



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
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Diplomatic Note 2024/2

The 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Wetlands 3-7 June 2024

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Administrative Authorities of the Contracting Parties to the Convention and has the honour to provide information regarding the upcoming 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee.

The meeting (SC63) is scheduled to take place from 3 to 7 June 2024 at the Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland. Plenary sessions of SC63 will take place from Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 June, preceded by meetings of the Committee's sub-groups and working groups on Monday 3 June.

Simultaneous interpretation in the three official languages of the Convention will be provided for the plenary sessions of the meeting.

The provisional agenda and working programme are available on the Convention website at: <https://www.ramsar.org/meeting/63rd-meeting-standing-committee>. Links to documents will be added to the agenda as they are published, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

Membership of the Standing Committee, its subgroups and working groups is accessible on the Convention website at: <https://www.ramsar.org/current-standing-committee-2023-2025-members>.

Contracting Parties that are not members of the Standing Committee may attend as observers, as well as States that are not Contracting Parties but have expressed an interest in acceding to the Convention (Resolution XIV.2 on *Responsibilities, roles and composition of the Standing Committee and regional categorization of countries under the Convention on Wetlands*, Annex 1, paragraph 12).

The Secretariat requests that members of the Standing Committee, Contracting Parties wishing to attend as observers, and non-party States seeking observer status at the meeting register online at: <https://contacts.ramsar.org/register-sc63> by 13 May 2024.

Contracting Parties are encouraged to promote gender parity in their delegations, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution XIII.18 on *Gender and wetlands* in planning their participation in the meeting.

Financial support is available to cover the travels costs of one Standing Committee representative of Contracting Parties which are on the OECD's DAC list of aid recipient countries, upon request. Financial support is not available for representatives of observer States.

Contracting Parties unable to attend the meeting as observers are invited to communicate their position on issues to the Standing Committee representative(s) of their region.

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and Administrative Authorities of the Contracting Parties to the Convention the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 1 February 2024

