

**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 <sup>1</sup>	Dates										
			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											

<sup>1</sup> TM = Tsayi Mouvagha, Chair of CEPA OP

CR = Chris Rostron, Vice Chair of CEPA OP

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			2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3
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										

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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										