Agenda item III

Provisional Agenda

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XIV Financial report and proposed budget for the triennium 2009-2011
XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee
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XVII Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions
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XIX Election of the Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee
XX Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
XXI Any other business
XXII Adoption of the report of the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
XXIII Close of the meeting
Monday, 27 October 2008

08:30 – 18:00 Registration of delegates
10:00 – 18:00 38th Meeting of the Standing Committee (thenceforward the Conference Committee)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008

08:00 – 17:00 Registration (continued)
09:00 – 12:00 Regional meetings for Africa, Americas, Asia, and Europe regions
13:00 – 16:00 Americas regional meeting (continued), Oceania regional meeting, MedWet Committee meeting
17:00 – 19:00 **Opening ceremony and welcoming statements** (includes Agenda items I and II and presentation of Ramsar Awards)
19:00 – 21:30 Welcome reception

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)
08:45 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee
10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

III Adoption of the agenda
IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
V Election of the President and Vice-Presidents
Remarks by the President
VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees
VII Admission of Observers
VIII Report of the Chairperson of the Standing Committee
13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
13:15 - 14:45 International Organization Partners (IOPs) Supporting Event: “Climate change policies and wetlands conservation: conflicts and synergies”
15:00 – 17:30 **Plenary Session**

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17:30 – 18:00  
Special presentation on wetland conservation and sustainable use in the Republic of Korea

Followed by Host Country reception

**Thursday, 30 October 2008**

08:30 – 18:00  
Registration (continues each day to 4 November)
08:45 – 09:45  
Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 13:00  
Plenary Session

**XIII**  
The Convention’s draft Strategic Plan 2009-2014: introduction and first general discussion

**XIV**  
Financial report by the Chairperson of the Subgroup on Finance of the Standing Committee and proposed budget for the triennium 2009-2011

**XV**  
Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee

13:00 – 15:00  
Lunch break

13:15 - 14:45  
International Organization Partners (IOPs) Supporting Event: “Biofuels, agriculture and wetlands”

15:00 – 17:45  
Regional Meetings to prepare and caucus views for the upcoming sessions

**Friday, 31 October 2008**

08:45 – 09:45  
Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 10:30  
Special Presentation: Human health and wetlands interactions – issues for healthy wetlands and healthy people in the future

10:30 – 13:00  
Plenary Session (continuation from the previous day)

13:00 – 15:00  
Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  
Plenary Session (continuation from the morning)

**Saturday, 1 November 2008**

08:45 – 09:45  
Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 10:30  
Special Presentation: Climate change, water and wetlands – managing for change

10:30 – 13:00  
Plenary Session (continuation from the previous day)
13:00 – 15:00  Lunch break

15:00 – 15:30  *Special Presentation: Integrated water management – prospects and challenges for the next decade*

15:30 – 18:00  **Plenary Session** (continuation from the morning)

18:30 – 20:00  **Regional meetings** to agree on recommendations to the Plenary Session on Contracting Parties to be elected to serve on the Standing Committee

**Sunday, 2 November 2008**

08:45 – 09:45  Meeting of the Conference Committee (if necessary)

*NOTE: all work on the draft resolutions must be finalised by 13:00 to allow for preparation of materials in a timely manner.*

**Field visits organised by the Republic of Korea**

**Monday, 3 November 2008**

08:45 – 09:45  Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

  XVI  Report of the Credentials Committee

  XVII  Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions

13:00 – 15:00  Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

  XVII  Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions (continued)

**Tuesday, 4 November 2008**

08:45 – 09:45  Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

  XVIII  Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations

13:00 – 15:00  Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

  XIX  Election of the Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee
XX Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

XXI Any other business

XXII Adoption of the report of the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

XXIII Close of the meeting

18:30 – 19:30 39th Meeting of the Standing Committee