

Provisional working programme

(* includes a draft resolution)

Monday 20 January

- 09:00 – 10:30 Meeting of the Management Working Group
- 10:30 – 12:30 Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance
- 14:00 – 15:30 Meeting of the Subgroup on COP15
- 16:00 – 17:00 Regional meetings

Tuesday 21 January

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 Executive Team and Chair of the Standing Committee
6. Report of the Secretary General

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

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

11. Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group *
12. Report of the Working Group on Institutional Strengthening *
26. Report of the Working Group on RIS Updating *
29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *
 - 29.12 Assessing wetland vulnerability
 - 29.6 Improving the Terms of Reference for the Executive Team and the Management Working Group

Wednesday 22 January

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

18. Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel
19. Draft resolution on the future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2026-2028 *
20. Draft resolution on the establishment of the Waterbird Estimates Partnership (WEP) and the delivery of the 2027 edition of Waterbird Population Estimates (WPE2027) *
21. Draft resolution on the application of Criteria 6 and 9 to new and existing Wetlands of International Importance *
29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *
 - 29.2 Restoration of degraded freshwater ecosystems to support ecological character biodiversity and ecosystem services [and the Freshwater Challenge]

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

13. Roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee *
8. Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Decisions of the Standing Committee

- 29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *
- 29.10 Recognition of river dolphins as key species for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands in South America and Asia
- 29.11 Education and participation as a basis for the management of urban and peri-urban wetlands
- 29.3 Strengthening national actions for the conservation and restoration of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway
- 29.4 Promoting incorporation of frontier technology and traditional ecological knowledge in wetland conservation, restoration, management, and wise use
- 29.5 Achieving the equitable and effective conservation of wetlands as protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs)

Thursday 23 January

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

- 16. Report of the Youth Working Group
- 29. Consideration of draft resolutions submitted by Parties *
- 29.8 Youth empowerment and integration: driving engagement in and the longevity of the Convention on Wetlands
- 29.1 Strengthening action on culture and wetlands
- 29.7 Rights of Nature in Wetlands
- 29.9 Promoting sustainable lifestyles for the wise use of wetlands

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

- 9. Financial and budgetary matters
- 9.1 Report on financial matters for 2024 and 2025
- 9.2 Status of annual contributions
- 9.3 Budget scenarios for 2026-2028 and draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters *
- 9.4 Potential financial implications of draft resolutions

15. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)
 - 15.1 Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel
 - 15.2 Draft resolution on CEPA *
14. Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions *

Friday 24 January

08:30 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

25. Draft resolution on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance *
10. Urgent challenges to the wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention: Update on wetlands inventories
27. Report of the Secretariat on proposals on strengthening the process to include a Site on the List of Wetlands of International Importance
22. Preparation of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
 - 22.1 Report of the Subgroup on COP15
 - 22.3 Draft resolution on the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards *
 - 22.2 The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards [for discussion in closed session]

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

23. Draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2025-2028 *
24. Report of the Co-Chairs of the Independent Advisory Committee on Wetland City Accreditation
17. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2025
28. Update of the Secretariat on the implementation of Resolution XIV.20
30. Dates and venue of the 65th and 66th meetings of the Standing Committee
31. Adoption of the report of the meeting
32. Any other business
33. Closing remarks