THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

62nd meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 4-8 September 2023

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**Provisional working programme**

**Monday 4 September**

08:30 – 09:15 Regional meetings

09:30 – 12:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance

13:00 – 17:00 Meeting of the Strategic Plan Working Group

17:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group

**Tuesday 5 September**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

1. Opening statements

1.1 Chair of the Standing Committee (China)

1.2 Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

1.3 International Organization Partners (IOPs)

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 the Chair of the Standing Committee

6. Report of the Secretary General

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

7. Report of the Management Working Group

20. Preparation of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15)

20.1 Report of the Secretariat on COP15

20.2 Presentation by the Host Country (Zimbabwe)

20.3 Establishment of the Subgroup on COP15

10. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group

25. Report of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives

**Wednesday 6 September**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

11. Secretariat report on institutional strengthening to support the implementation of the Convention

12. Report of the Secretariat on enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Convention

13. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2023-2025

13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP15

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

14. Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies in partnership with multilateral environmental agreements and other institutions

15. Review and consolidation of current Resolutions

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

16.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel

16.2 CEPA Oversight Panel work plan, 2023-2025

16.3 Report of the Secretariat on World Wetlands Day

**Thursday 7 September**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

8. Financial and budgetary matters – report of the Subgroup on Finance

8.1 Report on financial matters for 2022 and 2023

8.2 Status of annual contributions

17. Report of the Youth Working Group

18. Resource Mobilization Work Plan 2023-25

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

19. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, including draft work plan for 2023-2025

21. National Report for COP15

9. Urgent challenges to the wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention: Update on wetlands inventories

**Friday 8 September**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

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

23. Report on the process undertaken by the Secretariat to include a site on the List of Wetlands of International Importance

24. Update of the Secretariat on the implementation of Resolution XIV.20

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

26. Wetland City Accreditation: Establishment of the Independent Advisory Committee (IAC)

27. Dates of the 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee

28. Adoption of the report of the meeting

29. Any other business

30. Closing remarks