

Decisions of the 1st Meeting of the Council

Agenda item 2: Welcome Member States

Decision MOC01-01: The plenary took note of the list of Member States in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.2: the People's Republic of China, the Union of the Comoros, the Republic of Cuba, the Republic of Guinea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Nicaragua and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Decision MOC01-02: The plenary took note of the composition of the Council.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the provisional agenda and working programme

3.1: Provisional agenda

Decision MOC01-03: The Council adopted the provisional agenda in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.3.1.

3.2: Provisional working programme

Decision MOC01-04: The Council adopted the provisional working programme in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.3.2.

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

Decision MOC01-05: The Council adopted the Rules of Procedure in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.4.

Decision MOC01-06: The Council instructs the Secretariat to prepare a document on the responsibilities of the hosting Member State for meetings of the Council and to submit it to the 2nd Meeting of the Council for consideration.

Agenda item 5: Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Decision MOC01-07: The Council appointed Yan Zhen, Vice Administrator, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China, as Chair of the Council.

Decision MOC01-08: The Council elected RAKOTOARISOA Julien Noël, National Mangrove Focal Point of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Madagascar, as Vice-Chair of the Council.

Agenda item 6: Welcome observers

Decision MOC01-09: The Council took note of the list of observers in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.6: China Wetlands Association (CWA), East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative (IBRRI), Mangrove Conservation Foundation (MCF), Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia (RRC-EA), Ramsar Regional Centre for Training and Research in the Western Hemisphere (CREHO), Ramsar Regional Initiative for the Conservation and Wise Use of Mangroves and Coral Reefs, Ramsar Regional Initiative on Black and Azov Seas Coastal Wetlands (BlackSeaWet), Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands, Wetlands International (WI), World Coastal Forum (WCF), WWF International and WWT.

Agenda item 7: Appointment of the Director General

Decision MOC01-10: The Council appointed Bao Daming as Director General of the IMC for a three-year term, from 26 July 2026 to 25 July 2029. The Council also took note of Xu Songming, appointed by China, as Deputy Director General of the IMC for administrative matters and finance.

Decision MOC01-11: The Council noted the automatic dissolution of the Interim Secretariat and the formal establishment of the Secretariat upon the appointment of the Director General.

Agenda item 8: Report of the Director General

Decision MOC01-12: The Council took note of the Report of the Director General in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.8.

Agenda item 9: Consideration of the foundational documents of the IMC

9.1: Strategic Plan (2026-2034)

Decision MOC01-13: The Council adopted the IMC Strategic Plan (2026–2034) in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.9.1.

Decision MOC01-14: The Council instructs the Secretariat to develop the IMC’s annual work plan in line with the adopted Strategic Plan (2026–2034).

Decision MOC01-15: The Council instructs the Secretariat to initiate consultations on a three-year implementation plan, with efforts to mobilize non-baseline budget resources, and to submit the draft three-year implementation plan to the 2nd Meeting of the Council for consideration.

9.2: Financial Regulations

Decision MOC01-16: The Council adopted the Financial Regulations of the IMC in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.9.2.

Decision MOC01-17: The Council instructs the Secretariat to manage the IMC’s baseline operational fund in accordance with the adopted Financial Regulations of the IMC.

9.3: Human Resources Regulations

Decision MOC01-18: The Council adopted the Human Resources Regulations of the IMC in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.9.3.

Decision MOC01-19: The Council instructs the Secretariat to implement the adopted Human Resources Regulations of the IMC, with the recruitment of Secretariat staff to be carried out under the authority of the Director General.

9.4: Operational Guidelines for the Scientific and Technical Subgroup

Decision MOC01-20: The Council adopted the Operational Guidelines for the Scientific and Technical Subgroup in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.9.4.

Decision MOC01-21: The Council instructs the Secretariat to initiate the process for establishing the STG in accordance with the adopted Operational Guidelines.

Decision MOC01-22: The Council requests the Secretariat to facilitate the convening of the first meeting of the STG to identify the priority areas of the IMC and develop a work plan for consideration at the 2nd Meeting of the Council.

Agenda item 10: Consideration of the annual work plan and budget of the IMC

10.1: Work plan of the International Mangrove Center for 2026

Decision MOC01-23: The Council adopted the work plan of the IMC for 2026 in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.10.1.

Decision MOC01-24: The Council noted that the IMC's future annual work plans will be developed in line with the Establishment Agreement and the adopted Strategic Plan 2026–2034.

10.2: Budget of the International Mangrove Center for 2026

Decision MOC01-25: The Council adopted the 2026 budget of the IMC in document IMC/MOC01/Doc.10.2.

Agenda item 11: Hosting Member State of the 2nd Meeting of the Council

Decision MOC01-26: The Council decided that the 2nd Meeting of the Council would be held in China in 2027, with the specific date and venue to be coordinated by the Secretariat and China.

Decision MOC01-27: The Council agreed that China would nominate a representative to serve as Chair. The nominee would be communicated by the Secretariat once determined.

Decision MOC01-28: The Council agreed that Madagascar would continue to serve as Vice-Chair. The nominee would be communicated by the Secretariat once determined.

Agenda item 12: Thanks to the Host Country

Decision MOC01-29: The Council adopted document IMC/MOC01/Doc.12, entitled

“Thanks to the Host Country, the People’s Republic of China”, and expressed its appreciation to the Government of China for its contributions to the development of the IMC and the successful convening of the 1st Meeting of the Council.

Agenda item 14: Adoption of the report of the 1st Meeting of the Council
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Decision MOC01-30: The Council agreed that the draft report of the 1st Meeting of the Council would be circulated by email within two weeks after the meeting. If no proposed amendments were received within two weeks following its circulation, the report would be deemed approved.