Annex to Diplomatic Note 2007/8 of 9 November 2007

Standing Committee composition

Voting members

Africa: Benin, Gabon, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda (Chair and COP9 Host)
Asia: China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Korea (COP10 Host), Thailand
Europe: Austria, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Slovenia
Neotropics: Bahamas (Vice-Chair), Ecuador, El Salvador
N. America: the United States (Chair of the Subgroup on Finance)
Oceania: Samoa

Observers

Permanent Observer status: The Netherlands, Switzerland


Chair of the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)

Composition of Subgroups

Subgroup on COP10: Republic of Korea (Chair), Austria, El Salvador, Kenya, Samoa, Switzerland (Observer), Thailand, USA, and Wetlands International (IOP contact).

Subgroup on Finance: USA (Chair), Benin, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador and Samoa.

Subgroup on the Strategic Plan: Bahamas (Chair), Australia, Benin, Ecuador, Georgia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan (Observer), UK (Observer), USA and BirdLife International (IOP contact).

Management Working Group:
Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Committee established at COP8
Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Committee established at COP9
COP8 and COP9 Chairs of the Subgroup on Finance
COP8 and COP9 Chairs of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel
Secretary General ex officio
BirdLife International and WWF International representing the International Organization Partners
Representatives of the following Contracting Parties: China, Japan, Malawi, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Samoa, Switzerland, Syria, Viet Nam.