

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

27th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
Gland, Switzerland, 2 to 6 December 2024

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Working programme

The 27th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP27) will progress the high priority tasks under the [STRP workplan for the 2023-2025](#) triennium, in consultation with the Secretariat. The five Thematic Work Areas (TWAs) in [Annex 2 of Resolution XIV.14](#) encompass the tasks, 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.

The STRP27 will also discuss relevant draft resolutions that have been submitted to SC64, including the proposed tasks for the STRP in the coming triennium, initiate preparations for the review of the Convention on Wetlands Classification System for Wetland Types and progress consultation with the Earth Observation community.

Expected objectives

The anticipated objectives of STRP27 are:

- To further develop linkages between STRP members, IOPs, STRP observers, NFPs and the Secretariat to enhance collaboration and enable global partnerships for delivering the STRP workplan for the 2023-2025 triennium,
- To finalize the preparation of STRP products in alignment with the timeframes and milestones set out in the STRP work plan,
- To reach agreement on the next steps for the final delivery and communication of outputs under the STRP workplan leading up to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15).

(NB: Times shown are local times in Gland)

Monday 2 December 2024

09:00-10:00	Registration (continues each day until 4 December)
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 (STRP27 Doc.2.1) 2.1. Provisional working programme (STRP27 Doc.2.2)
10:40-11:00	3. Process and expected outcomes for the week (STRP Chair).
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15-11:40	4. Updates from the STRP Chair and STRP Vice Chair

- 11:40-12:00
5. Updates from the Secretariat:
 - 5.1. Requests from the 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee (SC63).
 - 5.2. Preparations for 64th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC64) and the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15).
 - 5.3. Introducing the Earth Observation Day
 - 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.
 - 6.6. Updates on STRP ad-hoc tasks.
- 13:00-14:00
- Lunch Break*
- 14:00-14:45
7. Preparations for the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15):
 - 7.1. Proposed draft resolutions submitted by the STRP:
 - Future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2026-2028.
 - Application of Criterion 6 and 9 to new and existing Wetlands of International Importance.
 - Establishment of the Waterbirds Estimates Partnership and the delivery of the 2027 edition of Waterbird Population Estimates (WPE2027).
 - 7.2. Process for review of scientific and technical aspects of draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties for consideration by COP15.
 - 7.3. Process for review of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands 2025-2034 and associated indicators.
- 14:45-15:30
8. Review of the Convention on Wetlands Classification System for Wetland Type:
 - 8.1. Introduction to the two-phase approach.
 - 8.2. Crosswalk between different classification systems. Initial results and discussion.
 - 8.3. Next steps.
- 15:30-15:45
- Coffee break*
- 15:45-17:30
- Working group sessions – priority STRP tasks**
- 15:45-17:30
9. Working group sessions (*in parallel*):
 - 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.

Tuesday 3 December 2024

<i>08:30-09:00</i>	Registration
<i>09:00-11:00</i>	Plenary
<i>09:00-11:00</i>	<p>9. Working group sessions:</p> <p>9.1. Thematic Work Area 5: Global Wetland Outlook 2025 (Task 5.1).</p> <p>9.2. Thematic Work Area 5: Proposed approach to deliver future Global Wetland Outlooks (Task 5.3).</p> <p>9.3. Communication of STRP outputs 2023-2025.</p>
<i>11:00-11:15</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<i>11:15-17:00</i>	Working group sessions - priority STRP tasks
<i>11:15-12:30</i>	<p>9. Working group sessions (<i>in parallel</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic Work Area 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories. • Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.
<i>12:30-14:30</i>	<p><i>Lunch Break</i></p> <p><u><i>Brown bag lunch (more details will be given in Plenary)</i></u></p>
<i>14:30-15:30</i>	<p>9. Working group sessions (<i>in parallel</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<i>15:30-15:45</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<i>15:45-17:30</i>	<p>9. Working group sessions (<i>in parallel</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs. • Thematic Work Area 1: Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria.
<i>19:00</i>	Joint dinner and raffle (<i>optional, location to be confirmed</i>)

Wednesday 4 December 2024

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-11:00 Plenary

9:00-10:00 8. Review of the Convention on Wetlands' wetland type classification system (*continued*).

10:00-11:00 7. Preparations for the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15) (*continued*):
7.2. Reviewing scientific and technical aspects of draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties for consideration by COP15.

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break and group photo (more details will be given in Plenary)*

11:15-17:30 Working group sessions – priority STRP tasks

11:15-13:00 9. Working group sessions (*in parallel*):

- 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*

14:00-15:30 9. Working group sessions (*in parallel*):

- Thematic Work Area 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.
- Thematic Work Area 3: Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.
- Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45-17:30 9. Working group sessions (*in parallel*):

- Thematic Work Area 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.
- Thematic Work Area 3: Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.
- Thematic Work Area 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.

Thursday 5 December 2024

09:00-09:30	Plenary
09:00-09:30	9. Working group sessions: 9.1. Reporting back on working groups' progress (TWA leads).
9:30-10:00	8. Review of the Convention on Wetlands' wetland type classification system (<i>continued</i>).
10:00-11:00	7. Preparations for the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15): 7.3. Process for review of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands 2025-2034 and associated indicators.
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15-13:00	Working group sessions – priority STRP tasks
11:15-13:00	9. Working group sessions (<i>in parallel</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thematic Work Area 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.• 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.
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-15:45	Plenary
14:00-15:15	9. Working group sessions: 9.1. Reporting back on working groups' progress (TWA leads)
15:15-15:45	7. Preparations for the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15) (<i>continued</i>): 7.4. Further reflections on the future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2026-2028.
15:45-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-17:00	Plenary
16:00-16:10	10. Date and venue for the 28 th meeting of the STRP (in-person) and the 4 th intersessional meeting (online).
16:10-16:30	11. Any other business.
16:30-17:00	12. Closing remarks.

17:00-19:00 Informal social event (*details to be confirmed*)

Friday 6 December 2024

09:00-15:30 **Earth Observation Day** (see separate programme for more details)

More details on the earth observation for wetland conservation day can be found here: <https://www.ramsar.org/earth-observation-day>