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

Agenda item III

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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
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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 Contracting Parties 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
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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

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**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)