

**37th Meeting of the Standing Committee**

**Draft Agenda and Programme**

**Monday, 2 June**

**10:00 – 11:30**      **Meeting of the Management Working Group** (Chair and Vice Chair of COP8 Standing Committee, Chair and Vice Chair of COP9 SC, COP8 and COP9 Chairs of Subgroup on Finance, STRP COP8 Chair, STRP COP9 Chair, Secretary General, BirdLife International and WWF International, and representatives of the following Contracting Parties: China, Japan, Malawi, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Switzerland, Syria, Viet Nam)

- DRxx: Establishment and operations of the Management Working Group Transition Committee (DOC. SC37-1)
- Legal status of the Secretariat (DOCs. SC37-2 and SC37-2 add.1)
- DRxx: Facilitating the operations of the Ramsar Secretariat (DOC. SC37-3)
- DRxx: The Frequency and timing of the meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP) (DOC. SC37-4)
- Future Secretariat structure and staffing (DOC. SC37-5)

**11:45 - 13:00**      **Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance** (USA (Chair), Benin, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Samoa)

- 2007 audited accounts (DOC. SC37-6)
- DRxx: Financial and budgetary matters (DOC. SC37-7)
- DRxx: Regional initiatives operating within the framework of the Convention (DOC. SC37-8)
- DRxx: The Ramsar Small Grants Fund and revised Operational Guidelines for 2009-2011 (DOC. SC37-9)
- Unpaid contributions from the Parties

**15:00 - 18:00**      **Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance** (continued)

**Tuesday, 3 June**

**09:00 - 11:00**      **Meeting of the Subgroup on COP10 as the Ramsar Award jury, in closed session** (Republic of Korea (Chair), Austria, El Salvador, Kenya, Samoa, Switzerland, Thailand, USA, Wetlands International)

**11:00 - 11.45 Closed session of Standing Committee 37**

Selection of Ramsar Award/Evian Special Award laureates

**11:45 - 13:00 Plenary session**

**1. Opening statements**

- a) Chair of the Standing Committee, Paul Mafabi, Uganda
- b) Director General of IUCN, Julia Marton-Lefevre
- c) The five International Organization Partners (delivery by one IOP representative)
- d) Secretary General, Anada Tiega

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**3. Admission of Observers**

**15:00 - 18:00 Plenary Session**

**4. Preparations for Ramsar COP10**

- 4.1 Reports of the Chair of the Subgroup on COP10, Chair of Standing Committee, and Secretary General

**5. Report of the Management Working Group**

- 5.1 DR xx: Establishment and operations of the Management Working Group Transition Committee (DOC. SC37-1)
- 5.2 Legal status of the Secretariat (DOCs. SC37-2 and SC37-2 add.1) and DR xx: Facilitating the operations of the Ramsar Secretariat (DOC. SC37-3)
- 5.3 DR xx: The Frequency and timing of the meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP) (DOC. SC37-4)
- 5.4 Future Secretariat structure and staffing (DOC. SC37-5)

**Wednesday, 4 June**

**10:00 - 13:00 Plenary Session**

**6. Financial matters**

- 6.1 Report of the Subgroup on Finance
- 6.2 DR xx: Financial and budgetary matters (DOC. SC37-7)
- 6.3 DR xx: Regional initiatives operating within the framework of the Convention (DOC. SC37-8)
- 6.4 DR xx: The Ramsar Small Grants Fund and revised Operational Guidelines for 2009-2011 (DOC. SC37-9)

**15:00 - 18:00 Plenary Session**

**7. Policy and procedural COP10 draft Resolutions and guidelines**

- 7.1 DR xx: The Convention's Strategic Plan 2009-2014 (DOC. SC37-10)
- 7.2 DR xx: The Convention's CEPA Programme 2009-2014 (DOC. SC37-11)
- 7.3 DR xx: Refinement of the *modus operandi* of the STRP (DOC. SC37-12)
- 7.4 DR xx: Synergies with other MEAs and international organisations (DOC. SC37-13)
- 7.5 DR xx: The status of sites in the Ramsar List (DOC. SC37-14)
- 7.6 DR xx: The "Changwon Declaration" (DOC. SC37-15)
- 7.7 DR xx: Wetlands and extractive industries (DOCs. SC37-16 and SC37-16 add.1)
- 7.8 Review of past COP decisions – options for provision of information to COP10 (DOC. SC37-17)
- 7.9 DR xx: Framework for comprehensive ecological and economic partnerships between the Ramsar Convention and the business sector (DOC. SC37-34)

**Thursday, 5 June**

**10:00 - 13:00 Plenary Session**

**8. Scientific and technical COP10 draft Resolutions and guidelines**

- 8.1 DR xx: Data and information needs for management of wetlands, including Ramsar sites (DOC. SC37-18)
- 8.2 DR xx: Describing wetland ecological character, and data needs and formats for core inventory: harmonized scientific and technical guidance (DOC. SC37-19)
- 8.3 DR xx: Detecting, reporting and responding to change in ecological character: scientific and technical guidance (DOC. SC37-20)
- 8.4 DR xx: Indicators of effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention: scientific and technical guidance (DOC. SC37-21)
- 8.5 DR xx: "Voluntary guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive Environmental Impact Assessment & guidance on biodiversity-inclusive Strategic Environmental Assessment" adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and their relevance to the Ramsar Convention (DOC. SC37-22)
- 8.6 DR xx: The application of response options from the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) within the Ramsar Wise Use Toolkit (DOC. SC37-23)
- 8.7 DR xx: Wetlands and river basin management: consolidated scientific and technical guidance (DOC. SC37-24)
- 8.8 DR xx: Biogeographic regionalization schemes for Ramsar site designation: supplementary scientific and technical guidance (DOC. SC37-25)

**15:00 - 18:00 Plenary Session**

**8. Scientific and technical COP10 draft Resolutions and guidelines (continued)**

- 8.9 DR xx: Wetlands and human health (DOC. SC37-26)
- 8.10 DR xx: Wetlands and climate change (DOC. SC37-27)
- 8.11 DR xx: Wetlands and "biofuels" (DOC. SC37-28)
- 8.12 DR xx: Promoting international cooperation for the conservation of waterbird flyways (DOC. SC37-29)

- 8.13 DR xx: Future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention (DOC. SC37-30, Rev.1)
- 8.14 DR xx: The conservation and management of urban wetlands (DOC. SC37-31)
- 8.15 DR xx: Wetlands and poverty reduction (DOC. SC37-32)

**19:30 Standing Committee dinner**

**Friday, 6 June**

**10:00 - 13:00 Plenary Session**

**9. COP10 draft Resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties**

- 9.1 DR xx: Additional guidelines for the Convention's national implementing agencies (submitted by France) (DOC. SC37-35)
- 9.2 DR xx: Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the Ramsar Convention (submitted by Bahamas for the Caribbean states) (DOC. SC37-36)
- 9.3 DR xx: [Danube Delta] (submitted by Romania) (DOC. SC37-37)
- 9.4 DR xx: Draft Resolution on enhancing biodiversity in rice paddies (submitted by Japan and Republic of Korea) (DOC. SC37-38)

**10. Matters outstanding from Agenda items 5-8**

**15:00 – 17:30 Plenary Session and close of the meeting**

- 11. **Arrangements for the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee** (27 October 2008)
- 12. **Any other business**
- 13. **Adoption of the report of the meeting**
- 14. **Closing remarks**