

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee
Gland, Switzerland, 29 May – 2 June 2017

SC53-01 Rev.1

53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee Agenda

Monday 29 May 2017

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

10:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Management Working Group

Working Group on CEPA Implementation (Doc. SC53-03)
Proposal of new MOUs (Doc. SC53-04)
Review of existing Working Groups (Doc. SC53-05)
Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of Sub-group on COP13

Progress with preparations for COP13 (Doc. SC53-07)

- Dates and venue of COP13
- COP theme and logo
- Timeline in lead up to COP13 including regional pre-COP meetings
- Document distribution (“paperless COP”)

COP13 Agenda (Doc.SC53-08)

Tuesday 30 May 2017

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

10:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Sub-group on Finance

Financial matters 2016 (Doc. SC53-20)
Report on outstanding contributions (Doc. SC53-21)
Update on fundraising for COP13 (Pre-COP regional meetings and other priority activities for fundraising)

13:00 – 15:00 Meeting of the Facilitation Working Group

15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the CEPA Oversight Panel / Meeting of the Working Group on CEPA Implementation

Wednesday 31 May 2017

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

1. Opening statements
 - a. Chair of the Standing Committee (Uruguay)
 - b. Director General of IUCN (or her representative)
 - c. Statement on behalf of the six International Organization Partners (IOPs)
 - d. Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention
2. Review and adoption of the Provisional Agenda (Docs. SC53-01, SC53-01 Add.1)
3. Admission of observers (SC53-Inf.Doc.02)
4. Report of the Secretary General (Doc. SC53-02)
5. Report of the Management Working Group
 - a. Working Group on CEPA Implementation (Doc. SC53-03)
 - b. Proposal of new MOUs (Doc. SC53-04)
 - c. Review of existing Working Groups (Doc. SC53-05)
 - d. Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

6. Report of the Sub-group on COP13
 - a. Progress with preparations for COP13 (Doc. SC53-07)
 - Dates and venue of COP13
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 - b. COP13 Agenda (Doc. SC53-08)
7. Secretariat Work Plan for the 2016-18 triennium and annual plan for 2017 (Doc. SC53-09)
8. Report of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (Doc. SC53-10)

18:00 Reception

Thursday 1 June 2017

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

9. Report of the Working Group on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Doc. SC53-11)
10. Update on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Doc. SC53-12)

11. Strategy on the use of UN languages (Doc. SC53-06)

13:00 – 15:00 Meeting of the Sub-group on Finance (continued)

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

12. Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel

13. Secretariat report on CEPA-related activities

- a. Implementation of Secretariat CEPA action plan (Doc. SC53-03)
- b. Report on World Wetlands Day 2017
- c. Theme for World Wetlands Day 2018
- d. The Ramsar Wetlands Conservation Awards 2018 (Doc. SC53-13)
- e. Update on the MAVA project “Conservation of the natural and cultural heritage in wetlands” (Doc. SC53-14)

14. Progress on implementing Resolution XI.6 on partnership and synergies (Doc. SC53-15)

15. Progress report on implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation (Doc. SC53-16)

Friday 2 June 2017

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

16. Report on national and regional targets of the Strategic Plan (Doc. SC53-17)

17. The status of the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Doc. SC53-18) and update on the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS).

15:00 – 18:00 Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

18. Options for holding future meetings of the Standing Committee in Geneva (Doc. SC53-19)

19. Report of the Facilitation Working Group

20. Report of the Sub-group on Finance

- a. Financial matters 2016 (Doc. SC53-20)
- b. Report on outstanding contributions (Doc. SC53-21)
- c. Update on fundraising for COP13 (Pre-COP regional meetings and other priority activities for fundraising)

21. Other matters

- a. Date and venue of the 54th Meeting of the Standing Committee
- b. Adoption of the report of the 53rd Meeting
- c. Any other business
- d. Closing remarks