

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
Gland, Switzerland: 23- 27 October 2000

DOC. SC25-1

Agenda item 2

## 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)
9. The Joint Work Plan with the Convention on Biological Diversity and implications for Ramsar of the Decisions of CBD COP5 (May 2000) (DOC. SC25-5)
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)

14. Implementation of the Convention's Outreach Programme (DOC. SC25-10)
15. The River Basin Initiative: status of implementation and prospects for the future (DOC. SC25-11).

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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)
19. Report of the Subgroup on Ramsar's Strategic Plan 2003-2008 and status of the drafting process (Decision SC24-13) (DOC. SC25-18)
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 -- 30<sup>th</sup> 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