THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

64th meeting of the Standing Committee

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**Agenda**

**(\* includes a draft resolution)**

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| **Agenda item** | | | | **Document** |
| 1. | Opening statements | | | No documents |
|  | 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 |  |
| **Procedural matters** | | | | |
| 2. | Adoption of the provisional agenda | | | SC64 Doc.2 |
| 3. | Adoption of the provisional working programme | | | SC64 Doc.3 |
| 4. | Admission of observers | | | SC64 Doc.4 |
| **Administrative and financial matters** | | | | |
| 5. | Report of the Executive Team and Chair of the Standing Committee | | | SC64 Doc.5 |
| 6. | Report of the Secretary General | | | SC64 Doc.6 |
| 7. | Report of the Management Working Group | | |  |
|  | 7.1 | | Report on the activities of the Management Working Group | SC64 Doc.7.1 |
|  | 7.2 | | Report on the process for recruiting a new Secretary General | SC64 Doc.7.2 |
| 8. | Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Decisions of the Standing Committee | | | SC64 Doc.8 |
| 9. | Financial and budgetary matters [for consideration by the Subgroup on Finance] | | |  |
|  | 9.1 | | Report on financial matters for 2024 and 2025 | SC64 Doc.9.1 |
|  | 9.2 | | Status of annual contributions | SC64 Doc.9.2 |
|  | 9.3 | | Budget scenarios for 2026-2028 and draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters \* | SC64 Doc.9.3 |
|  | 9.4 | | Potential financial implications of draft resolutions | SC64 Doc.9.4 |
| **Strategic matters** | | | | |
| 10. | Urgent challenges to the wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention: Update on wetlands inventories | | | SC64 Doc.10 |
| 11. | Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group \* | | | SC64 Doc.11 |
| 12. | Report of the Working Group on Institutional Strengthening \* | | | SC64 Doc.12 |
| 13. | Roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee \* | | | SC64 Doc.13 |
| 14. | Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions \* | | | SC64 Doc.14 |
| 15. | Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA) | | |  |
|  | 15.1 | | Report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel | SC64 Doc.15.1 |
|  | 15.2 | | Draft resolution on CEPA \* | SC64 Doc.15.2 |
| 16. | Report of the Youth Working Group | | | SC64 Doc.16 |
| 17. | Work plan of the Secretariat for 2025 | | | SC64 Doc.17 |
| **Scientific matters** | | | |  |
| 18. | Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel | | | SC64 Doc.18 |
| 19. | Draft resolution on future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2026-2028 \* | | | SC64 Doc.19 |
| 20. | Draft resolution on the establishment of the Waterbird Estimates Partnership (WEP) and the delivery of the 2027 edition of Waterbird Population Estimates (WPE2027) \* | | | SC64 Doc.20 |
| 21. | Draft resolution on the application of Criteria 6 and 9 to new and existing Wetlands of International Importance \* | | | SC64 Doc.21 |
| **Implementation matters** | | | | |
| 22. | Preparation of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties | | |  |
|  | 22.1 | | Report of the Subgroup on COP15 | No document |
|  | 22.2 | | The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards [for discussion in closed session – document to members of the Subgroup on COP15 only] | SC64 Doc.22.2 |
|  | 22.3 | | Draft resolution on the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards \* | SC64 Doc.22.3 |
| 23. | Draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2025-2028 \* | | | SC64 Doc.23 |
| 24. | Report of the Co-Chairs of the Independent Advisory Committee on Wetland City Accreditation | | | SC64 Doc.24 |
| 25. | Draft resolution on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance \* | | | SC64 Doc.25 |
| 26. | Report of the Working Group on RIS Updating \* | | | SC64 Doc.26 |
| 27. | Report of the Secretariat on proposals on strengthening the process to include a Site on the List of Wetlands of International Importance | | | SC64 Doc.27 |
| 28. | Update of the Secretariat on the implementation of Resolution XIV.20 | | | SC64 Doc.28 |
| 29. | Draft resolutions submitted by Contracting Parties \* | | |  |
|  | 29.1 | Proposed draft resolution on strengthening action on culture and wetlands | | SC64 Doc.29.1 |
|  | 29.2 | Proposed draft resolution on restoration of degraded freshwater ecosystems to support ecological character biodiversity and ecosystem services [and the Freshwater Challenge] | | SC64 Doc.29.2 |
|  | 29.3 | Proposed draft resolution on strengthening national actions for the conservation and restoration of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway | | SC64 Doc.29.3 |
|  | 29.4 | Proposed draft resolution on promoting incorporation of frontier technology and traditional ecological knowledge in wetland conservation, restoration, management, and wise use | | SC64 Doc.29.4 |
|  | 29.5 | Proposed draft resolution on achieving the equitable and effective conservation of wetlands as protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) | | SC64 Doc.29.5 |
|  | 29.6 | Proposed draft resolution on improving the terms of reference for the Executive Team and the Management Working Group | | SC64 Doc.29.6 |
|  | 29.7 | Proposed draft resolution on Rights of Nature in Wetlands | | SC64 Doc.29.7 |
|  | 29.8 | Proposed draft resolution on youth empowerment and integration: driving engagement in and the longevity of the Convention on Wetlands | | SC64 Doc.29.8 |
|  | 29.9 | Proposed draft resolution on promoting sustainable lifestyles for the wise use of wetlands | | SC64 Doc.29.9 |
|  | 29.10 | Proposed draft resolution on recognition of river dolphins as key species for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands in South America and Asia | | SC64 Doc.29.10 |
|  | 29.11 | Proposed draft resolution on education and participation as a basis for the management of urban and peri-urban wetlands | | SC64 Doc.29.11 |
|  | 29.12 | Proposed draft resolution on assessing wetland vulnerability | | SC64 Doc.29.12 |
| **Concluding matters** | | | | |
| 30. | Dates and venue of the 65th and 66th meetings of the Standing Committee | | | No document |
| 31. | Adoption of the report of the meeting | | | No document |
| 32. | Any other business | | |  |
|  | 32.1 | Information from Sweden on a proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure | |  |
| 33. | Closing remarks | | | No document |