THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

63rd meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 3-7 June 2024

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**Provisional working programme**

**Monday 3 June**

08:30 – 09:15 Regional meetings

09:30 – 11:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance

11:00 – 12:30 Meeting of the Management Working Group

13:30 – 16:00 Meeting of the Strategic Plan Working Group

16:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on Institutional Strengthening

**Tuesday 4 June**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

**10:00 – 13:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

1. Opening statements

1.1 Chair of the Standing Committee (China)

1.2 Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

1.3 International Organization Partners (IOPs)

1.4 Secretary General of the Convention

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda

3. Adoption of the provisional working programme

4. Admission of observers

5. Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee and of the Executive Team

6. Report of the Secretary General

14:00 – 15:00 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP15

**15:00 – 18:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

7. Report of the Management Working Group

7.1 Report on the activities of the Management Working Group

7.2 Report on the process for recruiting a new Secretary General

11. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group

12. Report of the Working Group on Institutional Strengthening

**Wednesday 5 June**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

**10:00 – 13:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

21. Preparation of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15)

21.1 Report of the Secretariat on COP15

21.2 Report of the Subgroup on COP15

21.3 Proposal of the Secretariat on the process for preparation and review of draft resolutions

21.4 Proposal of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards

13. Report of the Secretariat on implementation of Resolution XIV.3

13.1 Strategy for communication with Contracting Parties (Resolution XIV.3 paragraph 11)

13.2 Enhancing intersessional collaboration between Contracting Parties (follow-up to Standing Committee Decision SC62-18)

14:00 – 15:00 IOP information session (update for Parties on activities of the IOPs)

**15:00 – 18:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

15. Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies in partnership with multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions

8. Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Decisions of the Standing Committee

16. Review and consolidation of current Resolutions

16.1 Introduction

16.2 Consolidation of Recommendations and Resolutions on assessment of wetland values and services

16.3 Consolidation of Recommendations and Resolutions on communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)

16.4 Consolidation of Resolutions on water, water-related and water-management-related matters

16.5 Consolidation of Resolutions on inventories SC63 Doc.16.5

**Thursday 6 June**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

**10:00 – 13:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

25. Report of the Secretariat on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives

17. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)

17.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel

17.2 Report of the Secretariat on the proposed future operations of the CEPA Oversight Panel, in accordance with Resolution XIV.8

17.3 Report of the Secretariat on World Wetlands Day 2024

17.4 World Wetlands Day themes for 2025, 2026 and 2027

10. Urgent challenges to the wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention: Update on wetlands inventories

**15:00 – 18:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

9. Financial and budgetary matters – report of the Subgroup on Finance

9.1 Report on financial matters for 2023 and 2024

9.2 Status of annual contributions

19. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel on implementation of the STRP work plan

20. Technical proposal of the STRP on resourcing and implementing waterbird population estimates

18. Report of the Youth Working Group

**Friday 7 June**

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

**10:00 – 13:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

22. Report of the Secretariat on the challenges and opportunities related to the submission and updating of Ramsar Information Sheets

23. Report of the Secretariat on proposals on strengthening the process to include a Site on the List of Wetlands of International Importance

24. Update of the Secretariat on the implementation of Resolution XIV.20

**15:00 – 18:00 Plenary session of the Standing Committee**

14. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2024

26. Dates of the 64th meeting of the Standing Committee

27. Adoption of the report of the meeting

28. Any other business

29. Closing remarks