



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
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Diplomatic Note 2021/4

The 59th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Wetlands 21-25 June 2021

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission and has the honour to inform it that the plenary sessions of the 59th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC59) will take place from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 June 2021, at the headquarters of the Convention Secretariat in Gland, Switzerland.

SC59 will be preceded on Monday 21 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/59th-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 website at <https://www.ramsar.org/about/current-standing-committee-2018-2021-members>.

In accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, any State not a Contracting Party to the Convention may be represented by observers who, upon the invitation of the President, may participate without the right to vote in the proceedings unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the meeting object.

The Secretariat requests that nominated observers representing States not party to the Convention and seeking observer status at the meeting complete the preregistration process by **15 April 2021**.

Please note that for preregistration an official nomination letter signed by the Head of the relevant Government Agency or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be uploaded indicating the names of the representatives/head of the delegation of the State.

The online preregistration system is accessible at: <https://contacts.ramsar.org/register-sc59>.

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 the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 15 March 2021

