CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

52nd Meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 13-17 June 2016

**SC52-01 Rev.2**

**52**nd **Meeting of the Standing Committee**

**Agenda and programme**

**Monday, 13 June 2016**

**08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group**

**Uruguay** (Standing Committee Chair, also serving as Chair of the Management Working Group), **Australia** (SC Vice-Chair), **Senegal** (Chair of the Sub-Group on Finance), **Romania** (former SC Chair for the 2012-2015 triennium), **South Africa** (former SC Vice-Chair), **Canada** (former Chair of the Sub-Group on Finance).

Other interested Contracting Parties: **Fiji**, **Switzerland**, **UAE** and **USA**.

**Chair of the STRP** and **Acting Secretary General** (*ex officio*).

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. Update on the process of selecting the new Secretary General **(closed session of the MWG)**
2. Update from the Acting Secretary General on the eight-point Action Plan for the Secretariat (verbal)
3. Update from the Acting Secretary General on staffing matters (verbal)

**13:15-14:45 Meeting of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation**

(**Democratic Republic of Congo**, **Honduras**, **Kenya**, **Romania**, **Seychelles**, **United States of America**)

**15:00-15:30 Meeting of the Management Working Group** (continued)

1. Report of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation

**15:30-18:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on Finance**

(**Senegal** (Chair), **Canada** (former Sub-Group Chair), **Australia**, **Estonia**, **Republic of Korea**, **Suriname**, **the** **United States of America**)

1. Approval of 2015 financial statements (Doc. SC52-18 Rev.1 *Update on Ramsar financial matters*)
2. 2016 budget review including review of consultancy contracts
3. Update on payment of annual contributions (SC52-19 *Contracting Parties with outstanding annual contributions*)
4. Financial implications of COP12 Resolutions (SC52-09 Rev.1 *Costs of actions to implement COP12 Resolutions in the 2016-2018 triennium*)

**Tuesday, 14 June 2016**

**08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on COP13**

(**United Arab Emirates** (Chair) as host country for COP13, **Uruguay** as host country for COP12,

**Australia**, **Cambodia**, **Canada**, **Honduras**, **Romania**, **Tunisia**)

1. Report from the host country, UAE
2. Review of COP13 MOU and the COP13 draft agenda
3. Review of Secretariat progress in organizing COP13 (SC52-02 *Progress with preparations for COP13*)
4. Update on COP13 fundraising

**10:00-13:00 Meeting of the Facilitation Working Group** (formerly the Working Group on Improving Management Instruments )

(**Kenya**, **Romania**, **Senegal**, **Switzerland**, **United States of America** (Co-chair), **Uruguay** (Co-chair))

**15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (if needed)**

(SC52-11 Rev.1 *Update on Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)

**15:00-18:00 Meeting of the Working Group on Resource Mobilization**

(**Colombia**, **Kenya**, **United States of America**)

(SC52-20 *Report on the review of resource mobilization from all sources, especially as it relates to fundraising*)

**Wednesday, 15 June 2016**

**08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00-13:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Opening statements

* Chair of the Standing Committee (Uruguay)
* Director General of IUCN
* Statement on behalf of the six International Organization Partners (IOPs)
* Acting Secretary General

1. Review and adoption of the draft agenda (Doc. SC52-01 Rev.1 *Draft agenda and programme* and SC52-Inf.Doc.01 Rev.2 *List of meeting documents*)
2. Admission of observers (SC52-Inf.Doc.09 *List of registered observers*)
3. Approval of terms of reference for a future language strategy for the Convention (SC52-03 *Consultancy support for the development of a strategy outlining the potential phased integration of Arabic or other UN languages into the work of the Convention*)
4. Report of the Sub-Group on COP13 (SC52-02 *Progress with* *preparations for COP13*)
5. Report of the Management Working Group **(in closed session if necessary)**

**15:00-18:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Report of the Acting Secretary General (SC52-04 Rev.2 *Report of the Acting Secretary General* )
2. Report on Secretariat actions arising from SC51 (SC52-Inf.Doc.02 *Secretariat actions arising from SC51 Decisions*)
3. Report on actions arising from COP12 Resolutions (SC52-Inf.Doc.03 *Standing Committee actions arising from COP12 Resolutions and SC50 Decisions*)
4. Update on the status of the Ramsar List (Doc. SC52-06 *Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance*)
5. Secretariat work plans
   1. Work Plan for the 2016-2018 triennium (SC52-07 *Secretariat Work Plan for the 2016-2018 triennium*)
   2. Work Plan for 2016 (SC52-08 *Secretariat Work Plan for 2016*)
6. Costs of actions to implement COP12 Resolutions in the 2016-2018 triennium (SC52-09 Rev.1 *Costs of actions to implement COP12 Resolutions in the 2016-2018 triennium*)

**18:00 Reception**

**Thursday, 16 June 2016**

**08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00-13:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Report of the Chair of the STRP (SC52-10 Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical *Review Panel (STRP) and amended draft STRP 2016-2018 Work Plan*)
2. Ramsar Regional Initiatives
   1. Update by Mr. Li-jeong LEE (Director, Suncheon City Government, Republic of Korea) on the hosting of the Ramsar Regional Centre - East Asia (RRC-EA)
   2. Assessment of existing Ramsar Regional Initiatives (SC52-Inf.Doc.04 *Ramsar Regional Initiatives: An assessment of their achievements by 2015*)
   3. Report of the Chair of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (SC52-11 Rev.1 *Update on Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)
   4. Regional Initiatives communications strategy (SC52-Inf.Doc.05 *Update on a common communications strategy for Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)
   5. Consideration of new Regional Initiatives (SC52-12 *Proposals for new Ramsar Regional Initiatives*)

**13:30-15:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on Finance**

(**Senegal** (Chair), **Canada** (former Sub-Group Chair), **Australia**, **Estonia**, **Republic of Korea**, **Suriname**, **the** **United States of America**)

1. Review of financial implications of the decisions of the Standing Committee
2. Finalization of the Report of the Sub-Group on Finance

**15:00-18:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Update on the preparation of the National Report format for COP13 (SC52-13 *Draft format for National Reports to COP13)*
2. Implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention according to Resolution XII.10 (SC52-14 Rev.1 *Progress report on the implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention*)
3. Update on the Ramsar Culture Network (SC52-Inf.Doc.06 *The Ramsar Culture Network and its contribution to the implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024*)

**18:00 Meeting of the Sub-Group on Finance (if needed)**

**Friday, 17 June 2016**

**08:15-09:45 Regional meetings**

**10:00-13:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Update on the process of selection of the new Secretary General **(closed session)**
2. CEPA and Secretariat Communications
   1. Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel (verbal presentation)
   2. Revised CEPA Action Plan for the Ramsar Secretariat 2016-2018
   3. Report on World Wetlands Day 2016 (verbal presentation)
   4. World Wetlands Day Themes for 2017 and 2018 (SC52-17 *World Wetlands Day themes*)
   5. Update on the Ramsar web site and the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS) site   
      (verbal presentation)

**15:00-18:00 Plenary Session** **of the Standing Committee**

1. Report of the Sub-Group on Finance (SC52-18 Rev.1 *Ramsar financial matters 2014/2015* and   
   SC52-19 *Contracting Parties with outstanding annual contributions*)
2. Report of the Working Group on Resource Mobilization (SC52-20 *Report on the review of resource mobilization from all sources, especially as it relates to fundraising*)
3. Report of the Facilitation Working Group (formerly the Working Group on Improving Management Instruments)
4. Update on partnerships and synergies
   1. Progress on implementing Resolution XI.6 on Partnership and synergies with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other institutions (SC52-15 *Progress on implementing Resolution XI.6 on Partnership and synergies with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other institutions*)
   2. Update by UNEP, and video showing the UNEPLive platform interlinking the SDGs and the Ramsar Convention
   3. Progress on MOUs (SC52-16 Rev.2 *Update on formal agreements and joint work plans of the Ramsar Convention and partners*)
5. Other matters

* Date and venue of the 53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee
* Adoption of the report of the 52nd Meeting
* Any other business
* Closing remarks

The Standing Committee Chair will close the 52nd Standing Committee Meeting at approximately 6pm on Friday, 17 June.