

# UPDATE ON BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

## WORK AND UPCOMING MEETINGS



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# BRS AND ICCM4 (COOPERATION WITH SAICM)

- COPs 2015: Enhance cooperation and coordination with SAICM
- Participates in SAICM meetings and provides inputs to relevant processes, e.g:
  - Emerging issues on e-products, perfluorinated chemicals;
  - Policy/strategic issues on overall orientation guidance, SDGs;
- Actively participating in ICCM 4 – joint documents, input into various reports, statement from Executive Secretary, moderating & participating in several side events.
- For more information on cooperation (see document SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/24)

# Stockholm Convention

## Eleventh meeting of the POPs Review Committee

19–23 October 2015, FAO Headquarters, Rome

[www.pops.int/poprc11/](http://www.pops.int/poprc11/)

### Participation:

- 31 POPs Review Committee members (Government designated experts)
- Observers (Parties and observers to the Stockholm Convention)

### Key issues:

- Adopt the risk management evaluation and decide whether to recommend COP that it consider listing in Annex A, B or C to the Stockholm Convention:
  - **Decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture)**
- Adopt the risk profile and decide whether to proceed to the next review stage:
  - **Dicofol; Short-chained chlorinated paraffins**
- Apply the screening criteria and decide whether to proceed to the next review stage:
  - **Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds**

# Rotterdam Convention

## Eleventh meeting of the Chemical Review Committee

26–28 October 2015, FAO Headquarters, Rome

[www.pic.int/crc11/](http://www.pic.int/crc11/)

### Participation:

- 31 Chemical Review Committee members (Government designated experts)
- Observers (Parties and observers to the Rotterdam Convention)

### Key issues:

- Adopt the draft decision guidance documents on chemicals which the Committee has decided to recommend COP that it consider listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention:
  - **Short-chained chlorinated paraffins; Tributyltin compounds**
- Review the notifications of Final Regulatory Action and a proposal for listing a severely hazardous pesticide formulation, and decide whether to recommend COP that it consider listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention:
  - **Atrazin; Carbofuran; Carbosulfan; Dimethoate emulsifiable concentrate 400 g/L**

# ANNUAL JOINT MEETING TO ENHANCE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE REGIONAL CENTRES UNDER THE BASEL AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

## Date and Venue

- 5 – 8 October 2015 in Geneva (CICG)
  - Registration will start at 9.00 am on the first day of the meeting

## Target Audience

- Directors of the centres

## Objectives of the meeting:

- Discuss the strategy for strengthening the regional centres;
- Discuss the importance of sound management of chemicals, chemicals legislation and cooperation with the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KemI)
- Brainstorm on, and collect feedback on the draft strategy for the clearing-house mechanism (CHM)



# CHEMICALS AND WASTES MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- New sustainable development agenda: “Transforming our world” to be adopted on 25-27 September 2015
- Sound management of chemicals and wastes is fundamental to sustainable economic development and contributes to better health and cleaner environment
- Chemicals and wastes are reflected in goals/targets on health, water, cities and human settlements, and sustainable consumption and production
- The ongoing process led by the UN Statistical Commission to develop a set of indicators to measure goals and targets, in which chemicals and wastes should be integrated
- Raising awareness of the role of the sound management of chemicals and wastes in the post-2015 United Nations development agenda at the national level is key!
- Briefing session for Permanent Missions in New York planned for November 2015.



# BAN AMENDMENT

- Overall 82 Parties ratified or accepted
- Most recent acceptance – Seychelles 15 July 2015
- 66 out of 87 COP3 Parties are needed for the Amendment to enter into force
- According to information from depositary, 55 COP3 Parties already ratified or accepted to date
- **Only 11 more instruments needed**
- Secretariat is available to assist and facilitate Parties in ratifying the Ban Amendment, on request



# SMALL INTERSESSIONAL GROUP ON LEGAL CLARITY (SIWG)

21-22 September 2015, IEH 1, Geneva

- Part of the Indonesia-Switzerland Country-Led Initiative (CLI) to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention, est. by COP 11
- SIWG to finalize at that time the glossary of terms and related explanations
- SIWG co-chaired by Ms. Jimena Nieto (Colombia) and Mr. Simon Parker (UK), with 24 experts nominated by Parties
- SIWG met twice (June 2014 and January 2015) and submitted outcome of its deliberations to COP-12 (May 2015)
- SIWG to prepare a revised version of the draft glossary including explanations, to submit it to the Secretariat five months before the OEWG-10 (30 May – 2 June 2016, Nairobi, Kenya).







Thank You