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Logistics & planning for COP12

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Before the meeting

As soon as you have received your invitation...

- Determine your country's priorities in terms of species, emerging conservation issues and related future policies through a revision of the national implementation plan (NIP).
- Inform yourself about the **Rules of Procedure** such as deadlines for submitting amendments to text of the instrument and its annexes or appendices and draft decisions on emerging issues.





Before the meeting

- National consultation– consult all national stakeholders, after that also include other relevant actors at the regional and international level.
- Species proposals
- Decisions – familiarize yourself with all matters under negotiation
- Regional Consultation– preparation of position papers is recommended





Logistical Preparation for COP12

- The role of NFPs includes facilitating the lead-up, in terms of logistical preparation, to a meeting for the delegations attending
- Timely preparation can ensure compliance with possible funding deadlines
- preparation of necessary documents can ensure the full participation of the delegation, including the exercise of voting rights.



Logistical Preparation for COP12

Composition of Delegations

- Type and level of expertise required for agenda topics
- Priority for your country
- Ministries that, according to national policy, may need to be represented at the meeting



What you need to do

- 1 Registration**
Pre-register your delegation by the set deadline
- Funding**
Check your eligibility for funding. Apply early as funds may be limited
- Credentials**
Ensure your delegation's right to fully take part in the meeting by obtaining credentials from your Government
- Visa**
Check visa requirements for the country in which the meeting takes place.
- Accommodation**
Sponsored delegates to receive a return ticket to travel to the meeting and DSA to cover accommodation and meals.
Non-sponsored delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements, but will often be provided a list of suitable hotels.



During the meeting - representatives & roles

| | Party Representatives | Observers | Credentials Committee | Secretariat | Chair | Bureau |
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| Representatives | Delegation: One Representative, one Alternative Representative and Advisers | Any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation and management of migratory species. International/national Gov./NGO | Not more than five Representatives from at least three regions | Secretariat staff | Chair of the Standing Committee temporary until meeting elects a chair. Three Chairs elected: (a) Chair of the Conference; (b) a Chair of the Committee of the Whole (Vice-Chair of Conference) (c) a Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole. | Chairs, Chairs of the Scientific Council and the Standing Committee, members of the Standing Committee |
| Roles | participate & vote | Participate in open sessions, but cannot vote | examine submitted credentials and shall report thereon to the meeting | service and act as secretariat for the meeting and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. | preside over sessions of the Plenary and the Committee of the Whole. No voting | ensure enforcement of Rules of Procedure, forwarding business of the meeting |



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“Review the information in the Manual for the National Focal Points and make sure that everything is prepared for your successful participation at the COP12!”

