

2nd Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors
Quai de l'Innovation, Amiens City, France
 8-10 June 2023

Program of Activities

8 June 2023 (Thursday)

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:40	<p>Opening messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Brigitte Foure, Mayor, Amiens City, France • Mr. Seung Oh Suh, Executive Director, Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia / Wetland City Network Secretariat • Mr. Jay Aldous, Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands • Mr. Kwan-kyu Roh, Mayor, Suncheon City, Republic of Korea (incumbent Chair of Wetland City Network) • Mr. Stephane Haussoulier, President, Departmental Council of the Somme, France • French State representative (to be confirmed)
9:40 – 9:50	photo opportunity (with dignitaries of opening program)
9:50 – 10:30	<p>Keynote presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature in the City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Bruno Bienaime, Deputy Mayor for Nature in the City, Health, Ecological Transition and Cycling Promotion, Amiens City, France • Marshlands and peat bogs of the Somme and Avre Valley (Somme Valley, Ideal Valley) project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Cassandre Chombart, Ramsar Officer, and Mr. Cedric Berquez, Director of the Somme Valley, Ideal Valley, Departmental Council of the Somme, France
10:30 – 10:45	coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	<p>Plenary presentations Insights on the Wetland City Accreditation scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of experience from the past two trienniums and recommendations on the future of the IAC and the accreditation scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Gert Michael Steiner, Professor, University of Vienna, Austria; and Chair, Independent Advisory Committee (IAC) of the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention; and Mr. Joon-woo Seo, International Cooperation Officer, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea; and IAC Member (Technical Advisor) • Benefits of becoming a Wetland City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Rob McInnes, Managing Director, RM Wetlands & Environment Ltd, and President, Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program
11:45 – 12:00	photo opportunity (all participants)
12:00 – 13:30	lunch break and Wetland City Forum
13:30 – 15:15	<p>Parallel sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 presentations per parallel session, 20 minutes per presentation, followed by 25 minutes panel discussion

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15:15 – 15:30	coffee break
15:30 – 17:15	Parallel sessions (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 presentations per parallel session, 20 minutes per presentation, followed by 25 minutes panel discussion
17:15 – 19:00	Free time
19:00 – 20:00	Gala dinner at Musée de Picardie

9 June 2023 (Friday)

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:20	Special presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valorization of wastewater from the city of Amiens in its heating network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Richard Malot, Technical Director, Amiens Energies, France
9:20 – 10:15	Plenary presentations Programs of international organizations (including International Organization Partners of the Convention on Wetlands) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From water bird habitat protection to Ramsar wetland city building: The evolution of China’s wetland conservation strategy with WWF’s perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Wenwei Ren, Head of Shanghai Regional Program, WWF; and IAC Member (representative of IOP) • Delivering urban wetland programmes for people, biodiversity and climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Chris Rostron, International Engagement Manager, WWT; and IAC Member (representative of CEPA Oversight Panel) Moderator: Mr. Jay Aldous, Deputy Secretary General, Convention on Wetlands
10:15 – 10:30	coffee break
10:30 – 12:00	Plenary presentations Programs of international organizations (including International Organization Partners of the Convention on Wetlands) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetlands and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Karen Sudmeier-Rieux, Eco-DRR Technical Advisor, Disasters and Conflicts Branch, United Nations Environment Programme • Introducing CitiesWithNature - Supporting Wetland City Accreditation and Wetland City Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Laura Louw, Professional Officer: Biodiversity Advocacy and International Liaison, ICLEI - Africa Secretariat; and IAC Co-Chair • MIDAs Project: Supporting Multi-Internationally Designated Areas as model sites for biodiversity, climate change mitigation, and green economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Yang Bo Kim, Expert, MAB Research and Policy Section, UNESCO Moderator: Prof. Gert Michael Steiner, Professor, University of Vienna, Austria; and IAC Chair
12:00 – 13:30	lunch break and Wetland City Forum
13:30 – 16:00	Meeting proper (see meeting agenda)

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16:00 – 16:30	Closing program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handing over of tokens by Host City to Wetland City Mayors • Message from Mr. Runsheng Liang, Vice Mayor, Dongying City, China • Message from Mrs. Brigitte Foure, Mayor, Amiens City, France
16:30 – 18:30	visit to the Hortillonnages
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at Fagots Island

10 June 2023 (Saturday)*

Time	Activity
9:00 – 18:00	Excursion to Baie de Somme 9:00 - departure from Amiens 12:45 - lunch at the House of Baie de Somme 14:45 - visit to Hourdel Point 18:00 - return to Amiens

*free time for those who will not join the excursion; meals (lunch and dinner) are the responsibility of the participants