



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
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Diplomatic Note 2020/2

The 58th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Wetlands 22-26 June 2020

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of [...] and has the honour to inform Contracting Parties that the plenary sessions of the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC58) will take place from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 June 2020, at the headquarters of the Convention Secretariat in Gland, Switzerland.

SC58 will be preceded on Monday 22 June by meetings of the Committee's sub-groups and working groups.

Simultaneous interpretation in the three official languages of the Convention will be provided throughout the week of the meeting.

The provisional agenda is available on the Convention's website at <https://www.ramsar.org/event/58th-meeting-of-the-standing-committee>. Links to documents will be added to the agenda as they are published.

Membership of the Standing Committee and its sub-groups and working groups is published on the Convention's website at <https://www.ramsar.org/about/current-standing-committee-2018-2021-members>.

Contracting Parties that are not members of the Standing Committee are welcome to attend as observers.

The Secretariat requests that members of the Standing Committee and Contracting Parties wishing to attend as observers at the meeting complete the preregistration process by **17 April 2020**. Please note that for preregistration an official nomination letter signed by the Head of Administrative Authority or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be uploaded indicating the names of the representatives/head of the delegation of the Contracting Party.

The online preregistration system is accessible at: <https://contacts.ramsar.org/register-sc58>.

In addition, a personalized link to the preregistration system will be sent to the nominated representatives of Contracting Parties which are members of the Standing Committee.

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

The Secretariat can provide financial support to enable the participation of one delegate representing each of the eligible members of the Standing Committee, upon request.

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

The Secretariat of the Ramsar 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, 25 February 2020

