

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

26th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
Gland, Switzerland, 5 to 8 February 2024

STRP26 Doc.2.2 Rev.1

Working programme

The purpose of the 26th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP26) is to take stock of progress made and further advance the high priority tasks under the [STRP workplan for the 2023-2025](#) triennium. The five Thematic Work Areas (TWAs) in [Annex 2 of Resolution XIV.14](#) encompass 18 tasks that are aligned with the [Fourth Strategic Plan of the Convention](#) (2016-2024). STRP26 will also address the development of targets and indicators under the forthcoming 5th Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands and discuss emerging issues.

The anticipated objectives of STRP26 are to:

- Develop linkages between STRP members, IOPs, STRP observers, STRP NFPs and the Secretariat to enhance collaboration for delivering the STRP workplan for the 2023-2025 triennium,
- Progress the preparation of STRP documents in accordance with the timeframes and milestones set out in the STRP workplan,
- Reach agreement on the next steps for the delivery of outputs under the STRP workplan,
- Provide advice on the development of targets and indicators for the 5th Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands,
- Inform the 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee.

(NB: Times shown are local times in Gland, CET)

Monday 5 February 2024

09:00-10:00 Registration (continues each day until 7 February)

10:00-13:00 Plenary

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 (STRP26 Doc.2.1)
2.1. Provisional working programme (STRP26 Doc.2.2)

10:40-11:00 3. Process and expected outcomes for the week (Chair)

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-11:40 4. Updates from the STRP Chair and STRP Vice Chair
4.1. International Organization Partner and observer contributions to the STRP

- 11:40-12:00
5. Updates from the Secretariat
 - 5.1. Requests from SC62
 - 5.2. 5th Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands
 - 5.3. Communication strategy for STRP outputs
 - 5.4. Other MEAs and global environmental processes
- 12:00-13:00
6. Updates from Thematic Work Area (TWA) leads – status of priority STRP tasks:
 - 6.1. Thematic Work Area 1: Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria.
 - 6.2. Thematic Work Area 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.
 - 6.3. Thematic Work Area 3: Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.
 - 6.4. Thematic Work Area 4: Wise use, sustainable management and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape.
 - 6.5. Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.
- 13:00-14:00
- Lunch Break*
- 14:00-15:30
7. 5th Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands – targets and indicators
 - 7.1. STRP involvement in the development of the 5th Strategic Plan (Chair)
 - 7.2. Draft targets and indicators for the 5th Strategic Plan (Consultant)
 - 7.3. Discussion on the 5th Strategic Plan: Analysis of draft targets and indicators
- 15:30-15:45
- Coffee break*
- 15:45-16:45
7. 5th Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands – targets and indicators (*continued*)
 - 7.3. Discussion on the 5th Strategic Plan: Analysis of draft targets and indicators (*continued*)
 - 7.4. Next steps and outlining a process for further inputs from the STRP (Consultant)
- 16:45-17:45
- Working group sessions - priority STRP tasks**
- 16:45-17:15
8. Working group sessions
 - Thematic Work Area 1: Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria.
 - Thematic Work Area 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.
- 17:15 - 17:45
8. Working group sessions (*continued*)
 - Thematic Work Area 3: Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.
 - Thematic Work Area 4: Wise use, sustainable management and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape.
 - Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.

17:45-18:45 Informal social event (*details to be confirmed*)

Tuesday 6 February 2024

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-11:00 Plenary

09:00-10:30 4. Updates from the STRP Chair and STRP Vice Chair
4.1. Wetland type classification and inputs to SC63 (Chair).

10.30-11:00 9. Emerging issues
9.1. Introduction: report on emerging issues for SC63 (Vice-Chair)

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-17:00 Working group sessions - priority STRP tasks

11:15-12:45 8. Working group sessions (*continued*)

- Thematic Work Area 3: Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.
- Thematic Work Area 4: Wise use, sustainable management and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape.

13:00-14:00 *Lunch Break*
Brown bag lunch (more details will be given in Plenary)

14:00-15:30 8. Working group sessions (*continued*)

- Thematic Work Area 3: Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.
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15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45-17:30 8. Working group sessions (*continued*)

- Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.

19:00 Joint dinner (*optional, location to be confirmed*)

Wednesday 7 February 2024

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Plenary

09:00-9:30 8. Working group sessions
8.1. Reporting back on working groups' progress (TWA leads)

09:30-17:30 Working group sessions - priority STRP tasks

- 09:30-11:00 8. Working group sessions (*continued*)
- Thematic Work Area 3: Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.
 - Thematic Work Area 4: Wise use, sustainable management and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape.
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15-13:00 8. Working group sessions (*continued*)
- Thematic Work Area 1: Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria.
 - Thematic Work Area 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch Break*
- 14:00-15:30 8. Working group sessions (*continued*)
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- 15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*
- 15:45-17:30 8. Working group sessions (*continued*)
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 - Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.

Thursday 8 February 2024

- 09:00-09:30 Plenary**
- 09:00-9:30 8. Working group sessions
- 8.1. Reporting back on working groups' progress (TWA leads), including next steps for each priority task communication strategy for STRP outputs.
- 09:30-10:30 9. Emerging issues
- 9.2. Discussion on emerging issues and next steps
- 10:30-11:00 4. Updates from the STRP Chair and STRP Vice Chair (*continued*)
- 4.1. Wetland type classification and inputs to SC63 (Chair).
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-16:00

Working group sessions - priority STRP tasks

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Plenary

14:00-15:45

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15:45-16:00

Coffee break

Group photo (more details will be given in Plenary)

16:00-16:10

10. Date and venue for STRP27 (in-person) and the next intersessional meeting (online)

16:10-16:30

11. Any other business

16:30-17:00

12. Closing remarks