THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

62nd meeting of the Standing Committee

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**Communication, capacity building, education, participation   
and awareness (CEPA):**

**CEPA Oversight Panel work plan, 2023-2025**

**Action requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to take note of the work plan of the CEPA Oversight Panel for   
2023-2025.

1. The Convention on Wetlands CEPA Oversight Panel (OP) was convened in early 2023 and developed a work plan to present to the 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee (SC62) for its information, as instructed in paragraph 11 of Resolution XIV.8 on *The new CEPA approach* to guide the activities of the Panel during the triennium, until COP15 in 2025.

2. The work plan, included in the present document at Annex 1, is based on the new CEPA approach identified in Resolution XIV.8 adopted at COP14 in Wuhan and Geneva, and aims to deliver the basic tenets of the new approach which are to prioritize and simplify, align better to the Strategic Plan, and build the efficacy of the CEPA programme across the bodies of the Convention.

**Annex 1**

**CEPA Oversight Panel work plan, 2023-2025**

| **Work area** | **Tasks** | **Lead / notes[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Dates** | | | | | | | | | |
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| **2023 Q2** | **2023 Q3** | **2023 Q4** | **2024 Q1** | **2024 Q2** | **2024 Q3** | **2024 Q4** | **2025 Q1** | **2025 Q2** | **2025 Q3** |
| Create CEPA OP work plan | Sub-group create a work plan for the period 2023-25 | TM; CR; Work group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Review Resolutions CEPA | Examine existing documentation to identify key responsibilities and activities, particularly regarding Resolution XIV.8 on the new CEPA approach and the original CEPA Resolution XII.9 | CEPA OP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Submit report for SC62 | First report on progress of the CEPA OP for SC62 | TM; CR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular CEPA OP meetings online | Quarterly meetings of the CEPA OP, with additional task teams for specific tasks. Explore option of a face-to-face meeting, funding allowing | TM; CR; Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support CEPA Focal Points | Update guidance on role and responsibilities of CEPA Focal Points | CEPA OP / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular communication with CEPA Focal Points, including surveys / feedback | CEPA OP / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proposal for future operations of CEPA OP | To create a proposal for nomination process, terms of reference, relationships with other Convention bodies etc. | CEPA OP / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New CEPA guidance | Review existing CEPA guidance and Handbook 6 (Wetlands CEPA) | CEPA OP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consult on need for guidance for CEPA delivery groups locally and nationally | CEPA OP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Respond to consultation with key CEPA support tools, possibly through external consultant | CEPA OP / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strategic Plan 5 | Work with the Strategic Plan consultant, STRP and Secretariat to ensure CEPA incorporated into SP5 | CEPA OP / consultant / SP WG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SP5 submitted with CEPA embedded | Consultant / SP WG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COP15 | Seek support for CEPA actions within SP5 | CEPA OP / AAs / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hold side event(s) | CEPA OP / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| STRP-CEPA synergies | Review current approaches to disseminating STRP products and identify opportunities for enhancing uptake of all STRP products produced during 2023-2025 triennium | STRP / CEPA OP / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Seek opportunities for STRP products to inform WWD activities and other global environmental events | CEPA OP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Specific STRP tasks | Liaise with STRP Thematic Leads (TWA 1 – TWA 5) and Secretariat, and for relevant tasks help source relevant case studies and identify linkages with regional and global CEPA activities | STRP / CEPA OP / Secretariat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GWO | Support content of GWO 2025 (STRP Task 5.1) the development of future GWO themes (STRP Task 5.3) and provide advice on GWO release and promotion | STRP / CEPA OP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation | Support the Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation scheme to deliver effective CEPA activities | CEPA OP / Wetland City IAC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. TM = Tsayi Mouvagha, Chair of CEPA OP

   CR = Chris Rostron, Vice Chair of CEPA OP [↑](#footnote-ref-1)