Think Tank A; Europe - Think Tank B).**

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

The Management Working Group will address these above issues in preparation for agenda items 7.1, 25 and 26, and 17 respectively. The Chair of the Management Working Group will present to the Standing Committee the report of the Working Group with recommendations on the above issues under agenda item 7.2, Report of the Management Working Group.

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

The Subgroup will discuss their task and terms of reference based on Decision SC59-20 and the draft resolution contained in document SC59/2022 Doc.10 Rev.1, in preparation for the presentation of this document by the Chair of the Working Group under agenda item 10.

13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP14

- Update on preparatory process
- Draft report to SC59
- Closed session on the Ramsar Awards

The Subgroup on COP14 will review the current state of arrangements for COP14, to prepare to report to the Standing Committee under agenda item 20.1 Report of the Subgroup on COP14. The Subgroup will also consider the nominations for the Awards, in order to report to the Committee in a closed session under agenda item 20.3 The Ramsar Wetland Conservation 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

The Secretariat will introduce the financial matters. The Subgroup will discuss the issues so that the Chair of the Subgroup can report to the Standing Committee under agenda item 8, Financial and budgetary matters.

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 (SC59/2022 Doc.2 Rev.1)
3. Adoption of the provisional working programme (SC59/2022 Doc.3 Rev.1)
4. Admission of observers (SC59/2022 Doc.4)
5. Report of the Executive Team and Chair of the Standing Committee
7. Matters of the Management Working Group and the Selection Committee
 - 7.1 Report from the Chair of the Selection Committee on the recruitment of the next Secretary General
 - 7.2 Report of the Management Working Group
6. Report of the Secretary General

The Secretary General will present her report highlighting the work of the Secretariat for the periods from April 2019 to February 2022.

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

Process of review of draft Resolutions

The Chair will explain the process to address the draft resolutions submitted by the Contracting Parties and Working Groups and prepared by the Secretariat and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure (Rule 34, Proposals and amendments to proposals, Rule 36 Withdrawal of proposals or motions, Rule 37 Reconsideration of proposals, Rule 42 Amendment to a proposal, Rule 43 Order of voting on amendments to a proposal).

Interventions from Contracting Parties on amendments to draft resolutions must be sent to the Secretariat at scinterventions@ramsar.org.

Proposals made by observers (non-Contracting Parties) may be put to the vote only if sponsored by a Contracting Party (Rule 7.5).

10. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group * ¹

11. Report of the Effectiveness Working Group *

The Chair of the Effectiveness Working Group will report on its work since COP13, and present its draft resolution for improving the effectiveness of the governance of the Convention. It should be noted that the contents of the draft resolution may also be relevant to parts of other draft resolutions.

21. Ramsar Regional Initiatives

21.2 Report of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives

The Secretariat will present its report on Ramsar Regional Initiatives (RRIs) in document SC59/2022 Doc.21.2, including: a proposed new format for RRI reports; a proposed new RRI in southern Africa; and a review of relevant Resolutions and decisions.

21.1 Draft Resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2022-2024 *

The Chair of the Working Group on Ramsar Regional Initiatives will present the report of their work and a draft resolution on RRIs for the period 2022-2024.

24.9 Proposed draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives – the basics (Submitted by Sweden) *

24.10 Proposed draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives – COP14-COP15 (Submitted by Sweden) *

24.11 Proposed draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives – addressing old decisions (Submitted by Sweden) *

Sweden will present its three draft resolutions relating to RRIs. These are proposed to be considered by the Standing Committee in conjunction with the documents under agenda item 21 to ensure a harmonized approach to the discussion on RRIs.

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties *

¹ The documents presented for agenda items marked with an asterisk * include a draft resolution.

- 24.3 Draft resolution on development of legal indicators to measure the effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention (Submitted by Burkina Faso)
- 24.17 Proposed draft resolution – Online drafting and preparatory negotiations of documents (Submitted by Sweden)
- 24.18 Proposed draft Resolution on how to structure, write and handle Convention documents and messages (Submitted by Sweden)

Under these three agenda items, draft resolutions will be presented by the proponents for the consideration of the Standing Committee.

Wednesday 25 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

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

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

The Subgroup and the Secretariat will report on the status of arrangements for COP14, so that the Standing Committee can confirm the arrangements for the information of all Parties.

25. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel

The Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel will present his report on the work of the Panel and item 26 Draft resolution on future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention.

26. Draft resolution on future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2023-2025 (Submitted by the Scientific and Technical Review Panel) *

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued) *

24.14 Proposed draft resolution on the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical work – The basics (Submitted by Sweden)

24.15 Proposed draft resolution on the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical bodies COP14-COP15 (Submitted by Sweden)

The Chair of the STRP will present a draft resolution on implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention. To ensure a harmonized approach, it is proposed that agenda items 24.14 and 24.15 be considered in conjunction with item 26 as the subject matter is the same or overlapping.

15. Roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee *

The Secretariat will give a brief introduction to the document and draft resolution to update the existing guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee.

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued) *

- 24.1 Draft resolution on Protection, management and restoration of wetlands as Nature-based solutions to address the climate crisis (Submitted by Spain)

The draft resolution will be introduced by the proponent, for approval to be forwarded for consideration at COP14.

13:00 Closed session: Meeting of the Selection Committee of the next Secretary General

The Committee on Selection of the next Secretary General will meet in a closed 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 *

The Secretariat will introduce its report on the status of Ramsar Sites, and seek the guidance of the Standing Committee.

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued) *

- 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 (Submitted by Algeria)

- 24.4 Draft resolution on guidance on conservation and management of small wetlands (Submitted by China, cosponsored by the Republic of Korea)

- 24.5 Draft Resolution on integrating wetland conservation and restoration into national sustainable development strategy (Submitted by China)

- 24.6 Draft resolution on Wetland education in the formal education sector (Submitted by China and Republic of Korea)

- 24.7 Draft Resolution on the Ramsar Wetland Awards (Submitted by Sweden)

The draft resolutions in the documents for these agenda items will be introduced by the proponents, for approval to be forwarded for consideration at COP14.

14. Report of the Working Group on Observer status in the United Nations General Assembly

The Working Group will inform the Standing Committee of the current status of discussions.

Report on progress of contact groups

The Chair will ask the Chairs of contact groups to present a brief update of their progress.

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

The Chair of the Subgroup on Finance will present the report of the Subgroup, with recommendations on financial matters for Standing Committee consideration, to be forwarded to COP14 for approval.

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued) *

- 24.16 Draft Resolution on the Establishment of the International Mangrove Center in the Framework of the Ramsar Convention (Submitted by China, cosponsored by Australia, Cambodia (support from NFP but waiting for clearance from minister), and Madagascar)
- 24.13 Draft Resolution on Waterbird population estimates to support new and existing Ramsar site designations under Ramsar Criterion 6 – use of alternative estimates (Submitted by Australia, in consultation with the Chair of Scientific and Technical Review Panel)

The draft resolutions in the documents for these agenda items will be introduced by the proponents, for approval to be forwarded for consideration at COP14.

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

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

After the closed-session discussion of this agenda item, it may be discussed in open session so that the Chair will report to the plenary.

The Chair will report to the plenary on the Report of the Independent Advisory Committee, and will inform on the decision of the to the Standing Committee on this matter.

24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties (continued) *

- 24.8 Draft Resolution on Updating the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention (Submitted by Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Austria and China) *

24.12 Draft Resolution on Strengthening Ramsar Connections Through Youth (Submitted by Australia and Costa Rica)

The draft resolutions in the documents for these agenda items will be introduced by the proponents, for approval to be forwarded for consideration at COP14.

12. Review of the Rules of Procedure

The Secretariat will introduce the document for this agenda item, seeking feedback for revision.

13. Review of all previous Resolutions and decisions * (documents SC59 Doc.13.1, SC59 Doc.13.2, SC59 Doc.13.3)

The Secretariat will present the three documents under this agenda item, as requested by the COP and the Standing Committee, for approval to be considered at COP14.

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

17.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel *

The Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel will introduce the report of the Panel and a draft resolution for a new CEPA approach.

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

The Secretariat will introduce its report on this subject, to be noted, with a draft resolution to be considered for forwarding to COP14.

18. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2022

The Secretariat will present its proposed work plan for 2022, for approval by the Standing Committee.

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

The Secretariat will report on the progress of work on this subject and will seek the guidance of the Standing Committee regarding its continuation.

27. Consideration of the potential consequences of environmental changes of 20 Ramsar Sites in Ukraine as a result of Russian aggression

A request will be presented by Ukraine.

Report on progress of contact group as necessary

The Chair will ask the Chairs of contact groups to present a brief update of their progress

Friday 27 May 2022

08:15 – 09:30 Regional meetings

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

20.3 The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards (in closed session)

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

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)

The Secretariat will report on the activities for WWD in 2022 and the implementation of Resolution XIII.1.

20. Preparation of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (continued)

20.3 The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards (continued in open session)

The Chair will announce the Ramsar Award laureates selected during the closed session.

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

19. Management of requests for data

The Secretariat will introduce its short report and seek the guidance of the Standing Committee regarding publishing of data.

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

The Secretariat will note the dates for SC60 and SC61, to take place in association with COP14.

29. Adoption of the report of the meeting

The record of the meeting will be presented for approval.

30. Any other business

31. Closing remarks