

Notification 2011/14

Decisions of the 43rd Meeting of the Standing Committee and Support Group for Strategic Ramsar Partnerships

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... and has the honour to refer to the following:

The Standing Committee of the Convention on Wetlands held its 43rd meeting in Gland, Switzerland, from 31 October - 4 November 2011. The full report of the meeting (English only) and the decisions (English, French and Spanish version) are available on the Ramsar website at the following link: <http://www.ramsar.org/sc43-docs/>

At the 43rd meeting of the Standing Committee, Decision SC43-35 (relating to Document SC43-09 on the Framework for Strategic Ramsar Partnerships) “requested the Secretary General and the Secretariat to undertake further work on and revise the Strategic Framework for Ramsar Partnerships as presented in DOC. SC43-09, particularly in order:

- a) to provide further analysis of all existing partnerships, including those with donors, and to list gaps in the current situation;
- b) in cooperation with the STRP, the IOPs, and Regional Initiatives, as well as National Focal Points, to identify potential global, regional, and national donors and to prepare tailor-made products and projects for them;
- c) to report on a regular basis to the Subgroup on Finance on the progress of the work on partnerships and synergies with other relevant processes and organizations, including, inter alia, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements and United Nations agencies and organizations, following the structure of the above-mentioned Terms of Reference;
- d) to elaborate a first draft work plan for the Partnership Coordinator with a roadmap and clear indicators of success until May 2012, taking into account fundraising as a priority, with particular emphasis on Regional Initiatives, the SGF, and the STRP; and
- e) to offer training possibilities and tools on fundraising to each region over the next triennium; [and]

established a support group composed of interested Contracting Parties and IOPs to work with the Secretariat on the above points and to meet together with Contracting Parties on the occasion of COP11; and invited interested Parties to inform the Secretariat of their wish to participate in that group”.

In fulfilling the Standing Committee's wish to establish this support group, the Secretariat requests any Contracting Party and IOP wishing to participate in this group to submit its name in writing to the Partnership Coordinator, Ms Claudia Fenerol, Fenerol@Ramsar.org by **20 January 2012**.

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of... the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 9 December 2011