Basel, Rotterdam And Stockholm Conventions Secretariat Briefing to Permanent Missions

Friday, 12 April 2013, 10:00–12:00
International Environment House II

You are cordially invited to participate in a briefing on recent developments under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the organization of the ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the conventions, to be held back-to-back from 28 April to 10 May 2013 in Geneva. Over 1000 participants, including representatives of 148 Governments, will be attending the conferences and more than 70 Ministers have registered to attend the high-level segment. The briefing will take place at the International Environment House 2, on Friday 12 April.

In light of the importance of the events, the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions wishes to assist Permanent Missions in Geneva with their preparations. Updated information will be provided on final practical arrangements, the schedule of work and substantive matters of each of the conferences and other meetings being organized in the margins of the conferences. The briefing will also cover latest provisions and the detailed programme for the high-level segment, to be held on 9 and 10 May.

AGENDA

10:00 Coffee & Tea
10:15 Welcome and introduction
Jan DUSIK, 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 Question-and-answer session
10:40 Practical arrangements and schedule of work for the conferences
David OGDEN, Chief, Convention Operations Branch, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
10:55 Question-and-answer session
11:00 Organization of the high-level segment
Laura MESZAROS, Coordinator High-level Segment, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
11:15 Question-and-answer session
11:20 Remarks on the conferences by Switzerland
Salman BAL, Counselor and Head of Section, Permanent Mission of Switzerland
11:35 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 10 April 2013 to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org), or online via the website. Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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