

14th meeting of the Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP)

**28 January-1 February 2008,
Gland, Switzerland**

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Provisional Agenda and meeting notes

Meeting Notes

1. This 14th meeting of the STRP will need to focus its attention on finalizing those draft guidances and draft Resolutions which will be submitted to the Standing Committee for consideration for adoption by Contracting Parties at COP10 (28 October-4 November 2008, Changwon, Republic of Korea). The Standing Committee meets twice during 2008: SC36 from 24-28 February and SC37 from 2-6 June. Since all papers must be sent by the Secretariat to the Standing Committee at least 30 days prior to its meetings, all STRP materials for COP10 consideration must reach the Secretariat not later than late April 2008.
2. STRP14 should also agree what Information Papers, i.e. documents supporting Resolutions and guidances or providing update on progress with tasks, it wishes to provide to COP10 and agree a schedule for completion of these materials.
3. The Panel will also need to review progress with, and timelines for, the finalization of its more in-depth reviews and reports which will be published as Ramsar Technical Reports (noting that whilst these do not need to be submitted to Standing Committee and COP, the Panel may wish to ensure that some such reports are published and available to Parties prior to COP10).
4. STRP14 will also need to consider and prepare its recommendations to COP10 on future scientific and technical priorities for Convention implementation.
5. Each Working Group lead (working as appropriate with specific task leads) should come to the meeting prepared to run an initial two-hour plenary session on their thematic work. Note that given the number and complexity of the Working Group 1 (inventory and assessment, including indicators) tasks, the discussions under this Working Group should be planned as three two-hour sessions.
6. The structure of each two-hour session should as far as possible be as follows:
 - a) Quick overview of tasks and deliverables for this triennium, progress and current status, timelines for deliverables, focusing on those with materials being prepared for COP10 consideration and other Immediate and High Priority tasks;

- b) Brief introduction of each document being tabled for approval/discussion at STRP14 and advice on status, further work required, inputs needed from the panel; and
 - c) Thoughts and recommendations for future work within the thematic area (some indication of priority, but also considering longer term issues).
7. Working Group and task leads are encouraged to introduce their work area (as per 6.a) above) as a short (maximum 20 minutes) Powerpoint presentation.
 8. Final working drafts of all documents for STRP14 discussion will need to be uploaded on the STRP Support Service website not later than the first week of January 2008. A new discussion forum on that website has been created for STRP14 for this purpose. All such documents should be uploaded into the Library of this forum, so that participants can find all relevant documents for the meeting in one place. To help easily identify what each document is, it would be helpful to use a filename format with Working Group and task numbers, e.g. "WG# task## indicators".
 9. The Secretariat is proposing that the approach to submitting STRP's work to COP10 will be the same as for COP9, i.e. a simple COP10 DR1 with each of the substantive guidelines annexed, and a COP10 DR2 on future scientific and technical priorities.
 10. The Panel will also need to review its revised *modus operandi* as adopted at COP9 and prepare any recommendations on amendments to this in the light of the Panel's experiences during this triennium. Any such recommendations will need to be transmitted to the Standing Committee prior to COP10 consideration.
 11. The Panel will also, in line with Resolution VIII.45, need to agree a procedure for providing advice on any COP10 draft Resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties and which have a scientific or technical content. Under the revised COP Rules of Procedure adopted at COP9, any such draft Resolutions must now be submitted by Parties to the Standing Committee not later than 40 days prior to the start of the final Standing Committee meeting which can approve COP materials: i.e. mid-April 2008.

Provisional Agenda

Sunday 27 January

Morning/afternoon Informal meetings of working groups/task groups, if requested by
Working Group leads

Monday 28 January

0900-1300 Agenda item 1. Opening of meeting & adoption of Agenda
Agenda item 2. Working Group 4 Water resources

1400-1800 Agenda item 3. Working Group 1 Inventory & assessment

Tuesday 29 January

0900-1300 Agenda item 3. (continued) Working Group 1 Inventory & assessment
Agenda item 4. Working Group 2 Wise use

1400-1800 Agenda item 5. Working Group 3 Ramsar sites
Agenda Item 6. Working Group 5 Agriculture

Evening (1830-1930) – provisional

Informal session on development of, and collaboration on, a “global wetland observing system” for wetland inventory and assessment

Wednesday 30 January

0900-1300 Agenda item 6. Working Group 5 Agriculture (continued)
Agenda item 7. Working Group 6 Human Health

1400-1800 Agenda item 8. Working Group 8 CEPA
Agenda item 9. Working Group 9 Regional networking

Evening (1900-2100) – provisional

Initial discussion on Agenda item 11 Future scientific & technical priorities (and possibly Agenda item 12 STRP *modus operandi*).

Thursday 31 January

0900-1300 Agenda item 10. Working Group 7 Ongoing & emerging issues (including climate change and extractive industries)

1400-1800 Agenda item 11. Future scientific and technical priorities for 2009-2011

Evening STRP dinner

Friday 1 February

0900-1300 Agenda item 12. Review of STRP *modus operandi*
 Agenda item 13. Procedure for reviewing draft COP10 Resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties
 Agenda item 14. Preparations for, and STRP participation in, COP10 (including content of STRP Chair's report to COP10)

1400-1800 Agenda item 15. Revisit to any uncompleted Working Group issues
 Agenda item 16. Any other business
 Closure of meeting