



GENEVA ENVIRONMENT NETWORK



RESEAU ENVIRONNEMENT DE GENEVE

Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat Briefing to Permanent Missions

**Thursday 29 January 2015, 10:00-12:00
International Environment House II**

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing on recent and current activities of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, specifically as regards the organization of the triple COPs in May 2015. The twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-12), the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-7) and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-7) will be held back-to-back in Geneva from 4 to 15 May 2015.

The theme of the triple COPs will be 'From Science to Action, Working for a Safer Tomorrow'. To highlight the crucial role that science plays in the policymaking of the conventions, a three day science fair will be organized from 7 to 9 May 2015.

In preparation for the triple COPs, four regional meetings will be held to provide parties to the three conventions with an opportunity to consult each other in advance, identify regional priorities and challenges, consider meeting documents and discuss substantive matters; for the Asia-Pacific Region from 17-20 March 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia; for the African Region from 24-27 March 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya; for Central and Eastern Europe from 7-10 April 2015 in Bratislava, Slovakia; and for the Latin American and Caribbean Region, from 14-17 April 2015 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Recent and current activities of the three conventions include, inter alia, the joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (11-12 November 2014), the tenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (27-30 October 2014), the tenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (22-24 October 2014), the eleventh meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (22-24 September 2014) and the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (16-19 September 2014).



Provisional Agenda

- 10:00 Coffee & Tea
- 10:15 **Welcome**
Fatoumata KEITA-OUANE, Head, UNEP Chemicals Branch
- 10:20 **Introduction**
Rolph PAYET, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 10:35 **Preparations for the 2015 COPs**
David OGDEN, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 10:50 **Update on the regional preparatory meetings**
Andrea LECHNER, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 11:00 **Outcomes of recent BRS meetings**
Kei OHNO and Juliette VOINOV KOHLER, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- 11:15 **Swiss perspective on the regional meetings and COPs**
Gabriela EIGENMANN, Swiss Federal Officer for the Environment
- 11:30 Question-and-answer session
- 12:00 End



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