

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
19th Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
2 to 6 November 2015, Gland, Switzerland

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Agenda

Introduction

Ramsar COP12 [Resolution XII.5](#), *Proposed new framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice and guidance on the Convention*, requests that the STRP convenes as soon as possible after the COP, after its members have been appointed by the Management Working group of the Standing Committee (Annex 1, paragraph 48).

Purpose

The purpose of this first STRP meeting is to welcome the new Panel and to develop a work plan for the 2016-2018 triennium, in consultation with the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Senior Regional Advisors and the Communications Team, based on the five thematic work areas in Annex 3 of Resolution XII.5 and in alignment with the Fourth Strategic Plan of the Convention and ongoing scientific work in other international processes, such as IPBES (XII.5 Annex I, para 51), for approval of the Standing Committee at its 51st Meeting (23-27 November 2015).

Expected Outcomes

To develop a complete draft work plan by the end of the week based on the five thematic work areas in Annex 3 of Resolution XII.5 and taking into account Contracting Parties requests to the Panel in the COP12 Resolutions.

The resulting products will be aimed at the following target audiences:

- Policy-makers, including those from the environment and water sectors and other related sectors such as energy, health and sanitation, agriculture, infrastructure; and
- Practitioners and in particular wetland managers and stakeholders, but also others from related fields, such as protected area managers and staff of wetland education centres.

Monday 2 November 2015

0830-0900 Registration

0900-1300 Plenary

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| 0900-0915 | 1. Welcome and Opening remarks (Deputy Secretary General (DSG)/Secretary General (SG)) |
| 0915-0930 | 2. Introductions—brief introduction of members, invited experts and observers (STRP Chair/ Vice-Chair) |
| 0930-0940 | 3. Adoption of the agenda (STRP Chair) |

- 0940-1100 4. Briefing on the Ramsar Convention and the STRP
- 4.1 Overview of the Convention and its processes (SG/DSG)
 - 4.2 Overview of the STRP and expected outcomes for the triennium (STRP Chair)
 - 4.3 The CEPA programme and relationship with STRP (Head of Communications)
 - 4.5 Regional priorities and the work of the STRP (SRAs)
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15-1300 4. Briefing on the Ramsar Convention and the STRP (Continued)
- 4.6 Thematic Work Priority Areas, Fourth Strategic Work Plan, and Literature survey (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, and STRP Chair)
 - 4.7 Briefing on correlation analysis of COP12 Resolutions' requests with the Fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan and Thematic Priority Areas (SG, DSG)
 - 4.8 Overview of other international processes and their relevance to the work of the STRP (2016-2018), including IPBES, SDGs, and other MEAs (DSG/STRP Chair)
- 1300-1400 *Lunch break*
- 1400-1430 4. Briefing on the Ramsar Convention and the STRP (Continued)
- 4.9 Methodology and expected outcomes for the week and establishment of thematic working groups (STRP Chair)
- 1430-1745 Working Groups Sessions**
- 1430-1630 5. Working groups sessions- in parallel
- *Methodologies for the economic and non-economic valuation of the values of the goods and services of wetlands (Red List A)*
 - *Peatlands (cross-cutting) (Red List B)*
- 1630-1645 *Coffee break*
- 1645-1745 5. Working groups sessions (continued)
- *Methodologies for the economic and non-economic valuation of the values of the goods and services of wetlands (Red List A)*
 - *Peatlands (cross-cutting) (Red List B)*
- 1745-1820 Presentation: Overview of the Ramsar Sites Information Services (IT Officer and DSG/SRA)**

Tuesday 3 November 2015**0830-0900 Registration****0900-1300 Working Groups Sessions**

0900-1300 6. Working group sessions- in parallel

- *Best practice methodologies/tools to monitor Ramsar Sites, including surveying, mapping, and inventorying recognizing traditional practices of indigenous peoples and local communities: the first task to be addressed will be the State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to people (SoWWS) (Room: Red List A)*
- *Best practices for developing and implementing management plans, action plans and other tools for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands (Room: Red List B)*

1300-1400 *Lunch break*

1400-1700 7. Working group sessions (continued)

- *Climate change and wetlands: innovative methodologies for wetlands restoration (Red List A)*
- *Balancing wetland conservation and development e.g. infrastructure, urbanization, forestry, extractive industries and agriculture (Red List B)*

1700-1800 Plenary

1700-1800 8. Reporting back on working groups' progress

1930 - *Supper (optional) (Hostellerie du XVIème Siècle, Nyon)***Wednesday 4 November 2015****0900-0930 Plenary**

0900-0930 9. Briefing on the work for the day

0930-1600 Working groups sessions

Note: The scheduled parallel sessions are provisional and may be adjusted based on the reported progress of each working group.

0930-1300 10. Working groups sessions-parallel sessions

- *Best practice methodologies/tools to monitor Ramsar Sites, including*

surveying, mapping, and inventorying recognizing traditional practices of indigenous peoples and local communities (Red List A)

- *Peatlands (cross-cutting) (Think Tank A)*

1300-1400 Lunch break

Optional for STRP members. Staff members from IUCN, WWF International and the Ramsar Convention Secretariat have been invited.

Brown Bag Lunch Presentation: The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity – India Initiative (TII) (Ritesh Kumar, STRP Technical Expert) (Red List B).

Launched in 2010 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the TII has assessed policy and decision making contexts related to investment in wetland restoration, integration of wetlands in land use planning, property rights and distribution of costs and benefits, use of market based instruments, and financing wetland conservation and wise use.

See: <http://www.ramsar.org/document/the-economics-of-ecosystems-and-biodiversity-teeb-india-initiative-interim-report-working>

1400-1700 11. Working groups sessions (continued)

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1700-1800 Plenary

1700-1800 12. Presentation: *Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza* (Ruth Cromie, STRP Technical Member)

Thursday 5 November 2015

Note: all working groups' completed tasks templates must be submitted to the Secretariat by 1400 for consolidation.

0900-1300 Working groups sessions

0900-1300 13. Working groups sessions-parallel sessions

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1300-1400 *Lunch break*

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Brown Bag Lunch Presentation: Peatlands and climate change mitigation (Lars Dinesen, STRP Regional Technical Expert) (Red List A).

See: Peatlands, climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation, an issue brief on the importance of peatlands for carbon and biodiversity conservation and the role of drained peatlands as greenhouse gas emission hotspots:

http://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/ny_2_korrektur_and_peatland.pdf

1400-1600 14. Reporting back on working groups' progress and consolidation of work plan

Friday 6 November 2015

0900-1300 Plenary

0900-1300 15. Review of consolidated work plan 2016-2018 and budget allocation priorities

1100-1115 *Coffee break*

1115-1300 15. Review of consolidated draft work plan 2016-2018 and budget allocation priorities (continued)

1300-1400 *Lunch break*

1400-1600 15. Review of consolidated draft work plan 2016-2018 and budget allocation priorities (continued)

1600-1630 16. Adoption of draft work plan 2016-2018

1630-1645 17. Date and venue of next meeting (STRP20)

1645-1700 18. Any other business

1700-1730 19. Closure of the meeting