



PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

TATA

4TH ROUNDTABLE OF WETLAND CITY MAYORS
27-29 NOVEMBER 2025



**TATAI VADLÚD
SOKADALOM**

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER

OPENING CEREMONY, WILD GEESE WATCHING, ADVENT FAIR

Pick-up time for guests of

Hotel Kristály, Malom & Kacsá, Hotel Arnold and Ady Apartman:

11:20 – near Hotel Kristály

Hotel Kiss: 11:40 – outside the hotel

Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel: 11:20 – outside the hotel

Hotel Gottwald: 11:30 – outside the hotel

Opening Ceremony - Venue: Güntner Arena - Address: 2 Kókkút köz, Tata H-2890

12:00 – 13:00 Arrival and registration, press interviews

13:00 – 15:00 Opening Ceremony

Welcome Speeches by:

- **Mr József Michl**, Mayor of Tata
- **Mr János Bencsik**, Prime Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the coordinated development of the Tata Basin's key automotive industrial region, and Member of Parliament for the Tata Basin
- **Dr Zsolt Semjén**, Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary
- **Dr Gábor Magyar**, Member of the Hungarian National Committee for the Ramsar Convention
- **Mr Jay Aldous**, Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
- **Mr Seung Oh Suh**, Executive Director, Ramsar Regional Centre – East Asia

A group photo of the participants will be taken following the opening ceremony. After the group photo has been taken, the guests will walk to the next venue.

15:30 – 16:30 Observation of the Arrival of Wild Geese from Calvary Hill

From Calvary Hill, guests will walk to the city centre for the next event.

16:30 Advent fair on Kossuth Square (City Centre)

Featuring local cultural performances and food tastings with sampling tickets.

Pick-up times for guests of

Hotel Kiss, Hotel Kristály, Malom & Kacsá, Hotel Arnold and Ady Apartman:

19:00 – Kossuth Square bus stop

Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel and Hotel Gottwald: 19:00 – Kossuth Square bus stop

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

PLENARY SESSION, BREAKOUT SESSIONS, MAYORS' ROUNDTABLE

CLOSING PROGRAMME AND GALA DINNER

Pick-up time for guests of

Hotel Kristály, Malom & Kacska, Hotel Arnold and Ady Apartman:

8:00 – near Hotel Kristály

Hotel Kiss: 8:15 – outside the hotel

Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel: 8:00 – outside the hotel

Hotel Gottwald: 8:10 – outside the hotel

9:00 – 12:00 Plenary Session

Venue: Güntner Arena, Address: 2 Kőút köz, Tata H-2890

8:30 – 9:00 Arrival and Registration

9:00 – 12:00 Plenary Session

Keynote presentation:

9:00-9:30 *Mr. Denis Landenbergue*, Member of the Independent Advisory Committee for the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Presentations:

9:30-10:00 *Mr. Bertalan Balczó*, Deputy State Secretary for Nature Conservation, Ministry of Agriculture:
An Introduction to Nature Conservation in Hungary and the National Park System

10:00-10:30 *Mr. Tamás Rentz*, Deputy State Secretary responsible for the Water Utilities Sector, Ministry of Energy, and
Mr. István Láng, Director General, National Water Directorate:
Flood Protection, Water Retention, and Paradigm Shifts in Water Management

10:30-10:50 Coffee break

10:50-11:10 *Dr László Musicz*, Honorary President of Komárom-Esztergom County Branch of BirdLife Hungary, and *Eszter Aletta Vig*, volunteer: *The Tata Wild Goose Festival*

11:10-11:30 *Mr. Bastien Coïc*, Director, Ramsar France Association:
Strengthening the management, conservation and wise use of wetlands in France

11:30-11:50 *Dr Matthew Simpson*, Member, Scientific and Technical Review Panel, and Independent Advisory Committee for Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands; and Director, 35 Percent: *Assessment of the current state of cities and wetlands*

12:00–12:30 Bus transfer for participants to the venues of the breakout sessions
Pick-up time: 12:00 – outside Güntner Arena

Ramsar 1

Wetland and Climate Change + Wetland Education – drop-off at Hotel Kristály

Lunch for participants of both breakout sessions at Hotel Kristály

After lunch, participants of the **Wetland Education** session walk to their breakout venue – Magyary Ház

Ramsar 2

Public–Private Partnership – drop-off at Hotel Gottwald (lunch at the hotel)

Promotion and Branding of Wetland Cities – drop-off at Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel (lunch at the hotel)

13:30 – 16:00 Breakout Sessions

Breakout session 1: Promotion and Branding of Wetland Cities

Session Chair: **Ms. Libuše Vlasáková** – Ramsar National Focal Point – Czechia, and Member, Independent Advisory Committee for Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Rapporteur: **Mr. András Schmidt** – Ramsar National Focal Point of Hungary

Presentations by: **Liangping (China), Yinchuan (China), Babol (Iran), Sri Songkhram (Thailand)**

Simultaneous interpretation available in English, Hungarian and Chinese

Venue: Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel

Address: Remeteségpuszta, Tata H-2890

Telephone: +36 34 587 620, Mobile: +36 30 747 2703

Breakout Session 2: Wetland Education

Session Chair: **Prof. Dr. H.C. Sándor Faragó** – Corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Rector Emeritus, University of Sopron, Hungary

Rapporteur: **Mr. Joon-woo SEO** – International Cooperation Officer; International Environmental Agreements and Development Cooperation Team; Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment; Republic of Korea

Presentations by: **Nanchang (China), Mungyeong (RO Korea), Seogwipo (RO Korea), Upo Institute of Ecology Education (RO Korea)**

Simultaneous interpretation available in English, Hungarian, Chinese and Korean

Venue: Magyary Ház

Address: 12-14 Ady Endre utca, Tata H-2890, Mobile: +36 30 691 0041

Breakout Session 3: Public–Private Partnership

Session Chair: **Dr Gábor Magyar** – Head of Department, Nature Conservation Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

Rapporteur: **Ms. Zsuzsanna Lánzos** – Nature Conservation Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

Presentations by: **Valdivia (Chile), Gochang (RO Korea), Jeju (RO Korea)**

Simultaneous interpretation available in English, Hungarian and Korean

Venue: Hotel Gottwald

Address: 1 Fekete út, Tata H-2890, Telephone: + 36 34 586 114

Breakout Session 4: Wetlands and Climate Change

Session Chair: **Dr Szilvia Gőri** – member of the Hungarian Ramsar Committee

Rapporteur: **Mr. Amir Akhlaghi** – Minister, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Presentations by: **Mechelen (Belgium), Varzaneh (Iran), Geneva (Switzerland)**

Simultaneous interpretation available in English and Hungarian

Venue: Kristály Imperial Hotel

Address: 22 Ady Endre utca, Tata H-2890, Telephone: +36 34 383 614

16:00–16:30 Bus transfer: delegation leaders to the Mayors' Roundtable venue; afterwards, other participants are dropped at their hotels.

Ramsar 1

Wetland and Climate Change + Wetland Education – pick-up at 16:15 near Hotel Kristály

Ramsar 2

Promotion and Branding of Wetland Cities – pick-up at 16:05 outside Old Lake Golf

Club & Hotel Public–Private Partnership – pick-up at 16:15 outside Hotel Gottwald

16:30 – 18:30 MAYORS' ROUNDTABLE

Venue: the Town Hall of Tata

Address: 1 Kossuth tér, Tata H-2890, Mobile: +36 30 506 5937

Hotel transfers for Mayors' Roundtable participants

Ramsar 1

Hotel Kristály, Malom & Kacska, Hotel Arnold, and Ady Apartman – pick-up at 18:40 from the Kossuth Square bus stop

Ramsar 2

Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel and Hotel Gottwald – pick-up at 18:40 from the Kossuth Square bus stop

Bus transfer from the hotels to the venue of the Closing Programme

19:40 **Hotel Kiss**

20:00 Near Hotel Kristály (serving **Hotel Kristály, Malom & Kacsá, Hotel Arnold, and Ady Apartman**)

20:05 Május 1 bus stop (serving **Dotis Apartman**)
and

20:20 **Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel** (Minibus)

20:30 Closing Programme and Gala Dinner

Venue: Hotel Gottwald

Address: 1 Fekete út, Tata H-2890, Telephone: + 36 34 586 114

- Passing of the ceremonial flag (Tata, Hungary to Niigata, Japan)
- Message from the host city of the 5th Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors: **Mr. Yaichi Nakahara**, Mayor of Niigata, Japan
- Closing message from the host city: **Mr. József Michl**, Mayor of Tata, Hungary
- International cultural programme
- Gala dinner (buffet)

Bus transfer from Hotel Gottwald to the participants' hotels is scheduled between 22:00 and 23:00.

Route: Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel – Dotis Apartman – Hotel Kiss – Hotel Kristály

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

FIELD PROGRAMMES:

25TH TATA WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL

PRESENTATIONS BY WETLAND CITIES

BILATERAL MEETINGS

OPTIONAL GUIDED WALKS

Bus transfers for participants to the venue of the Wild Goose Festival

Pick-up times

Ramsar 1

Hotel Kiss – 06:15 and 07:15

Bus stop opposite **Hotel Kristály** – 06:25 and 07:25

Ramsar 2

Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel – 06:15 and 07:15

Hotel Gottwald – 06:20 and 07:20

Május 1 bus stop (serving **Dotis Apartman**) – 6:30 and 7:30

Field Programmes

- 7:00 – 18:00** **25th Tata Wild Goose Festival**
Venue: Eastern shore of the Old Lake
- 9:00-9:30** **Mr. Jay Aldous**, Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands: *History and Global Status of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands*
Venue: Marquee on the lakeshore
- 9:30 – 12:15** **Presentations by Wetland Cities**
Venue: Marquee on the lakeshore
- 9:30-9:45 Niigata, Japan:
Lakes, Rice Fields, and Swans – Branding of Wetland City NIIGATA
- 9:45-10:00 Geneva, Switzerland:
Wetland and Water Resources Management in Geneva Canton (short film)
- 10:00-10:15 Valdivia, Chile:
Wetland Education
- 10:15-10:30 Mechelen, Belgium:
LIFE Wetlands4Cities Project
- 10:30-10:45 Varzaneh, Iran:
New Paradigms in Urban Management to Achieve Sustainable Development
- 10:45-11:00 Independent Advisory Committee – ICLEI:
Importance of Reporting on Wetland Conservation Actions into the Global Biodiversity Stocktake at CBD COP17 through CitiesWithNature
- and
- 12:00-12:15 Independent Advisory Committee – Islamic Republic of Iran:
Iran’s Wetland Cities and Their Characteristics
- 7:00 – 18:00** **Bilateral meetings between participating Wetland Cities**
Venue: Pikantó Restaurant on the lakeshore

Catering and facilities available throughout the day at Pikantó Restaurant:

- Heated area for comfort
- Venue for small group meetings
- Buffet meals, food and beverages

Registration for the optional guided walks will take place at the Pikantó Restaurant, at the “Ramsar table”, from 08:00 to 14:30.

Meeting point for the walks: Pikantó Restaurant

09:00 — Fényes Nature Trail

10:00 — Cultural Walk

13:00 — Cultural Walk

14:00 — Fényes Nature Trail

14:30 — Exhibition at the Talentum School

All participants will be transported to the starting points of the walks by bus.

17:00 — **Gathering at the Pikantó Restaurant for all guests wishing to return to their hotels by bus**

Ramsar 1 – Hotel Kristály, Malom & Kacska, Hotel Arnold, Ady Apartman, Hotel Kiss

Ramsar 2 – Dotis Apartman, Hotel Gottwald, Old Lake Golf Club & Hotel



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