



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
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Diplomatic Note 2021/15

Dates for the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands, the resumed session of the 59th meeting of the Standing Committee and deadlines for submission of draft resolutions

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 inform them that the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP14) will take place from 21 to 29 November 2022 in Wuhan, China.

The provisional agenda for COP14 was approved intersessionally by the Standing Committee in February 2021, and can be consulted on the Convention's website at:
<https://www.ramsar.org/event/14th-meeting-of-the-conference-of-the-contracting-parties>.

Submission of draft resolutions for consideration at COP14

The Secretariat draws the attention of Contracting Parties to Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, concerning the submission of draft resolutions. The deadline for submission of new draft resolutions for consideration by COP14, or revisions of draft resolutions already submitted, is 24 March 2022 (60 days in advance of the resumed session of the 59th meeting of the Standing Committee). However, the Secretariat encourages Contracting Parties to submit draft resolutions no later than 23 February 2022 so that they can be published in the official languages of the Convention.

Resumed session of SC59

The Standing Committee decided that the resumed session of its 59th meeting (SC59) would take place between 24 and 27 May 2022 at the headquarters of the Convention Secretariat in Gland, Switzerland.

The session will be preceded on Monday 23 May by meetings of the Committee's subgroups 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 at this page as they are published.

Membership of the Standing Committee and its subgroups and working groups is published 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.

Preregistration for the resumed session of SC59

The Secretariat requests that members of the Standing Committee and Contracting Parties wishing to attend the meeting complete the preregistration process by 23 March 2022. Please note that for preregistration an official nomination letter signed by the Head of the Administrative Authority or the Minister of Foreign Affairs must be uploaded, indicating the names of the representatives and the head of the delegation of the Contracting Party.

The online preregistration system is accessible at: <https://contacts.ramsar.org/register-rsc59>.

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.

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 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 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, 6 November 2021

