CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 29 May – 2 June 2017

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**COP13 Provisional Agenda**

**13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to
the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 21-29 October 2018**

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

 XXI Any other business

 XXII Adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

 XXIII Close of the meeting

***Sunday, 21 October 2018***

08:30 – 18:00 Registration of delegates (continues each day to 29 October)

10:00 – 13:00 **55th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (subsequently to meet as the Conference Bureau)

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

18:15-19:15 Meetings of Regional Initiatives

***Monday, 22 October, 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

09:00 – 13:00 **Regional** **meetings**

14:00 – 16:00 **Regional meetings**

17:00 – 19:00 **Opening ceremony and welcoming statements** (includes **Agenda items I** and **II** and Ramsar Award Ceremony and Cocktail)

19:00 – 21:30 Welcome reception

***Tuesday, 23 October 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

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

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 – 15:30 *Special Presentation:*

15:30 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

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

 **X Report on implementation of the CEPA Programme 2016-2024**

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

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

 **XIII Secretariat’s report on administrative and financial implications of draft Resolutions**

18:30 – 21:30 Host country reception for Country Delegations

***Wednesday, 24 October 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

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

10:00 – 10:30 *Special Presentation:*

10:30 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XIV Financial report for 2016-2018 by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee Subgroup on Finance and proposed budget for the triennium 2019-2021**

 **XV Election of Contracting Parties for the Standing Committee 2019-2021**

 **XVI 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**

 **XVI 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

***Thursday, 25 October 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau (with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers)

10:00 – 10:30 *Special Presentation*:

10:30 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XVI 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**

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

***Friday, 26 October 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

10:00 – 10:30 *Special Presentation:*

10:30 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

 **XVI 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**

 **XVI 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 2019-2021

***Saturday, 27 October 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau (if needed) with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

 **Field visits** organized by the United Arab Emirates

***Sunday, 28 October 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary Session**

 **XVII Report of the Credentials Committee**

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

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

 **XIX Adoption of Conference Resolutions and Recommendations**

***Monday, 29 October 2018***

08:00 – 18:00 Registration (continued)

08:30 – 09:45 Meeting of the Conference Bureau with Standing Committee 2019-2021 appointees as observers

10:00 – 13:00  **Plenary Session**

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

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00  **Plenary Session**

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

 **XXI Any other business**

 **XXII Adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

 **XXIII Close of the meeting**

18:30 – 19:30 **56th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (incoming members to elect officers and subgroup members, and agree the date and venue of the first full meeting)