

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

30th Meeting of the Standing Committee
Gland, Switzerland, 13-16 January 2004

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Draft Agenda and Programme
Revision 2

Note: Numbering of items is as in the original document, although the order has been changed.

Wednesday 14 January - Plenary Session

09.30 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 18.00

1. Opening statements
Chair of the Standing Committee, Gordana Beltram, Slovenia
Director-General of IUCN, Achim Steiner
Secretary General, Peter Bridgewater
Statement on behalf of the four International Organization Partners
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Admission of Observers
4. Report of the Secretary General (DOC. SC30-2)
5. Ramsar Secretariat Work Plan 2004 (DOC. SC30-3)
6. Matters related to the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
 - 6.1 Report of the Chair of the STRP (DOC. SC30-4)
 - 6.2 Establishment and operations of the STRP Support Service (DOC. SC30-5)
8. Indicators of effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention – report from the STRP's Working Group 6 (DOC. SC30-7)
7. Report of the Subgroup on Resolution VIII.45 (DOC. SC30-6) :
Initial report from the Chair
9. Preparations for Ramsar COP9:
Initial report from the Chair
11. Ramsar sites which cease to meet or never met the Ramsar Criteria (Resolution VIII.22)
(DOC. SC30-13)

18.15 – 19.30 Reception (entrance hall)

Thursday, 15 January – Plenary Session

09.30 – 13.00 and 14.30 – 18.00

9. Preparations for Ramsar COP9:
 - 9.1 Memorandum of Understanding with the government of Uganda; dates, duration and organization of COP9; theme and image for COP9; secretariat's costs and other COP9 funding matters (DOC. SC30-8)
 - 9.2 Ramsar Award/Evian Special Award (DOC. SC30-9)
 - 9.3 Regional/subregional meetings
 - 9.4 Deliberations of the Subgroup on Resolution VIII.45

Special presentation on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

10. Financial matters:
 - 10.1 Review of 2002 income and expenditure audited accounts; review of 2003 core and projects income and expenditure; status of projects; Ramsar Secretariat Budget 2004 and 2005 (DOC. SC30-10)
 - 10.2 Approval of projects for the Ramsar Small Grant Fund 2003 (DOC. SC30-11)
 - 10.3 The Ramsar Endowment Fund
 - 10.4 Fundraising for the Ramsar Small Grants Fund, the Ramsar Endowment Fund, the Voluntary Fund for the Convention's Outreach Programme, and the STRP work (DOC. SC30-12)

20.00 – 22.00 Group dinner

Friday, 16 January – Plenary Session

09.30 – 13.30

Residual matters from Thursday 15 January.

12. Progress with the agreement with the Government of Panama for the establishment of a Ramsar Centre for the Western Hemisphere (DOC. SC30-14)
13. Progress with the Ramsar-CBD Joint Work Plan and relevant issues arising at CBD COP7 (DOC. SC30-15)
14. Date of the 31st Meeting of the Standing Committee
16. Any other business
15. Adoption of the report of the meeting
17. Closing remarks