

Guidelines for selecting host Wetland Cities

Purpose

Since the adoption of Resolution XII.10, the number of Wetland Cities continues to steadily increase, signifying a growing interest in the Wetland City Accreditation scheme. This positive trend is also evident in the number of Wetland Cities joining the Wetland City Network. Given this scenario, more Wetland Cities are expected to host the annual roundtable of Wetland City Mayors. These guidelines will assist members of the Wetland City Network in complying with the host selection process.

Eligibility

All members of the Wetland City Network.

Selection process

Wetland City Network members that are interested in hosting roundtables (“proponents”) may send an official letter (“Expression of Interest”) to the Wetland City Network Secretariat any time before each roundtable. Alternatively, proponents may also formally express their intent during the policy-level segment of roundtables (meeting proper), specifically under agenda item “Dates and venue of next meeting”.

All proponents will be afforded due consideration. If there are at least two proponents at the time of the roundtable, they are requested to hold consultations to determine the hosting sequence. Such dialogues provide equal opportunities to all members of the Wetland City Network.

Should there be an instance wherein no host has been identified, the Wetland City Network Secretariat will assume the responsibility as interim host until a new proponent is received. The Wetland City Network will undertake measures to ensure that the venue meets the logistical and technical requirements of the roundtable. The venue is expected to be in the country where the Wetland City Network Secretariat is based.

Decision on host Wetland Cities will be made by consensus during the annual Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors. Identifying host Wetland Cities at least two years before the last agreed host is strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for roundtable preparations.