Agenda item 6: Overview of the 2013-2015 STRP and its Work Plan
Overview

• STRP composition
• STRP outputs and products
• Work plan for 2013-2015
• Prioritisation and budget process
• Update on XI.16 science review
STRP composition and participants

- Chairperson and 13 Members appointed for their expertise in their own right

- A Member representing each of the five IOPs

- Representatives from 34 Invited Observer Organisations

- Invited experts, consultants and organisations on specific topics, as needed

- A network of STRP NFPs
• 45 participants: appointed STRP members, invited experts, observer organisation representatives, and STRP NFPs.
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• New STRP Web Portal
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• STRP Webinars
Tasks are derived from Resolution XI.17, which reflects the Parties' requests at COP11.

Annex 2 of Resolution XI.17 organizes the tasks under six broad themes:

- Communication, Education, Participation & Awareness (CEPA);
- Strategic, emerging & ongoing issues;
- Wetland inventory, assessment, monitoring & reporting;
- Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites);
- Ramsar, wetlands & other sectors; and
- Wetlands & ecosystem benefits/services.
Work plan 2013-2015: working groups

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- Ramsar, wetlands & other sectors
  - Wetlands & health;
  - Wetlands & climate change;
  - Wetlands & water resource management;
  - Wetlands & agriculture;
  - Wetlands & poverty eradication;
  - [Wetlands & urbanization;]
  - [Wetlands & tourism;]
  - [Wetlands & energy;]
- Wetlands & ecosystem benefits/services; and
- Ecological character and change in ecological character.
Nine top priority tasks

• Assess and support the capacity-building and knowledge sharing needs of Contracting Parties in implementing the Ramsar Convention (AAs & wetland managers) (Task No.1 (2013/15));

• Invasive species and wetlands – guide to available guidance (Task No. 10 (2013-15));

• Monitoring for change in ecological character – further guidance: standardised terminology concerning Article 3.2 issues (Task No. 20 (2013-15));
Nine top priority tasks

• Implementation of the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS) – 2012 revision (Task No. 25 (2013-15));

• Implications of, and advice on, climate change for Convention implementation: review and advice on relevant decisions adopted by CBD COP11 (Task No. 41, iv c (2013-15));

• Ramsar, water and wetlands: review and development of a strategy for engaging in the global water debate (Task No. 44 (2013-15));
Nine top priority tasks

• Wetlands and poverty eradication – guidance and case studies (Task No. 50 (2013-15));

• Economics of wetland ecosystem benefits/services (Task No. 59 (2013-15)); and

• Reporting on the state of the world’s wetlands and their services to people (SoWWS) and the Convention’s effectiveness (Task No. 18 (2013-15)).
• For each year, total of **CHF 210,000**

• After expenses related to the Sci/Tech Support Officer, STRP meetings, and travel (STRP Chair/DSG), there is **CHF 30,000** for work plan implementation

• Accordingly, it is critical to collaborate with other ongoing processes to avoid duplication and to seek alternative sources of funding
Resolution XI.16 called for “a review of the delivery, uptake and implementation of scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Convention”

SC46 decided that the XI.16 review should be funded from the reserve fund excess (not the STRP core budget) and developed terms of reference for the project.

USA is chairing the process; next step is to secure a consultant.
Thank you for your attention and comments!