

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
43rd Meeting of the Standing Committee
Gland, Switzerland, 31 October – 4 November 2011

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Draft Agenda and Programme

Monday, 31 October

10:00-13:00 **Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance** (Finland (Chair), China, Jamaica, Marshall Islands, Mexico, and Nigeria)

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- a) Financial challenges for 2011 and 2012 budget approval
- b) IUCN draft internal audit report
- c) The Reserve Fund (decision SC42-12)
- d) Update on contribution arrears (decisions SC42-13 and SC42-14)
- e) Regional Meeting and COP fundraising update (decisions SC42-15 and SC42-16)
- f) Report on Small Grants Fund since decision SC42-18
- g) Simultaneous interpretation of Standing Committee subgroups (decision SC42-19)

DOC. SC43-02

- h) Consideration of budget proposals for 2013-2015 (decision SC42-17)
- i) Review of Finance COP 11 Draft Resolution (including brief discussion of the financial implications of possible COP 11 conclusions relating to the future hosting of the Secretariat).

15:00-18:00 **Meeting of the Subgroup on COP11** (Romania (Chair), Canada, Croatia, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Panama, Uganda, Republic of Korea, STRP Chair)

- a) Report of preparations for COP11
- b) The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award, in closed session

Tuesday, 1 November

08:15-09:45 **Regional meetings as needed**

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

1. Opening statements
 - Chair of the Standing Committee, Republic of Korea
 - IUCN (Director General or someone on her behalf)

- Statement on behalf of the five International Organization Partners
- Secretary General, Anada Tiéga

Signature of a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT)

2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Admission of Observers
4. Matters arising from Decisions of the 42nd meeting of Standing Committee
5. Report of the Subgroup on COP11
7. **Closed session of Standing Committee 43**
Selection of Ramsar Award/Evian Special Award laureates

15:00-18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

6. Financial matters: Report of the Subgroup on Finance
- 6bis Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel
8. Secretariat Work Plan 2012
- 8bis Strategic Framework for Ramsar Partnerships
9. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform

Wednesday, 2 November

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings as needed

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

9. Discussion of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform (Continued) and of DR1 “Future administration of the Ramsar Convention Secretariat”
10. Consideration of proposed Draft Resolutions to be submitted to COP11

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

10. Consideration of proposed Draft Resolutions to be submitted to COP11 (continued)

Thursday, 3 November

08:15 – 09:15 Regional meetings as needed

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

9. Discussion of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform (continued as necessary)

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session

10. Consideration of proposed Draft Resolutions to be submitted to COP11 (continued)

Friday, 4 November

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings as needed

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session

9. Discussion of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform (continued as necessary)

14:00 – 17:00 Plenary Session

10. Consideration of proposed Draft Resolutions to be submitted to COP11 (continued)
11. Proposed amendments to the COP Rules of Procedure
12. Date and venue of the 44th Meeting of the Standing Committee (Sunday, 17 June 2012, Bucharest)
13. Adoption of the report of the meeting
14. Any other business
15. Closing remarks