



## Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Briefing to the Permanent Missions in Geneva

Friday, 11 January 2013, 10h00 – 12h00

International Environment House II

You are cordially invited to participate in a briefing on recent developments under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the upcoming ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the three conventions, as well as the third meeting of the Basel Convention technical expert group established to prepare a framework for the environmentally sound management of wastes. The new Deputy Executive Secretary, Kerstin Stendahl, will furthermore be introduced.

The ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will be held back to back from 28 April to 10 May 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. At their joint meeting in December 2012, the bureaux of the three conferences of the parties finalized arrangements for the organization of work of the meetings and agreed on holding a high-level segment on 9 and 10 May 2013. Invitation letters to the meetings and the high-level segment were dispatched in December 2012.

As part of the implementation of the Country-led Initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention, a technical expert group was established to prepare a framework for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes. At its third meeting, to be held from 21-23 January 2013 in Glion, Switzerland, the technical expert group is expected to complete a draft framework for consideration by the 2013 meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.

### **Agenda**

- 10:00 Coffee & Tea
- 10:15 **Welcome and introduction**  
*Jan Dusík*, acting Director and Regional Representative, UNEP
- 10:20 **Introduction to recent developments under the conventions**  
*Jim Willis*, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 10:35 **Major issues to be considered at the 2013 ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**  
*Kerstin Stendahl*, Deputy Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 10:50 **Organization of work and practical arrangements**  
*David Ogden*, Acting Chief, Convention Operations Branch, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions



- 11:10 **Organization of the high-level segment**  
*Laura Meszaros*, Coordinator, High-level Segment, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 11:20 **Question-and-answer session on the 2013 meetings of the conferences of the parties**
- 11:40 **Preparations for the third meeting of the Basel Convention Technical Expert Group to prepare a framework for the environmentally sound management of wastes**  
*Susan Wingfield*, Coordinator, Country-led initiative, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 11:50 **Questions-and-answer session on the third Technical Expert Group meeting**
- 12:00 End



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