Draft Agenda and Programme
Revision 2

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)

   6.1 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