

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. 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

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

10. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group * ¹
11. Report of the Effectiveness Working Group *
21. Ramsar Regional Initiatives
 - 21.2 Report of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives
 - 21.1 Draft Resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives 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) *

¹ * Includes a draft resolution

- 24.11 Proposed draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives – addressing old decisions (Submitted by Sweden) *
- 24. Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties *
- 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)

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
- 25. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel
- 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)
- 15. 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)
- 13:00 Closed session: Meeting of the Selection Committee of the next Secretary General

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

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
- 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)

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
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)
12. Review of the Rules of Procedure
13. Review of all previous Resolutions and decisions * (documents SC59 Doc.13.1, SC59 Doc.13.2, SC59 Doc.13.3)
17. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)
 - 17.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel *
16. Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions *
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
27. Consideration of the potential consequences of environmental changes of 20 Ramsar Sites in Ukraine as a result of Russian aggression

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)

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

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

19. Management of requests for data
28. Dates and venues of the 60th and 61st meetings of the Standing Committee
29. Adoption of the report of the meeting
30. Any other business
31. Closing remarks