Preparations for the 2019 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Highlights

• 29 April -10 May 2019, CICG, Geneva
• Theme of the meetings: “Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste”
• No high-level segment
• Expect about 1,500 participants from up to 187 Parties
• Exhibitions, information fair and side events: registration deadline 28 February 2019
• Paperless and plastic reduced meeting
• Meeting website (incl. information for participants): http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs
Meeting documents

• Provisional agendas and tentative schedule of the meetings: Posted end of November, together with send-out of invitation letters

• Budget documents: posted on 29 January 2019 (90 days before the COPs)

• Other meeting documents, including joint documents: to be posted by 28 February 2019 (6-8 weeks before the COPs)

• Documents and additional information on the meetings available on meetings website: http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/
Financial support and credentials

• **Financial assistance** for up to three delegates, as funds permit, for States that are developing countries or countries with economy in transition and Party to all three conventions (deadline: 23 January 2019; 15 February 2019 for third delegate)

• Financial support pledged by: Germany, Norway and Switzerland

• Original and copies of **credentials** in good order will be accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible
  
  – Credentials are to be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs
  
  – Submission to the Secretariat if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meetings (by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 30 April 2019)
  
  – Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
  
  – Credentials for all 3 meetings can be in one document
Regional preparatory meetings

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Back-to-back information sessions on issues pertaining to the Minamata Convention and SAICM (for Africa/Asia-Pacific) and gender training.

Thanks to financial support provided by Norway and Switzerland for the regional meetings and Sweden for the gender training.
Main issues on the agendas
Basel Convention COP-14 main issues

**Strategic matters**
- Strategic framework
- Ban Amendment
- Developing ESM guidelines

**Scientific and technical matters**
- Technical guidelines
- National reporting
- Electronic approaches to notification and movement documents
- Waste containing nanomaterials
- Marine plastic litter and microplastics
- Amendments to annexes

**Legal, governance and enforcement matters**
- Implementation and Compliance Committee
- Providing further legal clarity

**International cooperation and coordination**
- Basel Convention Partnership Programme
- Cooperation with WCO
- OEWG work programme 2020-21
Rotterdam Convention COP-9 main issues

Compliance
• Draft text of procedures and institutional mechanisms on compliance
• Proposal to add a new annex VII to the Convention

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention
• Recommendations from intersessional working group to be considered at COP-9
• Consideration of proposals from African countries from COP-8 to amend Articles 16 and 22

Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention
• «New» chemicals: acetochlor, hexabromocyclododecane, phorate
• «Old» chemicals: carbosulfan, chrysotile asbestos, fenthion formulations, paraquat formulations

Status of implementation of the Rotterdam Convention
• General issues related to the implementation of the Convention
• Proposals to increase the number of notifications of final regulatory action
• Exchanging information on exports and export notifications
Stockholm Convention COP-9 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C

- Recommendation to list:
  - Dicofol in Annex A without specific exemptions
  - PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex A with specific exemptions

- Proposals to amend Article 8 and Annex D of the Convention submitted by the Russian Federation

Reduce or eliminate release from intentional production and use

- DDT (evaluate the continued need)
- PCBs (review progress on elimination)
- PFOS, its salts and PFOS (POPRC recommendation to amend Annex B)

Compliance

For possible adoption based on the draft texts in the annex to decision SC-7/26

National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

- Electronic template for reporting information in NIPs; revised guidance on developing and updating NIPs

Effectiveness evaluation (EE) and Global monitoring plan (GMP)

- Consider adoption of a revised framework for EE
- Consider the draft updated GMP guidance

Other main issues on SC COP-9 agenda

- Reporting, toolkit and BAT & BEP, exemptions, measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes
Joint issues

Technical assistance – financial resources
• Technical assistance
• BC and SC regional centres
• Financial resources:
  • Implementation of integrated approach
  • SC financial mechanism

Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
• International cooperation and coordination
• Clearing house mechanism for information exchange
• Mainstreaming gender
• Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes
• From science to action

Budget and programmes of work
• 2 scenarios:
  • Zero nominal growth scenario
  • Executive Secretaries’ scenario, 5% growth (2.5% annually)

Memorandums of Understanding between UNEP and the COPs (and FAO in the case of RC)
• Three convention-specific MoUs in front of the COPs for possible adoption
• Developed by the Secretariat in consultation with UNEP (and FAO for RC)
30th Anniversary of the Basel Convention

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Basel Convention

• Date/time: Friday 22 March 2019, 14:30 – 16:00
• Location: Palais des Nations (Room TBC)
• Invitations to be dispatched to Permanent Missions shortly

Hosted by Government of Switzerland and BRS
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