



Chemicals and Waste Briefing

Tuesday 26 January 2016, 10:00-12:15
International Environment House II

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing focusing on preparations of major upcoming negotiations related to chemicals and waste. The event will address the preparation of the seventh session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury (INC7), to be held from 10 to 15 March 2016 in Jordan, with regional consultations on 9 March 2016, as well as upcoming activities of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. An update will also be provided on the preparation of chemicals and waste-related inputs to the Second Meeting of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-2), the sound management of chemicals and waste in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) context and the planning of the second edition of the Global Chemicals Outlook.

Upcoming meetings by the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions secretariat will include the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention, to be held in Nairobi from 30 May to 2 June 2016, and the twelfth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee, to be also held in Nairobi, from 4 June to 6 June 2016.

The UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch will host a meeting to discuss sound management of chemicals and waste in the SDGs context in Geneva, from 11 to 13 April 2016 and a back to back meeting to review the preparation of the second edition of the Global Chemicals Outlook, from 13-14 April 2016.

Provisional Agenda

- 10:00 Coffee & Tea
- 10:15 **Welcome and Introduction**
Achim HALPAAP, Head, Chemicals and Waste Branch, UNEP
- 10:30 **Preparations for INC7**
Jacob DUER, Principal Coordinator, Interim Sec. of the Minamata Convention and SAICM Sec.
Sheila LOGAN, Programme Officer, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention
- 10:50 **Update on Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions upcoming meetings**
Rolph PAYET, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat
David OGDEN, Chief, Conventions Operations Branch, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat
- 11:10 **Sound management of chemicals and waste in the SDGs context**
Kaj MADSEN, Senior Programme Officer, Chemicals and Waste Branch, UNEP
- 11:20 **Preparation of the second edition of the Global Chemicals Outlook**
Pierre QUIBLIER, Programme Officer, Chemicals and Waste Branch, UNEP
- 11:30 Question-and-answer session
- 12:15 End



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We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **22 January 2016** to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org) or register online. Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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