

**BASEL  
CONVENTION**

Controlling transboundary movements  
of hazardous wastes and their disposal

**ROTTERDAM  
CONVENTION**

Sharing responsibility in the  
trade of hazardous chemicals

**STOCKHOLM  
CONVENTION**

Protecting human health and the environment  
from persistent organic pollutants (POP)

# Ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group

Permanent Mission Briefing

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## Work programme and Bureau

- Decision BC-11/19: Work programme of the OEWG for the biennium 2014-2015

- OEWG-9 Bureau:

Co-Chairs: Mr. Prakash Kowlessar (Mauritius) (Technical)

Ms. Magda Gosk (Poland) (Legal)

Vice-Chairs: Ms. Jacinthe Seguin (Canada) (Technical)

Mr. Alberto Capra (Argentina) (Legal)

Rapporteur: Mr. Nassereddin Heidari (Islamic Republic of Iran)

## Pre-session documents

- OEWG-9 website: [www.basel.int/oewg9](http://www.basel.int/oewg9)
- Invitation letters and provisional agenda sent to parties and posted on the website on 1 April 2014
- All meeting documents made available in the 6 UN languages on the website before 2 July 2014
- All INF documents will be available soon

## Dates and venue of OEWG-9

- Dates: 16-19 September 2014 (Tuesday to Friday)
  - Para 2 of decision BC-11/19:
    - 4 days' duration with 2 days of interpretation
    - Simultaneous interpretation into the six UN languages will be provided in Plenary on 16 and 19 September
  - Registration: Monday 15 Sep 10:00-18:00; Tuesday 16 Sep 8:00-18:00; other days 9:00-18:00
- Venue: Geneva International Conference Center (CICG)

## Pre-meetings and other events

- Bureau meeting: Monday 15 Sep 14:00-15:00;  
Tuesday to Friday 16-19 Sep 8:00-9:00
- Regional meetings: Monday 15 Sep 15:00-18:00;  
Tuesday to Friday 16-19 Sep 9:00-10:00
- Pre-meetings on POPs and e-waste technical  
guidelines: Monday 15 Sep 9:00-15:00
- Side events: Tuesday to Friday 13:15-14:45
- Reception hosted by the Government of Switzerland:  
Tuesday 16 Sep after 18:00

# Organization of work and languages

- Plenary: 10:00-13:00 & 15:00-18:00 on Tuesday 16 Sep and Friday 19 Sep
- Contact groups meet as needed (mainly Wed and Thu)
- Languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish in Plenary; English only in contact groups and other meetings
- Documents related to organization of work: annotated agenda (OEWG.9/1/Add.1), scenario note (INF/1), tentative schedule of the meeting (INF/2)
- Paperless meeting

## Participants travel

- Deadline for requesting travel fund was 2 June 2014
- Funding provided for up to one participant per Party that is developing or economy in transition (priority to SIDS and LCDs, ensuring regional balance), within available resources
- Funding received or pledged as of 25 August 2014: USD 386,867
- Number of funded participants: 64

# Agenda highlights (1)

- Strategic issues
  - Strategic framework; Cartagena Declaration; Guidelines for ESM; Options for operations of the OEWG
- Scientific and technical matters
  - Technical guidelines for POPs, mercury waste, e-waste; National reporting; Amendments to Annex IX to the Basel Convention
- Legal, governance and enforcement matters
  - ICC; Providing further legal clarity



## Agenda highlights (2)

- International cooperation and coordination
  - PACE; Environmentally sound dismantling of ships; Other international cooperation
- Financial matters
- Work programme of the OEWG for 2016-2017
- Other matters: Report on ENFORCE meeting; Information on Science Fair at 2015 COPs