

**CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

**29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
Gland, Switzerland, 26-28 February 2003**

**DOC. SC29-1, Rev 1**

**Draft Agenda and Programme**

**Tuesday 25 February**

**16.30 – 19.00**

**Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance** (Canada (Chair), Argentina, Ghana, Papua New Guinea and Romania. The country representative of the Asia region has not yet been confirmed.)

The subgroup should review all documents related to agenda item 10 in particular, but also the financial implications of the documents related to agenda items 6.1, 6.2, 9 and 12.

**Wednesday 26 February - Plenary Session**

**09.30 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 18.00**

1. Opening statements  
Chair of the Standing Committee, Gordana Beltram, Slovenia  
Director-General of IUCN, Achim Steiner  
Secretary General, Delmar Blasco  
Statement on behalf of the four International Organization Partners
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Admission of Observers
4. Report of the Secretary General (DOC. SC29-2)
5. Ramsar Bureau Work Plan 2003 (DOC. SC29-3)
6. Matters related to the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
  - 6.1 Priorities for the STRP Work Plan 2003-2005 and first meeting of the STRP (DOC. SC29-4)
  - 6.2 Establishment of the STRP support service (DOC. SC29-5)
  - 6.3 Election of STRP members and Chair (DOC. SC29-6)

**18.15 – 19.30 Reception (entrance hall)**

**Thursday, 27 February**

**09.30 – 13.00 and 14.30 – 18.00**

**CLOSED SESSION (Voting members only)**

7. Designation of the new Secretary General

**PLENARY SESSION RESUMES**

8. Format for National Reports (DOC. SC29-7)
9. Preparations for Ramsar COP9, including implementation of Resolution VIII.45 (DOC. SC29-8)
10. Financial matters:
  - 10.1 Review of 2002 core and projects income and expenditure (DOC. SC29-9)
  - 10.2 Ramsar Bureau Budget 2003 (DOC. SC29-10)
  - 10.3 *Modus operandi* of the Ramsar Endowment Fund (DOC. SC29-11)
  - 10.4 Fundraising for the Ramsar Small Grants Fund, the Ramsar Endowment Fund, the Voluntary Fund for the Convention's Outreach Programme, and the STRP work (DOC. SC29-12)
  - 10.5 Operational Guidelines for the Ramsar Small Grant Fund in the triennium 2003-2005 (DOC. SC29-13)
  - 10.6 Progress with the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greek Government concerning the MedWet Coordination Unit

**20.00 – 22.00 Group dinner**

**Friday, 28 February – Plenary Session**

**09.30 – 13.30**

11. Review of other COP8 Resolutions that require action or attention by the Standing Committee (DOC. SC29-14) (document to be tabled)
12. Proposed agreement with the Government of Panama for the establishment of a Ramsar Centre for the Western Hemisphere (DOC. SC29-15)
13. Date of the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee (DOC. SC29-16)
14. Adoption of the report of the meeting
15. Any other business
16. Closing remarks