

Notification 2014/2

Draft Agenda for the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties and deadlines for submission of Draft Resolutions

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 Ramsar Secretariat is pleased to confirm that the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (Ramsar COP12) will be held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 1 to 9 June 2015, with the 49th meeting of Standing Committee scheduled for 1 June and regional meetings for 1 and 2 June.

The theme of COP12 is "Wetlands for our Future". The Secretariat and the Government of Uruguay will shortly launch the accompanying logo, and encourage you to use this to raise awareness of the event.

The provisional agenda for COP12 is attached. This follows the structure outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Host Country.

The Secretariat draws the attention of Contracting Parties to the Rules of Procedure concerning submission of Draft Resolutions. The deadline for submission is 60 days before the final Standing Committee meeting that can approve such Draft Resolutions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. The 48th meeting of the Standing Committee will take place from 26 to 30 January 2015, and so Draft Resolutions must reach the Secretariat by 27 November 2014 at the latest.

The Secretariat also reminds Contracting Parties that, as indicated in Notification 2014/1, Standing Committee agreed through Decision SC47-08 (vi) to encourage all Parties to submit their National Reports for COP12, if possible, by 1 August 2014, so that the information can also be used in the preparation of the fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan.

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, Switzerland, 27 May 2014

Encl: Provisional agenda for Ramsar COP12

