

**2024 Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors**  
Dongying Hotel, Dongying City, China  
15-17 October 2024

**Program of Activities**

**14 October 2024 (Monday)**

Time	Activity
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Welcome banquet</b> venue: Yellow River (Huanghe) Hall (2F of main building)

**15 October 2024 (Tuesday)**

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:40	<b>Opening messages</b> venue: Huaxia Hall (annex building) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Wen Nuan, Vice Governor, Shandong Province, China</li> <li>• Mr. Yan Zhen, Deputy Director General, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China</li> <li>• Mr. Yang Guoqiang, Secretary of Dongying Municipal Party Committee, Dongying, China</li> <li>• Mr. Jay Aldous, Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands</li> <li>• Mr. Seung Oh Suh, Executive Director, Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia</li> </ul>
9:40 – 9:55	coffee/tea break photo opportunity
9:55 – 11:45	<b>Keynote presentations</b> venue: Huaxia Hall (annex building) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection and management practices of China's international Wetland Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Daming Bao, Deputy Director, Wetland Management Department, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Optimization model for ecological conservation and restoration of wetlands in the Yellow River Delta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Mingxiang Zhang, Secretary General, Nature Reserve Research Center, National Forestry and Grassland Administration; and Professor, Beijing Forestry University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Celebrating cities contributions to protecting and restoration wetlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability; and Regional Director, ICLEI Africa Secretariat (pre-recorded video)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Dr. Gert Michael Steiner, former Chair, Independent Advisory Committee of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands; and Professor, Department of Botany and Biodiversity Research, University of Vienna, Austria</p> <p>(30 minutes per presentation followed by 20-minute panel discussion)</p>
11:45 – 12:00	free visit

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
12:00 – 13:30	lunch break venue: Yellow River (Huanghe) Hall (2F of main building)
13:30 – 15:05	<b>Parallel sessions 1 and 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parallel session 1 venue: Huaxia Hall (annex building)</li> <li>• parallel session 2 venue: Meeting Room 301 (3F of main building)</li> </ul> (15 minutes per presentation followed by 20-minute panel discussion per parallel session)
15:05 – 15:20	coffee/tea break
15:20 – 16:55	<b>Parallel sessions 3 and 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parallel session 3 venue: Huaxia Hall (annex building)</li> <li>• parallel session 4 venue: Meeting Room 301 (3F of main building)</li> </ul> (15 minutes per presentation followed by 20-minute panel discussion per parallel session)
18:00 – 19:30	Buffet supper venue: Yellow River (Huanghe) Hall (2F of main building)
19:30 – 22:00	Meeting of Wetland Cities in China

### 16 October 2024 (Wednesday)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
9:00 – 10:15	<b>Plenary presentations 1</b> Partnerships for technical cooperation venue: Huaxia Hall (annex building) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development process and prospects of the International Mangrove Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Lyu Cai, Associate Professor, Beijing Forestry University; and Deputy Director, Center for East Asian-Australasian Flyway Studies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• MedWet: A multi-scale approach for the conservation of Mediterranean wetlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Chris Rostron, Coordinator, The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Capacity building for nature-based disaster risk reduction: Wetlands and partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi, Senior Fellow, Environment and Disaster Management Program of WWF; and Adjunct Professor, School of Science and Engineering, James Cook University, Australia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Realization of the value of ecological products in national parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Xu Weihua, Vice President, National Forestry and Grassland Administration - National Park Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Moderator: Mr. Jay Aldous, Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands  (15 minutes per presentation followed by 15-minute panel discussion)
10:15 – 10:30	coffee/tea break
10:30 – 11:45	<b>Plenary presentations 2</b> Current wetland topics venue: Huaxia Hall (annex building)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scaling up wetland conservation and restoration to deliver the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: Guidance on including wetlands in NBSAPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Matthew Simpson, Director, 35 Percent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wetland School Network in China and Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Chen Kelin, Director, International Wetlands and Rivers Beijing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wetland ecological restoration based on Nature-based Solutions - The dance of collaborative symbiosis between humans and nature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Yuan Xingzhong, Professor, Chongqing University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Developing bird-friendly Wetland Cities to facilitate Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Shi Jianbin, Advisor and Director of Conservation Program, Paulson Institute</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ms. Libuse Vlasakova, incumbent Chair, Independent Advisory Committee of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands; Ramsar National Focal Point of Czechia; and Standing Committee member representing Europe</p> <p>(15 minutes per presentation followed by 15-minute panel discussion)</p>
11:45 – 13:30	lunch break venue: Yellow River (Huanghe) Hall (2F of main building)
13:30 – 16:30	<b>Meeting of the Wetland City Network</b> venue: Meeting Room 301 (3F of main building)
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Closing program</b> venue: Huaxia Hall (annex building) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handover ceremony by the current host city (Dongying, China)</li> <li>• Message from the host city of the next meeting (Tata, Hungary)</li> <li>• Message from current host city (Dongying, China)</li> </ul>
18:00 – 20:00	Buffet supper venue: Yellow River (Huanghe) Hall (2F of main building)

### 17 October 2024 (Thursday)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
9:00 – 12:00	<b>Field visit</b> visit to the Yellow River Estuary Cultural Museum and city parks in Dongying City
12:00 – 14:00	lunch break
14:00 – 18:00	<b>Field visit</b> visit to Shandong Yellow River Delta Ramsar Site
18:00 – 20:00	Buffet supper venue: Yellow River (Huanghe) Hall (2F of main building)

\*free time for those who will not join the field visit