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**Enhancing the wise use of wetlands: a framework for capacity
development**

1. To be effective in implementing the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, there needs to be a good balance between theoretical background and the available methods for capacity development interventions on the one hand and personal facilitation, leadership and communication skills on the other. The newly-published 120-page report *Enhancing the wise use of wetlands: a framework for capacity development* provides a stepwise approach for developing and implementing capacity development initiatives to achieve the wise use of wetlands.
2. The basis of this Capacity Building Framework has been laid out in document Ramsar COP10 DOC. 33 and was discussed at a side event at Ramsar’s 10th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties in November 2008 in Korea.
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