RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

54th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Gland, Switzerland, 23 – 27 April 2018

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**Financial and budgetary matters**

**Status of annual contributions**

**Actions requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

a. take note of the status of annual contributions;

b. note the proposed Secretariat actions for 2018 to continue encouraging the payment of annual contributions;

c. note the increase in annual contributions receivable and in the annual provision against contributions receivable;

d. note the current status of the voluntary contributions of Contracting Parties in the African region;

e. approve the proposed course of action in paragraph 14.

**Background**

1. Article 6.6 of the Convention states:

“*Each Contracting Party shall contribute to the budget according to a scale of contributions adopted by unanimity of the Contracting Parties present and voting at a meeting of the ordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties.*”

2. Annual (assessed) contributions from Parties are used to finance the Convention’s core budget. Each year, the Secretariat invoices Parties for their annual contributions. Swiss franc (CHF) invoicing is based upon the approved core budget and the current UN Scale of Assessments, adjusted on a *pro rata* basis to reflect which States are Parties to the Convention at the beginning of the year.

3. In Resolutions XI.2, on *Financial and budgetary matters,* in paragraph 17, the Conference of the Contracting Parties:

*“URGES Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions to make a renewed effort to settle them as expeditiously as possible to enhance the financial sustainability of the Convention through contributions by all Contracting Parties, and REQUESTS the Secretariat to contact Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions in excess of three years and work with them to identify appropriate options and actions for addressing the situation and initiating a plan for making payment of contributions, and to report back to each Standing Committee meeting and COP on activities taken and results achieved”.*

**Status of annual contributions as at 31 December 2017**

4. The table in Annex 1 presents for each Contracting Party, listed in alphabetical order, the status of annual contributions as at 1January 2017, all payments received in 2017 and the status of contributions as at 31 December 2017. The format used has been adjusted to be in line with the reporting done under other Conventions.

5. As at 31 December 2017, CHF 967,130 for 2017 had not been received, which corresponds to 19.96% of the 2017 contributions expected (amounting to CHF 4,844,500). For prior years, the total expected but not received as at 31 December 2017 amounted to CHF 919,431. Therefore, the total contributions expected but not received as at 31 December 2017 amounted to CHF 1,886,560, which represents an increase of CHF 609,524 as compared to 31 December 2016, or an increase of 47.73 %.

6. The contributions for 2017 that were not received, or not received in full, as at 31 December 2017 concerned 89 Contracting Parties (as compared to 79 at the end of 2016).

7. In 2018, by 2 February, six Contracting Parties (China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait, Monaco, Spain and Viet Nam) had paid contributions for 2017 and prior years, totalling CHF 329,385, as well as CHF 13,936 for 2018. This reduced the total unpaid for 2017 and prior years to CHF 1,557,175. The increase in non-received contributions compared to 31 December 2016 was thus 21.94%.

8. Table 1 below shows the status of contributions from 2013 to 2017 and the related provision for non-collection of contributions. Owing to the increase in contributions receivable over the years (with only 2016 marking a reduction compared to the previous year), the provision for the non-collection of contributions had to be increased by CHF 66,710 to CHF 720,160 at the end of 2017.

*Table 1: Status of contributions and provision for non-collection, 2013-2017(CHF ‘000)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** |
| Assessed contributions from Contracting Parties | 3,782 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 |
| Voluntary contribution from United States of America | 1,048 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 |
| Cumulative contributions not received | 759 | 943 | 1,349 | 1,277 | 1,886 |
| Provision for non-collection (i.e. provision against contributions not received) | 385 | 483 | 691 | 653 | 720 |

9. The provision for 2017 was calculated in accordance with the methodology used by other Conventions as approved in Decision SC53-36, with 20% provision on contributions not received within two years, 60% on contributions not received within three years, 80% on contributions not received within four years and 100% on contributions not received for five years or more.

10. As at 31 December 2017, 113 Contracting Parties had paid all their contributions up to and including 2016 (as compared to 90 Parties that, at the end of 2016, had paid up to the end of 2015). Out of these, 80 Contracting Parties had also paid their full contributions for 2017. Nine Contracting Parties had already paid in 2017 towards their contributions for 2018, amounting to a total of CHF 386,918. The Secretariat acknowledges, with appreciation, the consistent and prompt payment of these Contracting Parties.

11. A comparison of the balances of contributions per year as at 31 December 2017 compared to 31 December 2016 is shown in Table 2 below. It shows that, in 2017, only CHF 8K have been received for 2013 or prior years whilst CHF 283K remain outstanding for that period. CHF 350,000 were received for the 2014-2016 period. Table 2 also shows the change of contribution balances over the years, resulting in an overall increase of CHF 609,000.

*Table 2: Contribution balances 31 December 2017 compared to 31 December 2016*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Contribution balance (CHF '000) 31/12/2016** | **Contribution balance (CHF '000)31/12/2017** | **Change (CHF '000)(2016-2017)**  |
| 2009 or before | 102 | 100 | -2 |
| 2010 | 26 | 26 | 0 |
| 2011 | 42 | 42 | 0 |
| 2012 | 48 | 45 | -3 |
| 2013 | 73 | 70 | -3 |
| 2014 | 114 | 80 | -34 |
| 2015 | 327 | 261 | -66 |
| 2016 | 545 | 295 | -250 |
| 2017 |   | 967 | 967 |
| **Total** | **1,277** | **1,886** | **609** |

**Ramsar Secretariat actions in 2017 and proposed actions for 2018**

12. In accordance with the actions noted in Decision SC53-35, the Secretariat has continued to engage with Contracting Parties on contributions not received, especially those older than three years at the end of 2017, including the Contracting Parties that have never paid any contribution.

13. Also in accordance with Decision SC53-35, and in line with other Conventions, the Secretariat has started to publish the updated status of contributions on the Ramsar Convention website on a monthly basis[[1]](#footnote-1), in the same format as the status of contributions presented in Annex 1.

14. The Secretariat proposes to continue with the same approach in 2018, and to make contact with the permanent missions in Geneva of Parties that have paid no contribution for three years or more. In addition, given the increase in unpaid contributions, the Secretariat proposes to follow the same approach as some other Conventions by recommending that the Regional Representatives in the Standing Committee reach out to the countries in their regions to urge them to pay their contributions.

**African voluntary contributions**

15. At the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, through Resolution X.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* paragraph 23, the Contracting Parties of Africa assessed with an annual contribution at less than CHF 2,000 agreed to increase their payments to that level. The difference between CHF 2,000 and their assessed contribution was to be in the form of a voluntary contribution specifically earmarked for African Regional Initiatives.

16. The voluntary contributions received from the Africa region during the period from 2009 to 2017 are shown in Annex 2. Resolution X.2 was approved nine years ago and, in the intervening period, 23 out of 44 Contracting Parties (52%) have made voluntary contributions, totalling CHF 112,826. Of that amount, CHF 14,275 was registered as income from voluntary contributions in 2017. In total, this represents the receipt of 30% of the possible voluntary contributions foreseen in the Resolution.

17. Annex 2 shows that 4 out of 44 (or 9%) of the concerned Contracting Parties provided the full voluntary contributions from 2009 to 2017.

**Annex 1**

**Status of Assessed Contributions as at 31 December 2017 (in CHF)**

| **Contracting Party** | **Status as of 1 January 2017**  | **Received in 2017**  | **Status as of 31 December 2017**  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not received for prior years**  | **Anticipated for 2017**  | **Paid for future years**  | **For prior years**  | **For 2017**  | **For future years**  | **Not received for prior years**  | **Not received for 2017**  | **Received for Future Years**  |
| Albania |  -  |  1,000  |  133  |  -  |  867  |   |   |   |   |
| Algeria |  -  |  7,872  |  -  |  -  |  7,872  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Andorra |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Antigua and Barbuda |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Argentina |  43,616  |  43,616  |  -  |  43,616  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  43,616  |  -  |
| Armenia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Australia |  -  |  114,272  |  114,272  |  -  |  -  |  114,272  |  -  |  -  |  114,272  |
| Austria |  -  |  35,206  |  -  |  -  |  35,206  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Azerbaijan |  -  |  2,934  |  -  |  -  |  2,934  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bahamas |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Bahrain |  -  |  2,151  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,151  |  -  |
| Bangladesh |  3,500  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,500  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Barbados |  2,751  |  1,000  |  -  |  2,751  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belarus |  -  |  2,738  |  -  |  -  |  2,738  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belgium |  -  |  43,274  |  -  |  -  |  43,274  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belize |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Benin |  -  |  1,000  |  87  |  -  |  913  |  -  |  -  |  -0  |  -  |
| Bhutan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Botswana |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Brazil |  330,117  |  186,933  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  330,117  |  186,933  |  -  |
| Bulgaria |  -  |  2,200  |  -  |  -  |  2,200  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Burkina Faso |  2,999  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,626  |  -  |  -  |  1,373  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Burundi |  2,151  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,151  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cabo Verde |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cambodia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cameroon |  5,247  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,247  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Canada |  -  |  142,828  |  -  |  -  |  142,828  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Central African Republic |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Chad |  -  |  1,000  |  4,845  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,845  |
| Chile |  -  |  19,510  |  1,887  |  -  |  17,623  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| China |  -  |  387,313  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  387,313  |  -  |
| Colombia |  28,385  |  15,745  |  -  |  28,385  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  15,745  |  -  |
| Comoros |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Congo |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Costa Rica |  -  |  2,298  |  488  |  -  |  1,810  |  147  |  -  |  -  |  147  |
| Côte d'Ivoire |  3,517  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,517  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Croatia |  -  |  4,841  |  -  |  -  |  4,841  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Cuba |  10,147  |  3,178  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  10,147  |  3,178  |  -  |
| Cyprus |  -  |  2,103  |  -  |  -  |  2,103  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Czech Republic |  -  |  16,821  |  18,837  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,016  |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo |  17,846  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  17,846  |  1,000  |   |
| Denmark |  -  |  28,556  |  -  |  -  |  28,556  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Djibouti |  14,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  14,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Dominican Republic |  4,754  |  2,249  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,754  |  2,249  |  -  |
| Ecuador |  6,304  |  3,276  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,304  |  3,276  |  -  |
| Egypt |  7,432  |  7,432  |  -  |  7,432  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,432  |  -  |
| El Salvador |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Equatorial Guinea |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Estonia |  -  |  1,858  |  -  |  -  |  1,858  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Fiji |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Finland |  -  |  22,297  |  -  |   |  22,297  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| France |  -  |  237,590  |  237,590  |  -  |  -  |  237,190  |  -  |  -  |  237,190  |
| Gabon |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Gambia |  5,261  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,261  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Georgia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Germany |  -  |  312,403  |  -  |  -  |  312,403  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Ghana |  -  |  1,000  |  21  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  979  |  -  |
| Greece |  82,814  |  23,030  |  -  |  82,814  |  23,030  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Grenada |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Guatemala |  -  |  1,369  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,369  |  -  |
| Guinea |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Guinea-Bissau |  18,367  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  18,367  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Honduras |  -  |  1,000  |  107  |  -  |  -107  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Hungary |  -  |  7,872  |  5,089  |  -  |  2,783  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Iceland |  -  |  1,125  |  -  |  -  |  1,125  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| India |  36,037  |  36,037  |  -  |  36,037  |  36,037  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Indonesia |  -  |  24,644  |  -  |  -  |  24,644  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) |  8,235  |  23,030  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  8,235  |  23,030  |  -  |
| Iraq |  -  |  6,308  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,308  |  -  |
| Ireland |   |  16,380  |  20,379  |  -  |   |  16,380  |  -  |  -  |  20,379  |
| Israel |  1,701  |  21,026  |  -  |  1,701  |  21,026  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Italy |  -  |  183,266  |  -  |  -  |  183,266  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Jamaica |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Japan |  -  |  473,323  |  -  |  -  |  473,323  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Jordan |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  2,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Kazakhstan |  -  |  9,339  |  -  |  -  |  9,339  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Kenya |  -  |  1,000  |  2,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |
| Kiribati |  1,545  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,545  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Kuwait |  -  |  13,936  |  -  |  -  |  13,936  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Kyrgyzstan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Latvia |  -  |  2,445  |  -  |  -  |  2,445  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lebanon |  7,154  |  2,249  |  -  |  4,299  |  -  |  -  |  2,855  |  2,249  |  -  |
| Lesotho |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Liberia |  11,110  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  11,110  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Liechtenstein |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |   |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lithuania |  -  |  3,521  |  -  |   |  3,521  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Luxembourg |  3,139  |  3,129  |  -  |  3,139  |  3,129  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Madagascar |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  5,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Malawi |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |   |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Malaysia |  2,032  |  15,745  |  -  |  2,032  |  15,745  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mali |  -  |  1,000  |  8,055  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,055  |
| Malta |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  3,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Marshall Islands |  1,161  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,161  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mauritania |  18,577  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  18,577  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mauritius |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mexico |  -  |  70,167  |  -  |  -  |  70,167  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Monaco |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mongolia |  1,500  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,500  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Montenegro |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Morocco |  -  |  2,640  |  -  |  -  |  2,640  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mozambique |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Myanmar |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Namibia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Nepal |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Netherlands | 80,914  |  72,465  |  -  |  80,914  |  72,465  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| New Zealand |  -  |  13,104  |  -  |  -  |  13,104  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Nicaragua |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Niger |  9,192  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  9,192  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Nigeria |  51,003  |  10,219  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  51,003  |  10,219  |  -  |
| Norway |  -  |  41,514  |  -  |  -  |  41,514  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Oman |  4,978  |  5,525  |  -  |  -  |  5,525  |  -  |  4,978  |  -  |  -  |
| Pakistan |  -  |  4,547  |  1,755  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,792  |  -  |
| Palau |  14,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  14,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Panama |  -  |  1,662  |  -  |  -  |  1,662  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Papua New Guinea |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |   |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Paraguay |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Peru |  -  |  6,650  |  -  |  -  |  6,650  |  831  |  -  |  -  |  831  |
| Philippines |  -  |  8,068  |  183  |  -  |  8,068  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  183  |
| Poland |  -  |  41,122  |  41,122  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Portugal |  25,800  |  19,168  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  25,800  |  19,168  |  -  |
| Republic of Korea |  -  |  99,701  |  -  |  -  |  99,701  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Republic of Moldova  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |   |
| Romania |  -  |  8,997  |  2,032  |  -  |  6,965  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Russian Federation |  24,336  |  150,994  |  -  |  24,336  |  126,658  |  -  |  -  |  24,336  |  -  |
| Rwanda |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Saint Lucia |  13,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  12,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Samoa |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Sao Tome and Principe |  10,000  |  1,000  |  -  |   |  -  |  -  |  10,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Senegal |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Serbia |  -  |  1,565  |  -  |  -  |  1,565  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Seychelles |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Sierra Leone |  377  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  377  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Slovakia |  -  |  7,824  |  521  |  -  |  7,303  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Slovenia |  -  |  4,107  |  -  |  -  |  4,107  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| South Africa |  -  |  17,799  |  -  |  -  |  17,799  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| South Sudan |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Spain |  -  |  119,455  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  119,455  |  -  |
| Sri Lanka |  -  |  1,516  |  -  |  -  |  1,516  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| State of Libya |  47,642  |  6,112  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  47,642  |  6,112  |  -  |
| Sudan |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Suriname |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Swaziland |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Sweden |  -  |  46,746  |  -  |  -  |  46,746  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Switzerland |  -  |  55,743  |  -  |  -  |  55,743  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Syrian Arab Republic |  8,295  |  1,174  |  -  |  8,295  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,174  |  -  |
| Tajikistan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Thailand |  -  |  14,229  |  -  |  -  |  14,229  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |  7,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Togo |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Trinidad and Tobago |  1,662  |  1,662  |  -  |  -  |  -  |   |  1,662  |  1,662  |  -  |
| Tunisia |  2,741  |  1,369  |  -  |  1,368  |   |  -  |  1,373  |  1,369  |  -  |
| Turkey |  -  |  49,777  |  -  |  -  |  49,777  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Turkmenistan |  4,271  |  1,271  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,271  |  1,271  |  -  |
| Uganda |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Ukraine |  -  |  5,036  |  -  |  -  |  5,036  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| United Arab Emirates |  -  |  29,534  |  -  |  -  |  29,534  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| United Kingdom |  -  |  218,227  |  -  |  -  |  218,227  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| United Republic of Tanzania |  7,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| United States of America |  -  |  1,065,799  |  -  |   |  1,065,799  |   |  -  |  -  |   |
| Uruguay |  3,863  |  3,863  |  -  |  2,524  |  -  |  -  |  1,339  |  3,863  |  -  |
| Uzbekistan |  13,055  |  1,125  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  13,055  |  1,125  |  -  |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |  149,622  |  27,920  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  149,622  |  27,920  |  -  |
| Viet Nam |  4,886  |  2,836  |  -  |  2,836  |  -  |  -  |  2,050  |  2,836  |  -  |
| Yemen |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Zambia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |   |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Zimbabwe |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| **Total** | **1,277,036**  | **4,844,500**  | **460,404**  | **357,605**  | **3,435,065**  | **368,820**  | **919,431**  | **967,130**  | **386,918**  |

**Annex 2**

**Voluntary Contributions from Africa Region Contracting Parties**

| **Contracting Party** | **Voluntary****Contributions****paid up to****31/12/2016** | **Voluntary****Contributions****paid for / in 2017** | **Total Voluntary****Contributions****received up to****31/12/2017** | **Total Potential Voluntary Contributions 2009-20017** | **Percentage of Total Potential Voluntary Contributions Received** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **CHF** | **CHF** | **CHF** | **CHF** | **CHF** |
| Benin | 8,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 100% |
| Botswana | 6,000 |  | 6,000 | 9,000 | 67% |
| Burkina Faso | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Burundi | 1,000 |  | 1,000 | 9,000 | 11% |
| Cameroon | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Cape Verde | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Central African Republic | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Chad | 8,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 100% |
| Comoros | 4,000 |  | 4,000 | 9,000 | 44% |
| Congo | 3,246 |  | 3,246 | 9,000 | 36% |
| Congo, the Democratic Republic of | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 4,000 |  | 4,000 | 9,000 | 44% |
| Djibouti | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Equatorial Guinea | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Gabon | 1,625 |  | 1,625 | 9,000 | 18% |
| Gambia | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Ghana | 5,000 |  | 5,000 | 9,000 | 56% |
| Guinea | 5,000 |  | 5,000 | 9,000 | 56% |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Kenya | 8,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 100% |
| Lesotho | 3,795 |  | 3,795 | 9,000 | 42% |
| Liberia | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Madagascar | 725 | 7,275 | 8,000 | 9,000 | 89% |
| Malawi | 5,929 |  | 5,929 | 9,000 | 66% |
| Mali | 8,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 100% |
| Mauritania | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Moroco | 3,000 |  | 3,000 | 9,000 | 33% |
| Mozambique | 3,000 |  | 3,000 | 9,000 | 33% |
| Namibia | 6,000 | 1,000 | 7,000 | 9,000 | 78% |
| Niger | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Rwanda | 3,000 |  | 3,000 | 9,000 | 33% |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Senegal | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 9,000 | 22% |
| Seychelles | 4,000 |  | 4,000 | 9,000 | 44% |
| Sierra Leone | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| South Sudan | 0 |  | 0 | 4,000 | 0% |
| Sudan | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Swaziland | 0 |  | 0 | 5,000 | 0% |
| Tanzania, United Republic of | 0 |  | 0 | 9,000 | 0% |
| Togo | 1,191 |  | 1,191 | 9,000 | 13% |
| Tunisia | 0 |  | 0 | 4,449 | 0% |
| Uganda | 5,840 |  | 5,840 | 9,000 | 65% |
| Zambia | 200 |  | 200 | 9,000 | 2% |
| Zimbabwe | 0 |  | 0 | 5,000 | 0% |
| **Total** | **98,551** | **14,275** | **112,826** | **378,449** | **30%** |

1. See <https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/status_contributions_31dec2017_e.pdf>; the table is also accessible from <https://www.ramsar.org/about/the-ramsar-convention-secretariat>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)