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Biographies

Rolph PAYET, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Executive Secretary

Rolph Payet, former Minister for Environment and Energy of Seychelles, was appointed Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

Dr. Payet has a Doctorate in Environmental Science, degrees at master level in Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Business Administration (MBA) and Applied Environmental Economics, and an honours degree in Biochemistry.

In addition to having been the Seychelles' Chief Negotiator for the Basel Convention, the Montreal Protocol and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Dr. Payet also established important multi-stakeholder platforms, such as the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) and co-chaired the International Coral Reef Initiative. He was Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third and Fourth Assessments and was elected as Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (FRGS) in 2007, in recognition of his contributions to marine research. He established the first university in Seychelles in 2009, and is its present ProChancellor. He also holds an associate professorship at the University of Linnaeus in Sweden.

Dr. Payet took up his new duties in Geneva on 6 October 2014.

Mohammed KHASHASHNEH (Jordan), Rotterdam Convention COP President

Mohammed Khashashneh hold a Ph.D in chemical engineering (chemical technology of fuel and gas) from the Azerbaijan state petroleum Academy, Baku-Azerbaijan.

In the mid-90's, Mohammed was a researcher in the Jordan Air Protection Directorate: General Corporation For The Environment Protection (GCEP).



In 1999, Mohammed became the Head Of Chemical And Hazardous Waste Division, at the Plant Manager of Hazardous Waste Disposal Site, within Jordan Ministry of Environment, General Corporation for the Environment Protection.

Since November 2004, Mohammed is the Director of Hazard Substances and Waste Management Directorate, in the Jordan Ministry of Environment.

Mohammed is representing Jordan in a lot of international conferences and meetings. He has a lot of scientific paper and researches in hazard substances and waste management. He is chairing or co-chairing a lot of technical committees related to hazard substances and waste management at national and regional and international level.

David OGDEN, BRS Secretariat

David Ogden is the chief of the Convention Operations Branch of the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Mr. Ogden joined the United Nations Environment Programme in March 1997 and served as the coordinator of the Stockholm Convention through its negotiation and following its entry into force. He chaired the coordinators group that was responsible for the organization and conduct of the first simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in February 2010.

Mr. Ogden worked for the United States Environment Protection Agency from 1987 to March 1997 mostly within the Office of International Affairs where he served as the lead analyst for international chemicals management issues. Mr. Ogden holds a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science, a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs, a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a certificate to teach social studies at the secondary level. He is an American.

Abiola OLANIPEKUN, BRS Secretariat

Abiola Olanipekun is the Chief of the Scientific Support Branch. Her responsibilities include leading, planning and implementing the programme of work of the Branch related to technical and scientific aspects; national reporting; coordinating the work on the development of technical guidelines, tools and guidance; finalization of draft texts for amendments/submissions on lists of chemicals and wastes; providing support on technical and strategic issues to Parties and the Executive Secretary; coordinating the input of the Branch into the meetings of the Conferences of the Parties and their subsidiary bodies; in close coordination with other Branches, planning and executing joint activities on scientific matters; and collaborating and liaising with other UN organizations and agencies on scientific and technical cooperation issues.

Ms. Olanipekun, a Nigerian citizen, worked for the Federal Ministry of Environment Nigeria (1987 to 2013) in the Chemicals Management Division of the



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Department of Pollution Control & Environmental Health and has led and coordinated the African region for over a decade in major international negotiations, policies and programmes on sound management of chemicals. She served as Chairperson on the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Programme Advisory Group and member of UNEP Experts' Groups on a number of recent international chemicals management initiatives. She has been a prominent advocate of key outcomes that have enabled the global community's efforts to achieve sound management of chemicals. She holds a Bachelors of Science and Masters Degree in Biochemistry and Environmental Science and Technology respectively from University of Benin, Nigeria and UNESCO-IHE, Delft, The Netherlands.