CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

48th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 26-30 January 2015

**SC48-13**

**Provisional COP12 Agenda**

**Background**

The provisional agenda for the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties was shared in May 2014 through Diplomatic Notification 2014/2, which also communicated the venue, dates and theme of COP12. The agenda follows the structure outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Host Country.

 **12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

***“Wetlands for our Future”***

**Punta del Este, Uruguay, 1 – 9 June 2015**

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| **Agenda item III** | **Ramsar COP12 DOC. 1** |

### Provisional Agenda

 I Opening of the Meeting

 II General Statements and Keynote Addresses

 III Adoption of the Agenda

 IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

 V Election of the President and Vice- Presidents and remarks by the President

 VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees

 VII Admission of Observers

 VIII Report of the Chairperson of the Standing Committee

 IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level

 X Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

 XI Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)

 XII Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2009-2015

 XIII Financial report for 2012-2015 by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee Subgroup on Finance and proposed budget for the triennium 2016-2018

 XIV Election of Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee 2015-2018

XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee

 XVI Report of the Credentials Committee

 XVII Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions

 XVIII Adoption of Resolutions and Recommendations

 XIX Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

 XX Any other business

 XXI Adoption of the report of the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

 XXII Close of the meeting

***Monday, 1 June 2015***

08:30 – 18:00 Registration of delegates (continues each day to 9 June)

10:00 – 13:00 **49th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (subsequently to meet as the Conference Committee)

14:00 – 18:00 **Regional meetings** (including discussions on ContractingParties to be proposed for election to the Standing Committee at plenary agenda item XIV)

***Tuesday, 2 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

09:00 – 13:00 **Regional** **meetings** (continued)

14:00 – 15:00 **Regional meetings** (continued)

16:00 – 18:00 **Opening ceremony and welcoming statements** (includes **Agenda items I** and **II**)

Evening Welcome reception

***Wednesday, 3 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

 **III Adoption of the agenda**

 **IV Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**

 **V Election of the President and Vice-Presidents and remarks by the President**

 **VI Appointment of the Credentials Committee and any other committees**

 **VII Admission of Observers**

 **VIII Report of the Chairperson of the Standing Committee**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 17:30  **Plenary Session**

 **IX Report of the Secretary General and overview of the implementation of the Convention at the global level**

 **X Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

 **XI Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)**

 **XII Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2009-2015**

Evening Reception and presentation of **Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards**

***Thursday, 4 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee

10:00 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XIII Financial report for 2012-2015 by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee Subgroup on Finance and proposed budget for the triennium 2016-2018**

 **XIV Election of Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee 2015-2018**

 **XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

 **XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

18:30 – 21:00 **Regional Meetings** to prepare and canvass views for the upcoming sessions

***Friday, 5 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee (with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers)

10:00 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

 **XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

***Saturday, 6 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

 **XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

 **XV Consideration of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee** (continued)

18:30 – 20:00 Preparatory meeting of the appointees to the incoming Standing Committee 2015-2018

***Sunday, 7 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee (if needed) with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

 **Field visits** organized by Uruguay

***Monday, 8 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

 **XVI Report of the Credentials Committee**

 **XVII Report on the discussions, conclusions and recommendations in the preceding sessions**

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XVIII Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations**

***Tuesday, 9 June 2015***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Committee with Standing Committee 2015-2018 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XVIII Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations** (continued)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XIX Date and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

 **XX Any other business**

 **XXI Adoption of the report of the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

 **XXII Close of the meeting**

18:30 – 19:30 **50th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (incoming members to elect officers and subgroup members, and agree the date and venue of the first full meeting)