Provisional working programme

Monday 24 June 2019

08:15 – 09:30  Regional meetings
09:45 – 11:00  Meeting of the Management Working Group
  • Report on the selection process of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel for the triennium 2019-2021 according to Resolution XII.5
  • Report on the Establishment of the CEPA Oversight Panel
11:00 – 13:00  Meeting of the Working Group on the Review of the Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention
13:30 – 15:00  Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group
15:00 – 18:00  Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance

Tuesday 25 June 2019

08:15 – 09:45  Regional meetings
10:00 – 13:00  Plenary Session of the Standing Committee

1. Opening statements
   1.1 Chair of the Standing Committee (United Arab Emirates)
   1.2 Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
   1.3 International Organization Partners
   1.4 Secretary General of the Convention
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda
3. Adoption of the provisional working programme
4. Admission of observers
5. Report of the Secretary General


13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group

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

7. Financial and budgetary matters – report of the Subgroup on Finance
   7.1 Report on financial matters for 2018 and 2019
   7.2 Report of the auditor on the financial statements 2018 (included in item 7.1)
   7.3 Status of annual contributions
   7.4 Approval of Small Grant Fund beneficiaries

8. Urgent challenges to wise use of wetlands to receive enhanced attention


Wednesday 26 June 2019

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

11. Final reports of the Chairs of retired working groups
   11.1 Transition Committee
   11.2 Resource Mobilization Working Group
   11.3 Working Group on CEPA Implementation
   11.4 Facilitation Working Group
   11.5 Language Strategy Working Group
   11.6 Staffing Working Group

12. Terms of reference of the Executive Team

14. Review of all previous Resolutions and decisions

13:30 – 15:00 Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group

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

18. Observer status in the United Nations General Assembly

21. Follow up to COP13 and preparation of COP14
   21.1 Report of the Secretariat on COP13
   21.2 COP14 Host and establishment of the Subgroup on COP14


Thursday 27 June 2019

08:15 – 09:45 Regional meetings

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

10. Report of the Effectiveness Working Group and approval of the Terms of Reference of the Group

16. Work plan of the Secretariat for 2019-2021

15. Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA)
   15.1 Establishment of the CEPA Oversight Panel
   (Proposal to assume the responsibilities assigned in Resolution XII.9 The Ramsar Convention’s CEPA Programme and in accordance with Decision SC50-08 tasked to the Working Group on CEPA Implementation to develop a new approach for supporting CEPA implementation: paragraphs 25 and 26 of Resolution XIII.5 Review of the fourth Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention)

   15.2 Report of the Secretariat on World Wetlands Day

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

17. Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions


22. National Reports for COP14
Friday 28 June 2019

08:15 – 09:45  Regional meetings

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

23.  Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance
24.  Ramsar Advisory Missions: Operational guidance

13:30 – 15:00  Meeting of the Effectiveness Working Group

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

27.  58th meeting of the Standing Committee

   27.1  Implications of joint meetings of the Standing Committee and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel

   27.2  Dates of the 58th meeting

28.  Adoption of the report of the meeting
29.  Any other business
30.  Closing remarks