

34th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Draft Agenda and Programme

Monday, 10 April

15:00 – 18:00

Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance (USA, Chair; Benin, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Samoa)

Financial Matters (Item 12 of SC34 Agenda)

- 12.1 Review of 2005 core and projects income and expenditure (DOC. SC34-17)
- 12.2 Ramsar Secretariat Budget 2006 (Resolution IX.12)
- 12.3 Operational Guidelines for the Ramsar Small Grants Fund in the triennium 2006-2008 (DOC. SC34-18)
- 12.4 Strategy for improving the status and resourcing of the SGF (Resolution IX.13) (DOC. SC34-19)
- 12.5 Contracting Parties that are consistently in arrears with payments to the Convention (DOC. SC34-20)
- 12.6 Financial arrangements for MedWet and other regional initiatives, review of 2006 and approval of arrangements for 2007 (Resolution IX.7) (DOC. SC34-21)
- 12.7 Ramsar Sites Information Service (DOC. SC34-22)

Tuesday, 11 April

10:00 – 13:00

Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

1. Opening statements

Chair of the Standing Committee, Paul Mafabi, Uganda
Director-General of IUCN, Achim Steiner
Secretary General, Peter Bridgewater
Statement on behalf of the five International Organization Partners

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Admission of Observers

4. Report of the Secretary General (DOC. SC34-2)

5. Report of the meeting of the International Organization Partners' CEOs (DOC. SC34-3)

6. Establishment of the Management Working Group (Resolution IX.24) and the Subgroup on COP10, and review of arrangements for other Subgroups (DOC. SC34-4)

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7. Work plans and priorities for the future: (DOC. SC34-5)
 - 7.1 The Convention's Work Plan 2006-2008 (Annex to Resolution IX.8 and Annexes to Resolution IX.2)
 - 7.2 Ramsar Secretariat Work Plan 2006
8. COP9 outputs requiring attention by SC34:
 - 8.1 Action Plan for the Convention on water-related processes (Resolution IX.3) (DOC. SC34-6)
 - 8.2 Development of the Convention's Strategic Plan 2009-2014 (DOC. SC34-7)
 - 8.3 Format for National Reports for COP10 (DOC. SC34-8)

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- 8.4 Review of COP Decisions (DOC. SC34-9)
- 8.5 Implementation of Resolution IX.10 on the legal status of the Secretariat (DOC. SC34-10)
- 8.6 Establishment of an Oversight Panel for CEPA activities and adoption of a *modus operandi* (Resolution IX.18) (DOC. SC34-11)
9. Matters related to the Scientific and Technical Review Panel:
 - 9.1 Report of the STRP Oversight Committee (DOC. SC34-12)
10. Communications, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA):
 - 10.1 Themes for World Wetlands Day 2007 and 2008 (DOC. SC34-13)
 - 10.2 Report on training activities (DOC. SC34-14)
 - 10.3 Outreach (DOC. SC34-15)
 - 10.4 Progress reports from regional training initiatives (DOC. SC34-16)

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11. Secretary General matters
12. Financial matters. Report of the Subgroup on Finance

19:30 Standing Committee dinner

Thursday, 13 April

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13. Date of the 35th Meeting of the Standing Committee

14. Adoption of the report of the meeting
15. Any other business
16. Closing remarks