Update on the intersessional work of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Activities under the Basel Convention

Plastic Waste Partnership

• Establishment of the working group of the Partnership: Parties and observers to nominate members by 31 August 2019

• Launch of the Partnership anticipated in November 2019, Geneva

Environmentally sound management of plastic waste

• Ongoing projects:
  • Bangladesh: First National Consultation Meeting, 18-19 September 2019, Dhaka, Bangladesh
  • Ghana: First National Consultation Meeting, 7-8 October 2019, Accra, Ghana

• Financial support from the Government of Norway

• Future projects
Activities under the Basel Convention (cont.)

Household Waste Partnership
Second meeting and Writers’ Sprint, 4-12 September 2019, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago:
- Finalization of draft overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste
- Coordination and cooperation with other organizations
- Financial support from the European Union and the Government of Norway

Follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment
- Indicate interest in participating to the Secretariat by 30 September 2019

Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE)
- Fourth meeting, 30 September-1 October 2019, Geneva, Switzerland
- Financial support from the Government of Norway
Activities under the Basel Convention (cont.)

Expert Working Group on the review of the Annexes

• Third meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia, 5-8 November 2019
• EWG to develop recommendations for amending Annex IV, entry A1180 and entry B 1110
• EWG to continue reviewing Annexes I and III, including in relation to plastic wastes
• Financial support from the Governments of Germany and Norway
Activities under the Basel Convention (cont.)

Amendments

• Amendments to annexes II, VIII and IX: entries related to plastic waste
• Parties obliged to **control export and import** and ensure the **minimization** of the generation of plastic waste as well as its **environmentally sound management**
• The new entries become effective as of **1 January 2021**

Other ongoing activities

Updates of technical guidelines

• Transboundary movements of e-waste and used equipment
• Incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5) and (R1)
• Environmentally sound management of mercury wastes
• Identification and environmentally sound management of plastic wastes and for their disposal
• Environmentally sound management of POPs wastes
Activities under the Rotterdam Convention

Fifteenth Meeting of the Rotterdam Convention’s Chemical Review Committee

- 8 to 10 October 2019, at FAO headquarters, in Rome, Italy
- Chair: Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa)
- Provisional agenda:
  - Consideration of draft decision guidance documents: perflurooctanic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds (industrial)
  - Review of notifications of final regulatory actions for: amitrole (pesticide), decabromodiphenyl ether (industrial chemical), nonylphenols and nonylphenol ethoxylates (pesticide and industrial chemical)
Activities under the Rotterdam Convention (cont.)

Amendments to the Rotterdam Convention

Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention:
• hexabromocyclododocane (industrial)
• phorate (pesticide)
Communication has been sent by the Depository and amendments will enter into force for all Parties on 16 September 2019

New Annex VII: Procedures and mechanisms on compliance with the Rotterdam Convention:
The annex will enter into force one year from the notification from the Depository except for opt-out Parties
Activities under the Stockholm Convention

Fifteenth Meeting of the Stockholm Convention’s POPs Review Committee
• 1 to 4 October 2019, FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy
• Chair: Ms. Estefania Moreira (Brazil)
• Provisional agenda:
  • Consideration a risk management evaluation on perfluoroheaxane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds (industrial chemical)
  • Consideration of chemicals proposed for listing in Annex A, B and/or C to the Convention:
    • Dechlorane Plus (industrial chemical)
    • Methoxychlor (pesticide)
  • Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins
Activities under the Stockholm Convention (cont.)

Amendments to the Stockholm Convention

Listing of chemicals in Annex A to the Convention:
• dicofol (pesticide), without specific exemptions
• PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds (industrial), with specific exemptions

Amendment to Annex B:
• Acceptable purposes and specific exemptions for PFOS, its salts and PFOS

Amendments to the Annexes enter into force for all Parties on expiry of one year from the date the Depositary communicated the adoption of the amendments, except for opt-out and opt-in Parties

Other ongoing activities

The global monitoring plan
• Meeting of the global coordination group, 15-17 October 2019, Geneva, Switzerland
• Work ongoing to develop the third regional monitoring reports for submission at COP-10 in 2021
Other activities under the conventions

Implementation of the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions
• Regional training workshop to strengthen the capacity of countries in the African region to implement the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions, 16-19 September, Dakar, Senegal
• Financial support from the Government of France

Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres
• Annual joint meeting, 24-25 September 2019, Geneva
• Enhance cooperation and coordination between the regional centres
• Promote and enhance synergies in delivery of technical assistance under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
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