Draft Agenda and Programme

Subgroup meetings

**Monday, 23 October**
09.30 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 18.00

**Meeting of Subgroup on Finance:** Algeria, Argentina, Armenia (Chair), Japan and Mexico

To discuss and prepare recommendations on all financial issues under agenda item 22.

**Tuesday, 24 October**
09.30 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 18.00

**Meeting of the Subgroup on COP8:** Costa Rica, France, Mexico, Spain (Chair), and Togo. Observer: USA. [Representation from Asia and Oceania not yet communicated.]

To discuss issues under agenda item 18.

**Meeting of the Subgroup on the Strategic Plan 2003-2008:** Algeria, Australia, Slovak Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda (Chair), and USA, plus the STRP Chair, representatives of the International Organization Partners and the Secretary General (ex officio). [Representation from Asia not yet communicated.]

To discuss the second draft of the Plan and prepare recommendations to the Standing Committee.

18.00 – 19.30

**Meetings of Regional Representatives with the Ramsar Bureau Regional Coordinators** to review the Bureau Work Plan 2001 (Decision SC24-11)
Plenary meetings of the Standing Committee

Wednesday, 25 October
09.30 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 18.00

1. Opening statements
   - Chairman of the Standing Committee, Stephen Hunter, Australia
   - Director-General of IUCN, Maritta von Bieberstein Koch-Weser
   - Secretary General, Delmar Blasco

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Admission of Observers

4. Statements by International Organization Partners
   - BirdLife International
   - Wetlands International
   - WWF – World Wide Fund for Nature

5. Report of the Secretary General (DOC. SC25-2)

6. Brief reports of Standing Committee members on their implementation of Decision SC24-9 of the Standing Committee concerning the role of Regional Representatives

7. Report and analysis on issues related to Resolution VII.12: “Sites in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance: official descriptions, conservation status, and management plans, including the situation of particular sites in the territories of specific Contracting Parties” (DOC. SC25-3)

8. Report and analysis concerning the National Planning Tool and National Report format for COP8 (DOC. SC25-4)


10. Synergy and partnerships with other conventions and institutions (DOC. SC25-6)

11. Identification of priority actions from the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States (Recommendation 7.2, paragraph 16, and Decision SC24-17) (DOC. SC25-7)

12. Analysis and recommendations of IUCN’s Environmental Law Centre (Decision SC24-10) on Revisions to Ramsar sites boundaries, interpretation of Articles 2.5 and 4.2 (Resolution VII.23, paragraphs 9, 10, 11 & 13) (DOC. SC25-8)

13. Implementation of Resolution VII.8, paragraph 23: clearing house, Bureau focal point and liaison concerning local communities and indigenous people participation in wetland management (DOC. SC25-9)


18.30 – 20.00  Reception, IUCN entrance hall (and group dinner???)

**Thursday, 26 October**

09.30 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 18.00

16. Report from the 9th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, STRP (Gland, 28-30 June 2000) and consideration and adoption of recommendations from the STRP (DOC. SC25-12)

17. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: significance for the Convention and Ramsar involvement (DOC. SC25-13)

18. 8th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP8)
   18.1 Report from the host country on dates and venue and other organizational issues, including general theme and slogan (DOC. SC25-14)
   18.2 Proposed COP8 Draft Agenda and Programme (DOC. SC25-15)
   18.3 Ramsar regional meetings: nature, purpose and timing (DOC. SC25-16)
   18.4 Criteria and Procedure for the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award 2002 (DOC. SC25-17)


20. Work Plan 2001 of the Ramsar Bureau (DOC. SC25–19) (See also Agenda item 22 on budgetary issues)

**Friday, 27 October**

09.30 – 13.00

21. World Wetlands Day 2001 -- 30th Anniversary of the Convention-- and other key promotional activities (DOC. 25-20)

22. Report and recommendations from the Subgroup on Finance
   22.1 Audited accounts for FY 1999 and status of the Reserve Fund (DOC. SC25-21)
   22.2 Review of 2000 core and projects income and expenditure (DOC. SC25.22)
22.3 Report on use of funds under budget line 3 (travel on official business) (Decision SC24-23) (DOC. SC25-23)

22.4 Small Grants Fund:
   i) approval of project proposals (DOC. SC25-24)
   ii) feasibility of turning over the administration of the SGF to one of the International Organization Partners (Decision SC24-21) (DOC. SC25-25)

22.5 Recommendation on unpaid Contracting Party contributions (Decision SC24-27) (DOC. SC25-26)

22.6 The use of the OECD/DAC list for Ramsar assistance to attend meetings and eligibility to Ramsar funding under the SGF, WFF and other projects (DOC. SC25-27)

22.7 Ramsar Bureau Budget 2001 (DOC. SC25-28)

22.8 Work Plan of the Development Assistance Officer (title to be reviewed) (DOC. SC25-29)

22.9 Location and financing of the MedWet Coordination function (DOC. SC25-30)

23. Adoption of the report of the meeting

24. 2001 meeting of the Standing Committee: dates and anticipated issues on its agenda

25. Any other business
   i) Procedure for the selection of a new Secretary General (DOC. SC25-31)

26. Closing remarks