



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

From the Secretary General

Mr Luperco Ziroldo Antonio
World President
The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

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Observer Organisation Representative to the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) 2016-2018

Dear Mr Ziroldo Antonio,

In Resolution XII.5, *Proposed new framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice and guidance on the Convention* ([here](#)), the Conference of the Parties adopted the new structure, organization and processes of the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP).

It is my pleasure to inform you that this Resolution (Annex 2) invites your organization to participate as an observer to the meetings of the STRP for the 2016-2018 triennium. Accordingly, each Observer Organisation and International Organisation Partner (IOP) may nominate a representative as observer to the Panel. Observer Organisations and IOP observers may serve for more than one triennium.

Organisations nominating their representatives must provide a letter of recommendation summarizing the expertise of the candidate and the relevance of their work to the Panel's thematic work areas, available in Annex 3 of the Resolution. STRP members and observer representatives for each triennium will be appointed by the Management Working Group of the Ramsar Standing Committee, as soon as possible after the COP, from the candidates nominated according to the process set out in Annex 1 of the Resolution.

Therefore, we invite you to nominate the representative of your organization no later than **10 August 2015**. Please address the letter to the Ramsar Secretary General, Dr Christopher Briggs, and email it to the Secretariat's Scientific and Technical Support Officer, Ms Marcela Bonells (bonells@ramsar.org).

The first full meeting of the STRP for the 2016-2018 triennium will be its 19th, which will take place at the Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland, from **5-9 October 2015**, and I am pleased to invite your representative to participate in this meeting. This is a particularly important meeting of the STRP since it will establish the Panel's 2016-2018 work plan, based on the five thematic work areas approved by COP12 (in Annex 3 of Resolution XII.5).

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The involvement with, and collaborations between, the STRP and its IOPs and Observer Organisations has proved mutually beneficial in the work of the Panel during past triennia, and I very much hope you will be able to contribute to this partnership through the participation of your organisation in STRP19 and following activities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Briggs', is positioned below the closing text.

Dr Christopher Briggs