

CBD-COP13

5TH GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY SUMMIT FOR CITIES AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Plenary Session 10 : New initiatives launched



Launching the *Wetland City Accreditation* of the Ramsar Convention



Resolution XII.10 : Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation



- **ADOPTED** in June by the Ramsar COP12, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- APPROVES the establishment of a **voluntary Wetland City Accreditation** system
- INVITES Contracting Parties to propose for accreditation **Cities in their territory which are located close to Ramsar Sites and/or other significance wetlands**, based on **6 particular criteria**



Steps towards implementation of the Wetland City Accreditation



January 2017 : Ramsar Secretariat issues a call for applications

February to September 2017 : Secretariat receives applications, transmitted by each Country's Ramsar National Focal Points

September to December 2017 : An Independent Assessment Committee (IAC) reviews all applications and select the best fitting ones, prior to submit to the 53th Ramsar Standing Committee for endorsement



OCTOBER 2018



**Official presentation
and celebration
of first accredited “Wetland Cities” :
RAMSAR COP13,
in Dubai, United Arab Emirates**



Wetland City Accreditation



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