

## Working programme

The purpose of the 25th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) meeting is to welcome the new Panel and to develop a workplan for the 2023-2025 triennium, in consultation with the Secretariat, based on the five thematic work areas in [Annex 2 of Resolution XIV.14](#) and in alignment with the [Fourth Strategic Plan of the Convention](#) (2016-2024) and ongoing scientific work in other international processes, such as IPBES and the CBD, for approval of the Standing Committee.

### Expected outcomes

The anticipated outcomes of STRP25 are:

- To develop linkages between STRP members, IOPs, STRP observers, NFPs and the Secretariat to enhance collaboration and enable global partnerships for delivering the STRP work plan,
- To provide a clear understanding of how the STRP work plan supports the Convention and the STRP processes to be applied during 2023-2025, and
- To complete the preparation of a draft work plan that describes the objectives, process, outputs, and resourcing/budget requirements for each high priority task, based on the five thematic work areas in [Annex 2 of Resolution XIV.14](#), also taking into account Contracting Parties requests to the Panel in relevant [COP14 Resolutions](#).

As set out in [Resolution XII.5](#), the resulting STRP outputs, based on the work of the Panel, will be aimed at the following target audiences:

- Policy-makers, including those from the environment and water sectors and other related sectors such as energy, health and sanitation, agriculture, infrastructure; and
- Practitioners and in particular wetland managers and stakeholders, but also others from related fields, such as protected area managers and staff of wetland education centers.

(NB: Times shown are local times in Gland)

### Tuesday 2 May 2023

09:00-10:00	Registration (continues each day until 4 May)
<b>10:00-13:00</b>	<b>Plenary</b>
10:00-10:20	1. Welcome and opening remarks
10:20-10:40	2. Adoption of provisional agenda and working programme 2.1. Provisional agenda (STRP25 Doc.2.1 Rev.1) 2.1. Provisional working programme (STRP25 Doc.2.2)
10:40-11:00	3. Process and expected outcomes for the week

11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15-11:40	4. Introductions: brief presentation of STRP members, invited experts, and observer representatives
11:40-12:40	5. Briefing on the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1. Introducing the Convention and its processes (Secretary General &amp; Deputy Secretary General)</li> <li>5.2. Overview of the STRP and expected outcomes for the triennium (STRP Chair)</li> <li>5.3. The work of the STRP and the six regions of the Convention (Senior Advisors)</li> <li>5.4. STRP induction training (Scientific and Technical Officer)</li> <li>5.5. International Organization Partner and observer contribution to the STRP (Birdlife)</li> </ul>
12:40-13:00	6. STRP workplan for 2023-2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.1. Lessons learned from the 2019-2021 triennium (Vice-Chair)</li> </ul>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00-15:30	6. STRP workplan for 2023-2025 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.2. Process for the development of the workplan (Chair)</li> <li>6.3. Overview of the thematic work areas (TWAs) and priority tasks (Vice-Chair)</li> <li>6.4. Overview of other international processes and their relevance to the work of the STRP for the 2023-2025 triennium (Director of Science and Policy)</li> <li>6.5. COP14 and relevant Resolutions and mandates (Scientific and Technical Officer)</li> <li>6.6. Organisation of thematic working groups (Chair)</li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-16:00	7. Working group sessions (Chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.1. Introducing the workplan template (Scientific and Technical Officer)</li> <li>7.2. Terms of reference for priority tasks: introduce the template (Vice-Chair)</li> </ul>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<b>Development of thematic work areas</b>
16:00-16:30	7. Working group sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria (TWA1)</li> <li>• Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses (TWA3)</li> </ul>
16:30-17:00	7. Working group sessions ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories (TWA2)</li> <li>• Wise use, sustainable management, and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape (TWA4)</li> </ul>
17:00-18:00	Informal social event ( <i>details to be confirmed</i> )

## Wednesday 3 May 2023

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-11:00 Plenary**
- 09:00-09:30 7. Working group sessions  
7.3. Reporting back on working groups' progress
- 09:30-11:00 8. Organization of the work of the STRP  
8.1. STRP product cycle and outputs (Capacity Development and Policy Officer)  
8.2. Author guidelines (Scientific and Technical Officer)  
8.3. Workspace and other online tools to support the work of the STRP (Scientific and Technical Officer)  
8.4. IOP and observer involvement (Chair)  
8.5. Intersessional online meetings (Vice-Chair)
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15-17:00 Development of thematic work areas (*continued*)**
- 11:15-13:00 7. Working group sessions (*continued*)  
  - Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria (TWA1)
  - Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses (TWA3)
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch Break*  
*Group photo (more details will be given in Plenary)*
- 14:00-15:30 7. Working group sessions (*continued*)  
  - Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories (TWA2)
  - Wise use, sustainable management, and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape (TWA4)
- 15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*
- 15:45-17:00 7. Working group sessions (*continued*)  
  - Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs (TWA5)
- 17:00-17:30 Plenary**
- 17:00-17:30 7. Working group sessions  
7.3. Reporting back on working groups' progress (TWA leads)
- 19:00 Joint dinner (*optional, location to be confirmed*)

## Thursday 4 May 2023

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-11:00 Plenary**
- 09:00-11:15 7. Working group sessions  
7.4. Consolidation of working group inputs, agreement on priorities, and identification of costs (Chair)  
7.5. Other ad hoc requests update: SPWG, CEPA, IPBES etc (Chair)
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15-17:00 Development of thematic work areas**
- 11:15-13:00 7. Working group sessions (*continued*)
- Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria (TWA1)
  - Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses (TWA3)
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch Break*  
*Individual photos (more details will be given in Plenary)*
- 14:00-15:30 7. Working group sessions (*continued*)
- Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories (TWA2)
  - Wise use, sustainable management, and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape (TWA4)
  - Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs (TWA5)
- 15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*
- 15:45-17:00 7. Working group sessions (*continued*)
- Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria (TWA1)
  - Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories (TWA2)
  - Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses (TWA3)
  - Wise use, sustainable management, and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape (TWA4)
  - Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs (TWA5)
- 17:00-17:30 Plenary**
- 17:00-17:30 7. Working group sessions  
7.3. Reporting back on working groups' progress (TWA leads)

**Friday 5 May 2023**

**09:00-17:00**

**Plenary**

09:00-11:00

9. Adoption of draft workplan  
9.1. Review of consolidated workplan 2023-2025 and budget allocation priorities (Chair)

11:00-11:15

*Coffee break*

11:15-13:00

9. Adoption of draft workplan  
9.1. Review of consolidated workplan 2023-2025 and budget allocation priorities (*continued*) (Chair)

13:00-14:00

*Lunch Break*

14:00-15:30

9. Adoption of draft workplan  
9.1. Review of consolidated workplan 2023-2025 and budget allocation priorities (*continued*) (Chair)

15:15-15:30

*Coffee break*

15:30-16:00

9. Adoption of draft workplan

16:00-16:15

10. Date and venue for STRP26 (in-person) and the next intersessional meeting (online)

16:15-16:30

11. Any other business

16:30-17:00

12. Closing remarks