

5th Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors
Toki Messe Convention Center, Niigata City, Japan
30 November - 2 December 2026

Program of Activities

30 November 2026 (Monday)

Time	Activity
10:50 – 12:40	(optional) Documentary Screening - “Ishtar, the Songs of Trees” venue: Main Hall (2F) Mr. Jay Jaeun Chin, Director
12:40 – 14:00	Arrival and registration of participants
14:00 – 14:30	Opening messages venue: Main Hall (2F) - Mayor of Niigata City, Japan (TBC) - Dr. Musonda Mumba, Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands - Ministry of Environment Japan (TBC) - Governor of Niigata Prefecture (TBC) - Mr. Seung Oh Suh, Executive Director, Wetland City Network Secretariat / Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia
14:30 – 15:10	Keynote presentations venue: Main Hall (2F) - Urban biodiversity: ‘Living with Wetlands’ (TBC) - The Role of Municipalities in the Conservation and Wise Use of the Ramsar Sites - Ms. Reiko Nakamura, Ramsar Center Japan / Fellow, Ramsar Awardee
15:10 – 16:10	Poster Presentation Core Time and photo opportunity venue: Foyer and Meeting Room (2F)
16:10 – 17:00	Plenary presentations venue: Main Hall and the Foyer (2F) (topic) Ministry of Environment Japan (TBC) (topic) Mr. Shinich Sawaguchi (TBC) - Global Wetland Outlook 2028 (TBC)
17:30 – 19:30	Welcome dinner venue: Hotel Nikko Niigata (4F)

1 December 2026 (Tuesday)

Time	Activity
9:00 – 10:15	Parallel thematic sessions 1: Wetlands Education venue: Main Hall (2F) Parallel thematic sessions 2: Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement venue: Meeting Room (3F)
10:15 – 10:30	coffee break
10:30 – 11:45	Parallel thematic sessions 3: Promotion and Branding of Wetland Cities

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	venue: Main Hall (2F) Parallel thematic sessions 4: Contribution to biodiversity through wetland conservation and restoration • venue: Meeting Room (3F)
11:45 – 13:15	lunch break venue: Hotel Nikko Niigata (30F)
13:15 – 14:15	Discussion Meetings • Youth session venue: Main Hall (2F) • Local communities session venue: Meeting Room (3F)
14:15 – 14:30	move to the meeting proper venue
14:30 – 16:30	Meeting proper venue: Conference Hall (4F)
16:30 – 16:45	move to the closing program venue
16:45 – 17:15	Closing program venue: Main Hall (2F) • Passing of the ceremonial flag (Niigata, Japan to Valdivia, Chile) • Message from the host city of the 6 th Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors: Mayor of Valdivia, Chile (pre-recorded video) • Closing Message from the host city, Mayor of Niigata, Japan

2 December 2026 (Wednesday)

Time	Activity
9:00 – 18:00	Field visit • (optional) Lake Toyanogata • Lake Sakata Ramsar Site • Lake Fukushima • Other wetland-related facilities
18:10 – 19:10	(optional) Bilateral meetings venue: Small-sized Meeting Rooms (2F – 3F)