**African Regional Preparatory Meeting**

**Dakar, Senegal 26 February-2 March 2018**

**Draft Agenda**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Activities** | **Chairpersons/ Rapporteurs** |
| **Sunday 25 February**  **2018** | 11:00-18:00 | Arrival of participants and Registration | Help Desk |
| **Day 1**  **Monday 26 February 2018** | 09:00-10:00 | **Session 1: Opening Ceremony** **(Plenary)**  Welcome address  Director of National Parks, Senegal  Keynote address  Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention  Opening address  Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal | Chair: Kenya  Co-Chair: Mali  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DPN Senegal |
| 10:00-10:15 | Group Photo |
| 10:15-10:45 | Tea/Coffee break |
| 10:45-11:15 | First name introduction of Delegates  List of observers |
| 11:15-11:45 | Introduction of the meeting agenda  Discussion & Clarifications |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Brief introduction of submitted Draft Resolutions for COP13 |
| 11:45-13:00 | Group Work: Draft Resolutions for COP13  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30-15:30 | Group Work: Draft Resolutions for COP13 (cont’d)  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 15:30-18:00 | **Session 2: Negotiations (Plenary)**  Groups’ reports and discussions  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 18:00 | End of day 1 |

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| **Day 2**  **Tuesday 27 February 2018** | 08:30-08:40 | Reporting back from sessions 1 & 2 (Plenary) | Chair: Tunisia  Co-Chair: Congo  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DPN Senegal |
| 08:40-09:40 | **Session 3: Completing and Monitoring National Wetland Inventories (Plenary)**  Wetland Inventory and SDG Target 6.6.1 |
| 09:40-10:30 | Demonstration of GlobWetland Toolbox on Wetland Inventory |
| 10:30-10:45 | Tea/Coffee break |
| 10:45-13:00 | Group Work: Draft Resolutions for COP13  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30-16:00 | Group Work: Draft Resolutions for COP13 (cont’d)  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 16:00-17:30 | **Session 4: Negotiations (Plenary)**  Reporting from Groups discussions on DR  *Groups: Eastern Africa; Western Africa; Central Africa; Northern Africa; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean* |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | **Introduction to the Sites Visit** |
| 18:00 | End of day 2 |

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| **Day 3**  **Wednesday 28 February 2018** | 07:00-17:30 | **Session 5: Field Trip**  Visit to three wetlands  *Departure from Hotel at 7:00 am* | Chair: Senegal  Co-Chair: Namibia  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DPN Senegal |
| 18:30-20:00 | Cocktail (Entertainment) |
| 20:00 | End of day 3 |

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| **Day 4**  **Thursday 1 March 2018** | 08:30-08:40 | Reporting back from sessions 3, 4 & 5 | Chair: D. R. Congo  Co-Chair: Burkina  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DPN Senegal |
| 08:40-10:15 | **Session 6: Ramsar strategic Goal on addressing the drivers of wetland loss and degradation (Plenary)**  Case from Western Africa (Ghana), Northern Africa (Tunisia), Central Africa (Cameroon) and Eastern Africa (Kenya) |
| 10:15-10:30 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 10:30-11:30 | **Session 7: Ramsar strategic Goal on effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Site network**  Case from Indian Ocean (Seychelles), Southern Africa (South Africa), AEWA and WWF International |
| 11:30-13:00 | Discussions on issues related to STRP  Introduction to COP Rules and Procedures  *General discussion* |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30-16:00 | Ramsar Regional Initiatives in Africa  Briefing on RAMCEA (Uganda), NigerWet (Mali), WacoWet and SenegalWet (Senegal) activities |
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| 14:30-15:30 | **Session 8 : Ramsar Sites (Plenary)**  *Articles 3.2 & 2.5 & Montreux Record cases and RAMs*  Impacts of the Alert System |
| 15:00-16:00 | Ramsar strategic Goal on wisely using all wetlands  Presentation of two Case studies |
| 16:00-17:00 | Finance: *Outstanding contributions/Arrears* |
| 17:00-18:00 | Group Work to appoint Standing Committee Representatives  to be validated at COP13  Groups: Eastern Africa (1) plus an alternate ; Western Africa (1) plus an alternate; Central Africa (1) plus an alternate; Northern Africa (1) plus an alternate; Southern Africa & Indian Ocean (1) plus an alternate |
| 18:00 | End of day 4 |

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| **Day 5**  **Friday 2 March 2018** | 09:00-09:15 | Reporting back from sessions 6, 7 & 8 | Chair: Seychelles  Co-Chair: Gabon  Rapporteurs: Ramsar Secretariat, DPN-Senegal |
| 09:15-09:45 | **Session 9: Ramsar strategic Goal on enhancing implementation (Plenary)**  Evaluation of the implementation of the Ramsar Convention using legal indicators of effectiveness (IUCN / PACO) |
| 09:45-11:00 | Appointment of Contracting Parties to voice out Africa position on Draft Resolutions during COP13 |
| 11:00-11:30 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 11:30-12:30 | Recommendations from the African PreCOP Meeting  Proposals and discussions |
| 12:30-12:45 | Closing Ceremony  Statement by the Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention |
| 12:45-13:00 | Closing remarks  Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 15:00 | Departure |