

STRP 18



Regional Priorities for the Americas 2013-2015 & 2016-2018



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General Priorities 2013-2015 & 2016-2018



- a) Development or implementation of **National Wetland Policies**
- b) Planning or management of **Ramsar Sites**
- c) **Wetland inventory**
- d) Formation or reinforcement of **National Wetland Committees**
- e) **Public awareness, communication and outreach. Capacity building for wetland managers**
- f) **Ramsar Site designations**
- g) **Restoration of priority wetlands**
- h) **Consolidation of Regional Initiatives**

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- A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide showing a wide, shallow wetland or river channel with brownish water and muddy banks, under a clear blue sky.
- a) **Environmental flows** (practical case studies implementation) via Regional Initiatives;
 - b) Tools and practical case studies for **economic valuation** of wetlands and instruments to estimate the value of wetland loss and degradation;
 - c) **Wetlands and poverty eradication** (implementation of case studies in the region, top issue Rio + 20 meeting);

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- d) **Capacity building and support for STRP National Focal Points;**
 - e) **Practical case studies for the implementation of the guidelines for detecting, reporting and responding to changes in the ecological character.**
- Great concentration of guidelines and manuals that can be an important tool for the Parties but in some cases they have a too technical language.



Priorities 2016-2018



- The guidance is usually made from the perspective of the developed countries, without taking into account that they have to be principally implemented in first instance in developing countries with a completely different reality, making its implementation even more difficult.
- It was urged that there should be a change in this approach and there needs to be better promotion and dissemination of the resource materials and tools.
- Communication and outreach should be an integral component of the new Strategic Plan including guidance for dissemination of information from the STRP to Contracting Parties for distribution to on-the-ground practitioners.

Priorities 2016-2018



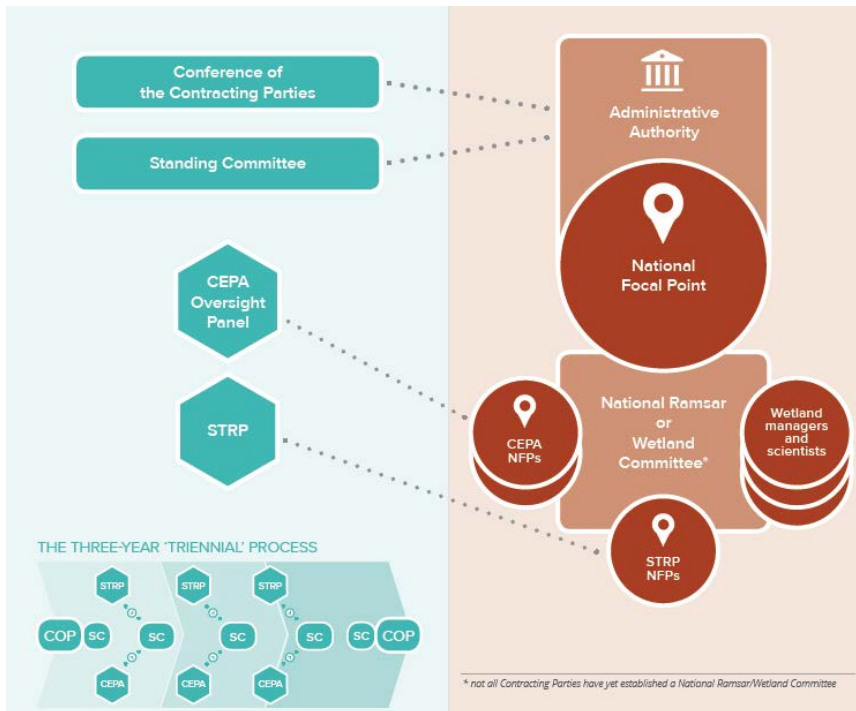
- The STRP needs to increase collaboration and leverage the expertise of other bodies (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, International Organization Partners) in order to undertake tasks with minimal resources.
- The role and function of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) should be evaluated, especially with respect to an assessment of the usefulness of the technical guidance being provided.
- The ease of implementation of the guidance, especially by developing countries, must also be evaluated.

Priorities 2016-2018



- The Convention must focus its efforts on training to build environmental capacity for climate change and adaptation.
- There must be increased alignment between the STRP and CEPA and STRP efforts and products must be shaped to become increasingly more effective training/education tools.
- Case studies are a potent method for documenting the actualization of abstract notions and communicating concrete experiences in order to promote further applications by sharing lessons learned in the implementation of resolution and guidelines to the real world.

Main Coordination Issues



- 48% of the STRP NFP are outside the AA
- Lack of communication, coordination
- Lack of active participation in STRP processes by FP and STRP NFP
- Few guidelines are used
- Clear role of what is expected