



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS  
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES  
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES  
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

## Notification 2012/7

### 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ramsar Convention Standing Committee 8-12 April 2013

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of and has the honour to refer to the following:

The Secretariat is pleased to inform Contracting Parties that the 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee (SC46) will be held at Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland, from Tuesday 9 April to Friday 12 April 2013. SC46 will be preceded by meetings of the Transition Committee, the Management Working Group, and of the Subgroup on Finance on Monday 8 April. A draft agenda as well as the lists of members of the Standing Committee and of subgroups, are enclosed.

Contracting Parties that are not members of the Standing Committee are welcome to attend as observers and, as indicated by COP11 Resolution XI.19 (paragraph 12 of Annex 1), "countries that are not Contracting Parties but have expressed an interest in joining the Convention may be also admitted as observers at meetings of the Standing Committee."

The Secretariat would be grateful if Contracting Party members of the Standing Committee and Contracting Parties wishing to attend the meeting as observers, as well as those non-Contracting Party countries seeking observer status at the meeting, would register by **28 February 2013**. Registration forms for the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee are available upon request from: [loetscher@ramsar.org](mailto:loetscher@ramsar.org) or fax no. +41 22 999 0169.

Working documents will be available from the Ramsar Convention Web site ([www.ramsar.org/sc46-docs](http://www.ramsar.org/sc46-docs)) It should be noted that, due to financial constraints, the working papers for the Standing Committee, with the exception of the draft agenda, are produced in English only. Simultaneous interpretation in the three official languages (English, French and Spanish) will be provided during the plenary sessions on 9-12 April, but not at any subgroup meetings.

Likewise, financial constraints prevent the Secretariat from providing financial support to assist observer states in attending. Such support can only be offered to one delegate from eligible voting members of the Standing Committee, upon request.

Contracting Parties unable to attend the meeting as observers are invited to offer views and opinions, as appropriate, to the Standing Committee representative(s) from their region or to transmit them directly to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 17 December 2012

Encls: Draft agenda and members lists



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Gland, Switzerland, 8-12 April 2013

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**46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**

**Draft Agenda**

**Monday, 8 April**

**09:00-11:00      Meeting of the Transition Committee of the Management Working Group**

- a) Recruitment of the next Secretary General

**11:00-13:00      Meeting of the Management Working Group**

- a) Establishment of the working group on review of delivery, uptake and implementation of scientific and technical guidance (Ref. Res. XI.16);
- b) Recruitment of the next Secretary General: Report from the Interview Panel and discussion;
- c) Secretariat personnel matters: verbal report from the Secretary General.

**15:00-18:00      Meeting of the Subgroup on Finance**

- a) 2013 budget approval;
- b) Review of 2012 core and projects income and expenditure, including audited financial statements;
- c) Status of the Reserve Fund;
- d) Update on payment of contributions;
- e) Fundraising;
- f) Regional Initiatives;
- g) Small Grants Fund (SGF).

**Tuesday 9 April to Friday 12 April**

**08:15-09:45        Regional meetings**

**10:00-13:00       Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

**15:00-18:00       Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

**(Projected closing time 13:00 on Friday 12 April)**

- \* Opening statements
  - Chair of the Standing Committee, Romania
  - IUCN (Director General or someone on her behalf)
  - Statement on behalf of the five International Organization Partners
  - Secretary General, Anada Tiéga
- \* Adoption of the Agenda
- \* Admission of Observers
- \* Matters arising from Decisions of the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> meetings of Standing Committee
- \* Matters arising from COP11 Decisions
- \* Report of the Secretary General
- \* Secretariat Work Plan 2013
- \* Institutional hosting of the Ramsar Secretariat: follow-up to Resolution XI.1
- \* Strategic Plan 2016-2021
- \* Governance, planning and funding of activities on culture and wetlands in the framework of the Ramsar Convention

**Regional Initiatives:**

- \* Regional Initiatives (Ref. Resolution XI.5)

**Financial matters:**

- \* Report of the Subgroup on Finance

**Report of the Management Working Group and recruitment of the next Secretary General:**

- \* Report of the Management Working Group
- \* Appointment of the next Secretary General

**STRP:**

- \* Report of the STRP Oversight Committee
- \* Report of the Chair of STRP

**Ramsar Sites Information:**

- \* Presentation and status of the redevelopment of the Ramsar Sites Information Service

**Secretariat communications/CEPA:**

- \* Report of the CEPA Oversight Panel
- \* World Wetlands Day Themes for 2014 and 2015
- \* New Ramsar Web site

**COP12:**

- \* Report on preparations (Host country and Secretariat)
- \* Establishment of the Standing Committee COP12 Sub-group
- \* National Report Format for COP12

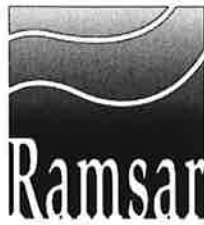
**Partnerships**

- \* Business partnership with the Danone Group: development of the “Spring tool” – a methodology for the wise use of water”

**Others:**

- \* Date and venue of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee
- \* Adoption of the report of the meeting
- \* Any other business
- \* Closing remarks

**Projected finish time: 13:00 on Friday 12 April**



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## **Ramsar Standing Committee 2012-2015**

### **Voting members (Regional Representatives)**

**Africa:** Burundi, Guinea, South Africa (Vice-Chair), Tunisia

**Asia:** Cambodia, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates

**Europe:** Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France

**Neotropics:** Chile, Cuba, Guatemala

**North America:** Canada (Chair, Finance Subgroup)

**Oceania:** Fiji

**COP11 host:** Romania (Chair)

**COP12 host:** Uruguay

### **Permanent Observers**

Host country of the Secretariat: Switzerland

International Organization Partners: BirdLife International, the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), IUCN-International Union for Conservation of Nature, Wetlands International, and WWF International.

The STRP Chair

### **Standing Committee Alternate Regional Representatives**

**Africa:** Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Kenya, Namibia

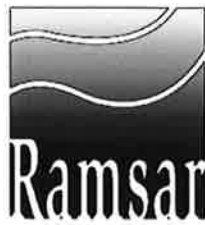
**Asia:** Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Nepal

**Europe:** Czech Republic

**Neotropics:** Costa Rica, Jamaica, Argentina

**North America:** Mexico

**Oceania:** Palau



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**Management Working Group**

**Chair of SC established at COP10:** Rep. of Korea  
**Vice-Chair of SC established at COP10:** Paraguay  
**Chair of SC established at COP11:** Romania  
**Vice-Chair of SC established at COP11:** South Africa  
**Chair of COP10 Subgroup on Finance:** Finland  
**Chair of COP11 Subgroup on Finance:** Canada  
**Chair of STRP for 2008-2012:** Dr Heather MacKay  
**Chair of STRP for 2012-2015:** not yet nominated  
**Secretary General (ex officio)**

**Representatives of Contracting Parties:**

**Africa:** Tunisia  
**Asia:** United Arab Emirates  
**Europe:** Denmark  
**Neotropics:** Cuba  
**North America:** Canada  
**Oceania:** Fiji

**Representative of the International Organization Partners:** IUCN



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**Subgroup on Finance**

**Africa:** Burundi

**Asia:** Rep. of Korea

**Europe:** Denmark

**Neotropics:** Chile

**North America:** Canada (Chair)

**Oceania:** Fiji

**Former Chair, Finance Subgroup:** Finland