

Working Group REPORT

Wetlands and Climate Change

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+ experts from China



Among the priority tasks validated at the 46th Meeting of the **Standing Committee (SC46)** in April 2013 under the Task No. 41, four priority sub-tasks were assigned to the Working Group on Wetlands and climate change

High priority sub-tasks (1)

- 1) Implications of climate change for maintaining the ecological character of wetlands
- 2) Case studies and other information generated in response to Resolution XI.14 paragraph 32
- 3) Advice on sustainable management of carbon stocks
- 4) **Potential contribution of wetland ecosystems to climate change mitigation and adaptation**

High priority sub-tasks (2)

Under sub-task 4 there is a **priority action** which can be paraphrased as “**checking the decisions by CBD and UNFCCC on REDD+ and determining their relevance for Ramsar**”

This required a **small team** to review relevant material

The **IWR China invited** and hosted the meeting

Meeting in Beijing



**Writing Workshop, May 3-13, 2014
at
Institute of Wetland Research (IWR),
Beijing, China**

The team:

- the STRP Working Group co-leads, Professor Cui Lijuan (from China) and Dr Gueladio Cisse (from Switzerland) and
- two invited experts, Mr Rob McInnes (from UK) and Professor Max Finlayson (from Australia),
- plus several invited Chinese experts
- Marcela Bonells, also attended the meeting

Nature of the Report

Considering the priority tasks agreed by SC46, and the emphasize given that **there will be a limited number of Draft Resolutions** to be presented, and then mainly by parties, to the next COP, the group agreed

a technical document for review by STRP and passed to the Parties for information would be most appropriate, leaving the political dimensions of the contents to the other bodies of the Ramsar

Convention to decide what to do next

The working group agreed to focus on **the technical side of REDD+** and not on the policy dimensions

Nevertheless the group determined that it should still **bring a holistic view** of the topic

Report content

- 1. Introduction** – outline what is meant by REDD+
- 2. Outline development of REDD+**
- 3. Review of REDD+ decisions by other MEAs and implications for wetlands and Ramsar Convention**
- 4. Potential application of REDD+ for wetlands**
- 5. Links between REDD+ and other Ramsar decisions**
- 6. Future development of REDD+**
- 7. Conclusions**

Report Timetable adopted and followed

First drafts of parts in hand

Working group will move forward on the report during this STRP meeting

Word document # 30 pages

#10 persons

Suggestions:

- Bring case studies from the region
- Technical report to be submitted latest on **20th November**, for the **Standing Committee**, to ensure translation

Group work to continue today from 14:30 to 17:30 in **President Room**

Thank you very much

