



Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP)

**Mid-term Workshops
19-26 February 2010, Gland, Switzerland**

Annotated Agenda

With links to Thematic Work Area and Task working documents

Notes.

1. STRP Thematic Work Areas (TWA) and task numbers are as in the STRP 2009-2012 Work Plan approved by the 40th meeting of the Standing Committee in May 2009 (available on: http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/strp/strp_workplan_2009.pdf)
2. As will be clear from the schedule below, a major focus for the 2010 mid-term workshops will be a series of task-specific parallel workshop sessions designed to provide the opportunity for substantive work and progress to be made on a number of the priority tasks which the STRP is expected to deliver during 2009-2012. Through these, and through other TWA parallel sessions, there will be opportunity for each TWA lead and its working group members to review progress and identify next priorities etc. for all tasks in the STRP 2009-2012 Work Plan.
3. During the week of 22-26 February a number of rooms will be made available during lunch breaks to those participants who expressed the will to present on particular topics of relevance to STRP
4. Participants are requested to download the working documents and bringing their own copies with them to the workshops.
5. TWA leads and task leads are requested to capture decisions and progresses in their pro forma as the discussions develop. At the end of the meeting or within the following week, TWA Leads would be expected to provide the latest versions of the pro forma to the STRP Chair and STRP Officer. Pro formas will be consolidated into the updated STRP workplan that together with the STRP meeting report will be presented by STRP Chair to Standing Committee 41 in April 2010.
6. STRP members and task force members will continue the work on the Support Service http://www.wetlands.org/_strp/ under the different Thematic Work Areas fora.

Annotated Agenda – STRP mid-term workshops 19-26 February 2010

Friday 19 February 2010

	SESSION	Relevant documents	Meeting Room
09.00-18.00	Invited workshop		
	<p>TWA2: Task 2.7 - Urban wetlands (invited workshop) (Task lead: Rob McInnes)</p> <p>This is a collaborative effort between STRP/Ramsar and UN-Habitat. The task works commenced with an expert workshop in Naivasha, Kenya, last November 2009 and are here followed by a two days writing meeting to draft the overarching principles which tie together the aims of UN HABITAT and Ramsar and to set the framework for the guidance for managing urban and peri-urban wetlands</p> <p>Some discussion has been initiated in the Support Service under: Task 2.7 Management of Urban Wetlands. Further discussion on this task should continue there after the workshop.</p>	<p>For this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda and background material • Updated task 2.7 pro forma <p>General background documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Expert Workshop on Urban Development, Biodiversity and Wetland Management, hosted by the Kenyan Wildlife Service - Training Institute in Naivasha, Kenya, 16-17November 2009. • Resolution X.27 Wetlands and urbanization 	LAC
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
	TWA2: Task 2.7 - Urban wetlands (invited workshop) <i>continued</i>		LAC

Saturday 20 February 2010

	SESSION	Relevant documents	Meeting Room
09.00-13.00	Invited workshops		
	TWA2: Task 2.7 - Urban wetlands (invited workshop) <i>continued</i>		LAC
	<p>TWA3: Tasks 4.2 & 4.1 – Global Wetland Observing System (G-WOS) and status of inventories (Task leads: Max Finlayson and Dave Pritchard)</p> <p><i>Discussion will continue on the Support Service under the forum "Work Area - Wetland inventory and assessment"</i></p>	<p>For this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated pro forma tasks 4.2-4.1 <p>Report back on this workshop will be included in the special plenary session on GWOS (see agenda item 14)</p>	EAST
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-18.00	Invited workshops		
	TWA2: Task 2.7 - Urban wetlands (invited workshop) <i>continued</i>		LAC
	TWA3: Tasks 4.2 & 4.1 Global Wetland Observing System (G-WOS) and status of inventories <i>continued</i>		EAST

Sunday 21 February 2010

	SESSION	Relevant documents	Meeting Room
09.00-13.00	Invited workshops		
	<p>TWA5: Task 6.1 Wetlands & carbon (TWA lead: Max Finlayson)</p> <p>Small expert writing group to look at different scientific aspects of carbon storage and Sequestration; to prepare a briefing paper for STRP on summarizing quantitative published information (and information gaps). This is in direct follow-up to work undertaken at the November 2009 Danone Fund for Nature workshop on wetlands and carbon.</p> <p>After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under Work Area - Wetlands and Climate Change forum</p>	<p>Documents will be distributed to the workshop's invited experts.</p> <p>Report back on this workshop will be included in the parallel session on TWA5 (see agenda item 4)</p>	EAST
	<p>TWA2: Task 2.6 – Wetlands & poverty eradication (Task lead: Ritesh Kumar)</p> <p>After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under "Work Area - STRP on-going and emerging issues" forum.</p>	<p>For this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated task 2.6 pro forma • Draft agenda <p>General background documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further background information here. • Resolution X.28 Wetlands and Poverty eradication 	LAC
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-18.00	Invited workshops		
	<p>TWA5: Task 6.1 - Wetlands & carbon (invited workshop) (TWA lead: Max Finlayson) <i>continued</i></p>		EAST
	<p>TWA3: Tasks 4.8 & 4.9 - Indicators of effectiveness, 1st and 2nd tranches (TWA lead: Dave Pritchard)</p> <p>Discussion will continue on the Support Service under the forum "Task: Assessing the implementation of the Convention - Indicators of effectiveness"</p>	<p>For this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated tasks 4.8 - 4.9 pro forma • Task group Agenda • Forward plan for indicators work <p>General background documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Secretary General's power point presentation on Progress with Ramsar's ecological outcome-oriented indicators of Convention implementation effectiveness to SC40 	MAIN

Monday 22 February 2010

	SESSION	Relevant documents	Meeting Room
09.00-13.00	Opening plenary		
09.00-09.30	1. Welcome, introductions & summary of what is to be achieved in the week. STRP Chair Deputy Secretary General (DSG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STRP Mid Term workshops 2010 - Participants list <p>Key background documents that provide context for the development of the STRP work programme and priorities for the 2009-2012 period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of STRP15 • STRP Chair power point presentation to SC40 • Report of STRP Chair to 40th Standing Committee meeting. • STRP work plan 2009-2012 as approved by SC40 • Resolution X.10 (Future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention) • Resolution X.09 on the STRP modus operandi 	MAIN
9.30-09.35	2. Adoption of agenda; Chair	STRP mid-terms Outline agenda	
09.35-12.30	3. Report from each Thematic Work Area (TWA) lead on progress to date and priorities for the mid-term sessions (max. 10 minutes per TWA lead):		
	3.1 •TWA1: Regional networking (Rebecca D’Cruz – Vice-Chair)	TWA1 updated pro forma	
	3.2 •TWA2: Strategic, emerging & ongoing issues (including general wise use of wetlands) (Heather MacKay – Chair)	TWA2 updated pro forma	
	3.3 •TWA3: Wetland inventory, assessment, monitoring and reporting (incl indicators) (Dave Pritchard)	TWA3 updated pro forma	
	3.4 •TWA4: Wetlands and human health (Pierre Horwitz)	TWA4 updated pro forma	
	3.5 •TWA5: Wetlands and climate change (Max Finlayson)	TWA5 updated pro forma	

	<p>3.6•TWA6: Wetlands and water resources management (Mike Acreman)</p> <p>3.7•TWA7: Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) (David Stroud)</p> <p>3.8•TWA8: Wetland management-restoration, mitigation, compensation (K. Erwin)</p> <p>3.9•TWA9: Wetlands and agriculture (George Lukacs)</p> <p>3.10•TWA10: CEPA (Christine Prietto)</p> <p>3.11 Plenary discussion to identify issues of common interest/concern across TWAs, address integration as needed.</p> <p>3.12 Process leading up to COP11: schedule of Standing Committee and preparatory meetings, including likely dates for STRP16 meeting; procedures for preparation, review and discussion of draft resolutions or other products/tasks which have COP-associated deliverables (Deputy Secretary General)</p>	<p>TWA6 updated pro forma</p> <p>TWA7 updated pro forma</p> <p>TWA8 updated pro forma</p> <p>TWA9 updated pro forma</p> <p>TWA10 updated pro forma</p>	
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-18.00	4.Parallel Sessions		
	<p>TWA1: Task 1.3 STRP NFPs support and network development (with Secretariat Senior Regional Advisors)</p> <p>After the meeting, the work for TWA1 will continue in the Support Service under the Work Area - Regional Networking forum</p>	<p>Terms of reference for STRP NFPs are annexed to Resolution X.09:</p> <p>STRP quarterly Newsletters available at in the STRP session of the Ramsar website</p>	EAST
	<p>TWA2: Task 2.3 Extractive industries (session A: pilot study risks/threats identification and African Flyways)</p> <p>After the meeting, the work for this task will continue in the Support Service under the Task : Mining and Extractive Industries forum</p>	<p>For this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task 2.3 updated pro-forma • Working Draft on wetland mining guideline <p>General background documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution X.26 Wetlands and extractive industries • COP10 Doc 24 • task 2.3 Terms of Reference 	LAC
	<p>TWA5: Wetlands & climate change</p> <p>The work for this TWA will continue in the Support Service under the “Work Area - Wetlands and Climate Change” forum</p>	<p>For this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated TWA5 pro forma • Outline summary on Wetlands and Climate Change's activities prepared by TWA5 lead Max Finlayson <p>General background documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing note on Climate Change to 	MAIN

		UNFCCC COP15 prepared by STRP Chair Heather MacKay.	
	TWA9: Wetlands & agriculture The work for this TWA will continue in the Support Service under the Work Area - Wetlands and Agriculture forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution X.24 Wetlands and Climate Change task 2.1 updated pro forma 	PRESIDENT
18.30-20.00	5. Evening session		
	TWA2: Task 2.7 Urban wetlands - special plenary session (Task lead: Rob McInnes) This session will be used by the task lead to report back on the progresses made during the invited expert workshop held on Friday 19 th and Saturday 20 th February 2010.		MAIN

Tuesday 23 February 2010

	SESSION	Relevant documents	Meeting Room
09.00-09.10	Plenary		
	6. General announcements; any schedule changes requested; confirmation of programme for the day -Deputy Secretary General		MAIN
09.10-13.00	7.Parallel Sessions		
	TWA8: Tasks 9.1 & 9.2 - Wetland restoration, mitigation & compensation (TWA lead: Kevin Erwin) After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under the Work Area - wetlands management - restoration, mitigation and compensation forum	For this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TWA8 Briefing note from the Deputy Secretary General TWA8 updated pro forma Summary of definitions for Mitigation and compensation 	MAIN
	TWA7: Tasks 8.4, 4.5, 8.3 - Review of Ramsar Site Criteria, Harmonization of RIS and site selection guidelines (TWA lead: David Stroud) After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under the "Work Area - Ramsar site designation and management" forum	For this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annotated agenda discussion paper Re structure and content of RIS and Strategic Plan and possible options for modification Compilation of RIS's issues Reflections on site-related issues Working Note drafted by DSG in 2007 on 	EAST

		<p>inconsistencies re Ramsar criteria and targets for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Some discussion has been initiated in the Support Service under Workshop on RIS and Strategic Framework issues</i> 	
	<p>TWA2: Task 2.3 Extractive industries (session B: review technical guidance on managing impacts and draft "guide to guidance") (TWA lead: Heather MacKay)</p> <p>After the meeting, the work for this task will continue in the Support Service under the Task : Mining and Extractive Industries forum</p>	<p>For this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task 2.3 updated pro-forma <p>General background documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution X.26 Wetlands and extractive industries • Task 2.3 Terms of Reference 	LAC
	<p>TWA2: Task 2.6 Wetlands & poverty eradication (Task lead: Ritesh Kumar) <i>continued from 21 Feb afternoon</i></p> <p>Discussions will continue in the Support Service under the "Work Area - STRP on-going and emerging issues" forum.</p>		PRESIDENT
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-17.30	8. Parallel sessions		
	<p>TWA8: Tasks 9.1 & 9.2 - Wetland restoration, mitigation & compensation (TWA lead: Kevin Erwin) <i>continued</i></p> <p>After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under the Work Area - wetlands management - restoration, mitigation and compensation forum</p>		MAIN
	<p>TWA7: Tasks 8.4, 4.5, 8.3 - Review of Ramsar Site Criteria, Harmonization of RIS and site selection guidelines (TWA lead: David Stroud) <i>continued</i></p> <p>After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under the "Work Area - Ramsar site designation and management" forum</p>		EAST
	<p>TWA6: Wetlands & water resources management (TWA lead: Mike Acreman)</p> <p>After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under the "Work Area - Wetlands and Water resource management" forum</p>	<p>TWA6 pro forma</p> <p>Resolution X.19 Wetlands and river basin management: consolidated scientific and technical guidance</p>	LAC

17.30-18.00	Plenary		
	9. Review of progress and assignment of any additional small group sessions needed		MAIN
18.30-20.00	10. Evening session		
	TWA7: Task 8.9 Transboundary Ramsar sites and wetlands - <i>special plenary session</i> <i>Video conference with the students of Stetson University to present case studies on management of Transboundary Ramsar Sites</i>	For this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated task 8.9 pro forma 	MAIN

Wednesday 24 February 2010

	SESSION	Relevant documents	Meeting Room
09.00-09.10	Plenary		
	11. General announcements; any schedule changes requested; confirmation of programme for the day		MAIN
09.10-13.00	12. Parallel Sessions		
	TWA4: Task 5.1 - Wetlands & human health (TWA lead: Pierre Horwitz) Discussion will continue on the Support Service under the forum Work Area - Wetlands and Human Health	For this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWA4 update pro forma • draft report on wetlands and human health • Resolution X.23 Wetlands and human health and well-being 	EAST
	TWA3: Tasks 4.4 & 4.6 - ecological character description issues (Task lead: Pritchard/Stroud) After the STRP meeting, the work for this task will continue on the Support Service under the forum " Work Area - Wetland inventory and assessment "	For this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated tasks 4.4 - 4.6 pro forma • Draft agenda • Ramsar ecological character description sheet for Gough Island General background documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution .15 • Resolution X.16 • COP10 DOC27 	MAIN
	TWA10: Communications, Education, Participation & Awareness (CEPA) (TWA lead: Chris Prietto) This parallel session will serve to elaborate a first draft of the schedule of STRP tasks where the CEPA TWA will contribute during the following here. So far the CEPA TWA has	General background documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWA10 pro forma 	LAC

	provided input to TWA3 / Indicators and TWA4(wetlands and Human Health) Discussion will continue on the Support Service under the forum Work Area - Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)		
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-18.00	13. Parallel Sessions		
	TWA3/TWA7: Task 4.3 - Ramsar data & information needs (TWA leads: Dave Pritchard & David Stroud) Discussion will continue on the Support Service under the forum "Work Area - Wetland inventory and assessment"	For this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated task 4.3. proforma • Task agenda • working document General background documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution X.14 A Framework for Ramsar data and information needs 	MAIN
	TWA7: Tasks 8.6, 8.7 & 8.8 - biogeographic regionalisation, under-representation, and reservoirs & human-made wetlands (Task lead: David Stroud)	For this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tasks 8.6-8.7 and 8.8 pro forma General background documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution X.20 	EAST
	a) Other task & TWA groups continue as needed b) TWA leads prepare updates and reports to plenary		LAC & PRESIDENT
18.30-20.00	14. Evening Session		
	TWA3: Task 4.1 Global Wetland Observing System (G-WOS) - - <i>special plenary session</i> <i>The task lead will report back on the parallel sessions of Saturday 20 February 2010</i>		MAIN

Thursday 25 February 2010

	SESSION	Relevant documents	Meeting Room
10.00-13.00	Plenary		
	15. Timelines for delivery of products for COP11 (Nick) 16. Date of STRP16 17. TWAs & task groups: report-back on progress, planned deliverables, resources needed, issues arising and future plans and needs. <i>Continues through Thursday and Friday in this order:</i>		MAIN

	<p>17.2 TWA6: Wetlands and water resources management (MA)</p> <p>17.3 TWA9: Wetlands and agriculture (GL)</p> <p>17.4 TWA4: Wetlands and human health (PH)</p> <p>17.5 TWA2: Current tasks with planned deliverables in 2009-2012 cycle</p> <p> 17.5.1: Task 2.7 Urban wetlands (RM)</p> <p> 17.5.2: Task 2.6 Wetlands and poverty eradication (RK)</p> <p> 17.5.3: Task 2.3 Extractive industries A and B (HM)</p> <p> 17.5.4: Task 2.4 Wetlands & energy issues (HM)</p> <p> 17.5.5: Task 2.12 Invasive species, wildlife diseases (DS)</p> <p> 17.5.6: Tasks 3.1 (MA responses), 3.2 (Wise use case studies) and 2.8 (Fisheries)</p> <p>17.6 TWA 8: Wetland restoration, mitigation & compensation</p>		
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-18.00	Plenary		
	<p>17.7 TWA5: Climate change (including report back on wetland carbon workshop)</p> <p>17.8 TWA3: Tasks 4.8 and 4.9 Indicators of effectiveness</p> <p>17.9 TWA3/7: Task 4.3 Ramsar data and information needs</p> <p>17.10 TWA3: Tasks 4.2 and 4.1 GWOS and status of inventories</p> <p>17.11 Tasks 8.6, 8.7, 8.8 Biogeographic regionalization, under-representation, reservoirs & human-made wetlands.</p> <p>17.12 TWA7: Tasks 8.4, 4.5, 8.3 Review of Ramsar site criteria, harmonization of RIS and site selection guidelines <i>(Some elements of agenda item 15.12 may be run together with 15.13)</i></p> <p>17.13 TWA3: Tasks 4.4, 4.6 Ecological character description issues</p> <p>17.14 TWA7 task 8.9 Transboundary Ramsar sites and wetlands</p> <p>17.15 TWA1: Regional networking</p>		MAIN

	17.16 TWA10: CEPA		
19.30-22.00	STRP Dinner		
	STRP dinner will take place at the Hostellerie du XVIe Siècle Place du Marché 2, 1260 Nyon (Tel: +(41-22) 994 88 00) Each participant to the dinner will be requested to pay 40 CHF at the restaurant. The Ramsar Secretariat will offer drinks.		

Friday 26 February 2010

	SESSION	RELEVANT DOCUMENTS	Meeting Room
09.00-13.00	Plenary		
	<p>Agenda item 17: TWAs and task groups continue report back and plenary discussion.</p> <p>18. TWA2: tasks without priority deliverables for the 2009-2012 cycle (HM) 18.1: Task 2.10 Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza (HPAI) – update from task force (David Stroud) 18.2: Task 2.11 Water bird flyway initiatives (Nick Davidson, David Stroud) 18.3: Task 2.5 Economic sector review & relevance for wetlands (RK)</p> <p>19. TWA2 Ongoing and emerging issues (HM) 19.1 Classification systems for wetlands 19.2 STRP Support Service redevelopment 19.3 STRP review and editorial policy development</p> <p><i>If we do not have time to discuss items 19.4 and 19.5 in plenary, then the discussion will continue on the Support Service.</i> 19.4 International Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) – STRP views to take forward into this process. 19.5 Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies (CSAB) of the biodiversity related Conventions and MEAs – report back from Nairobi 2009 and STRP recommendations for collaboration</p> <p>20. Updated list of products due out in the 2009-2012 cycle (ND and MZ) Including possible COP11 draft resolutions arising from work of the TWAs and task groups. Includes prioritization of remaining tasks & deliverables requiring resources, depending on available budget.</p>	<p>Task 2.10 updated pro forma Task 2.11 updated pro forma</p>	MAIN

13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00- 18.00	Plenary		
	<p>21. Any documents for review and/or signoff</p> <p>22. TWA2 Other sectoral and/or emerging issues on our rolling list (only if time allows).</p> <p>23. Any other business</p> <p>24. Closure</p>		MAIN