



# Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing to Permanent Missions

Tuesday 7 July 2015, 10:00-12:00  
International Environment House II

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing focusing on the recent developments under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and the preparation for the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4). An update will also be provided on the status of implementation of the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level towards the implementation of the chemicals and waste conventions and SAICM.

Significant steps were agreed in May by parties to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions Triple Conference of the Parties (COPs), held in Geneva. Almost 1,200 participants from 171 countries gathered to push forward the chemicals and waste agenda at this biennial event.

ICCM4 will take place from 28 September to 2 October 2015, in Geneva, immediately following the United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda. It will mark a major milestone as it is the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Strategic Approach. A high-level segment is scheduled for 1 and 2 October 2015, with participation of ministers, heads of United Nations agencies and organizations, Chief Executive Officers and high-level participants from major groups and stakeholders. With only 5 years remaining to reach the 2020 goal, stakeholders should make full use of the Conference to adopt strategic decisions to enable the international community to achieve the 2020 goal of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

At the briefing a presentation will also be made on the status of implementation of the Special Programme, including the establishment of the Executive Board. The Special Programme is a direct response to a call made by Governments to strengthen the financial basis for the implementation of the legally binding chemicals and waste conventions.

## Provisional Agenda

- 10:00 Coffee & Tea
- 10:15 **Welcome and Introduction**  
Barbara RUIS, Legal Officer, UNEP Regional Office for Europe
- 10:20 **Follow-up on the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions COPs**  
Rolph PAYET, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat
- 10:40 **Preparations for ICCM4**  
Jacob DUER, Coordinator, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and SAICM Secretariat  
Brenda KOEKKOEK, Programme Officer, SAICM Secretariat
- 11:00 **Swiss perspective recent COPs and ICCM4**  
Luca ARNOLD, Head of Global Affairs, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
- 11:15 **Update on the Special Programme**  
Jacob DUER, Coordinator, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and SAICM Secretariat
- 11:30 Question-and-answer session
- 12:00 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 **3 July 2015** to the address below by email ([gen.secretary@unep.org](mailto:gen.secretary@unep.org)) or register online. Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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