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

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
Highlights

• BC COP-14, RC COP-9 and SC COP-9 back-to-back from 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 (2-4 May) and side events
• Paperless and plastic reduced meeting
• Meeting website (incl. information for participants): http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs
• Documents: http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/MeetingDocuments/tabid/7832
Financial support and registration

• 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
  – Thanks to financial support from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway and Switzerland

• On-site registration:
  – 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday, 28 April 2019
  – 8 am to 5 pm on Monday, 29 April 2019
  – 9 am to 5 pm during other days
  – Need to register to be included in the list of participants
Credentials

- Bureaux: **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
- Hand over original credentials at the meeting venue
Organization of work

• **Similar approach to 2017:**
  – Pre-meetings (e.g. bureaux, regions) on the day before the meetings
  – Joint sessions on joint issues on first day and a half
  – Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC
  – Conclude with joint and separate sessions, as necessary

• Tentative schedule and list of possible contact groups agreed to by bureaux at their joint meeting

• Limited number of contact groups running in parallel

• Keep in mind that order and timing of sessions might change
Regional meetings during the COPs

- Sunday 28 April 2019, 3-6 pm
- Every morning 9-10 am, and as needed

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# Tentative schedule (week 1)

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| **Joint session:** | | | | | | POPs wastes
| Organizational matters | | | | | | Synergies
| Technical assistance | | | | | | MoUs
| Financial resources | | | | | | Next COPs
| | | | | | Other matters
| **BC** | **SC** | **SC** | **BC** | **BC** | **BC** |
| **Joint session:** | **Draft decisions** | **Draft decisions** | **Draft decisions** | **Draft decisions** | **Draft decisions** |
| Compliance | Effectiveness | Effectiveness | Effectiveness | Effectiveness | Effectiveness |
| Programme of work and budget | evaluation | evaluation | evaluation | evaluation | evaluation |
| **SC** | **SC** | **SC** | **SC** | **SC** | **SC** |
| RoP | NIPs | NIPs | NIPs | NIPs | NIPs |
| Compliance | Reporting | Reporting | Reporting | Reporting | Reporting |
| Exemptions | Other matters | Other matters | Other matters | Other matters | Other matters |
| **SC** | **BC** | **BC** | **BC** | | |
| Listing of chemicals | Classification | Reporting | Legislation / notifications | | |
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## Tentative schedule (week 2)

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Potential contact and other groups

- **Joint:**
  - Group on programmes of work and budgets
  - Group on joint issues
  - Group on technical assistance/financial resources and mechanisms

- **SC:**
  - Group on listing of chemicals
  - Group on compliance

- **BC:**
  - Group on technical matters
  - Group on strategic matters
  - Group on compliance and legal matters
  - Group on marine plastic litter and microplastics

- **RC:**
  - Group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
  - Group on the listing of chemicals
  - Group on compliance
## Election of officers

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Election of officers: rules and requirements

• According to the financial rules, no representative of any Party whose contributions are in **arrears for 2 or more years** shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the COP or its subsidiary bodies. Rule does not apply to LDCs, SIDS or Parties that have agreed on and are respecting a schedule of payments.

• When putting forward nominations of member and experts, **Parties should take into account** the following for each candidate:
  – Required time and travel needs
  – Qualifications (where relevant)
  – Submission of documentation in support of candidatures (CV and signed declaration of interest form for CRC and POPRC)

• **Replacement of CRC and POPRC members** shall be done in accordance with such procedure as the region concerned may determine.

• Discussion of nominations in advance of COPs and gender balance are encouraged.
## 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 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
• 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
• Definitions of the term “pesticides”
• General issues of implementation
• Composition of the PIC regions
Stockholm Convention COP-9 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C

- 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

- Draft text of procedures and mechanisms on compliance

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 BRS conventions
• International cooperation and coordination
• Clearing house mechanism for information exchange
• Mainstreaming gender
• Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade
• 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)
Information on hosting meetings of the COPs outside the seats of the Secretariat (see BC/INF/57–RC/INF/46–SC/INF/60)

• INF document invited offers from Parties to host 2021 COPs by 29 March 2019

• Offer from Government of Kenya was received to host the 2021 COPs at UNEP Headquarters in Kenya, Nairobi (→ Addendum)

• If accepted by the COPs – hosting would be subject to the conclusion of a host country agreement between the host Government and the Secretariat
Meetings website: http://brsmeas.org/2019COPs

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Thank you.