Preparing for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

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This presentation

• Key issues at COP-5
• Programme of work and proposed Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium
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• Decide to list Endosulfan in Annex A with specific exemptions
• Adopt recommendations on elimination of BDEs from waste stream and on risk reduction for PFOS
• Adopt a procedure for updating the guidance on best available techniques and best available practices for unintentionally produced POPs
Key issues at COP-5 (con’t)

• Adopt a six-year process evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention

• Consider new ways of facilitating the work of the financial mechanism of the Convention, including a possible financial resources group under the COP

• Consider establishing compliance procedures under the Convention
Key issues at COP-5 (con’t)

- **New activities to be considered:**
  - **GEF MSP Projects on new POPs:** Development of guidance documents for NIP update and GMP activities,
  - **Brokering tool:** Service for matching potential donor resources with the needs of Parties that are developing countries and countries in transition
  - **Regional Center Small Grant Programme:** Grants to SCRCs to undertake projects in regions
Key issues at COP-5 (con’t)

• **New activities:**
  - **POPs-free:** voluntary industry initiative to promote production/marketing of products that do not contain POPs

  - **Outreach:**
    - SafePlanet Campaign
    - POPs and Climate Change Study
Key issues at COP-5 (con’t)

• **Synergies:**
  - Ex-COPs achievements
  - SC COP-5 will consider approving:
    - new joint activities,
    - modifications to the secretariats’ organizational structure,
    - terms of references for reviewing the synergies processes.
  - Identical synergies decisions would have to be adopted by SC, RC and BC COPs
Programme of Work and Proposed Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium
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- Organized around two core functions responsibilities:
  - Meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and
  - Programme and support functions including both Stockholm specific and joint activities with Basel and Rotterdam

- Synergies component of the budget adopted at SC COP-5 would need to be adopted identically in Rotterdam and Basel COPs
Proposed budget presented in three scenarios for 2012-2013

- **Scenario 1**: Executive Secretary’s assessment (+9.5%)
- **Scenario 2**: 0% nominal growth budget
- **Scenario 3**: 10% nominal growth budget

- Since **Scenario 1** budget is very close to 10%, the same proposed budget also covers **Scenario 3**
- No separate proposed budget for **Scenario 3**
Scenario 1: Executive Secretary’s assessment (+9.5%)

- Operational budget: $12,828,961
- Includes all decisions made during the period as well as requests received from Parties
- Special Trust Fund: $8,725,860 (a 21.8% increase from the 2010-2011 estimated amount)
- Includes new Stockholm Convention-specific and joint activities
- No changes to current staffing level
Scenario 2: 0% nominal growth budget

- Operational budget: $11,769,209
- Represents a real reduction in budget
- Eliminates all activities under the new POPs Programme or part of activities under capacity assistance, including costs of one Programme Officer at P-3 level
- Special Trust Fund: $7,511,110 (a 4.8% increase from the 2010-2011 estimated amount)
Organisation of work
Schedule of COP-5

• Venue:
  ▪ Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)

• Schedule:
  ▪ COP meeting will open on Monday 25 April at 10 am until Friday 29 April
  ▪ Preparatory day on Sunday 24 April with:
    • Registration starting at 10 a.m.
    • Regional meetings tentatively scheduled from 3-6 pm (also scheduled from 9-10 am throughout the week)
Organisation of Work

• All issues will be discussed in and decided upon in plenary
• Contact groups are expected during days and evenings from Tuesday through Thursday
• Likely contact groups are: budget, Endosulfan, technical assistance and financial resources
• Other possible contact groups: non-compliance and synergies
• Decisions and meeting report to be adopted on Friday
Side-events at COP-5

• Monday 25 April:
  ▪ **Lunch time:** Finance Forum for sustainable solutions, with GEF CEO, Monique Barbut
  ▪ **Evening:** Reception hosted by the Swiss Government - Award Ceremony of PCB Elimination Network and POPs Stars

• Tuesday 26 April:
  ▪ **Evening:** First assembly of DDT Global Alliance

• Other side-events linked to SC at 10 available on website
Credentials and Participation

• 115 of the 172 Parties need to participate in the COP to have a decision-making quorum

• Limited financial support for participant’s travel for COP-5

• Parties need to come to the meeting with proper credentials in original and signed by the head of State, head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs