

Count-down to the 2015 COPs



Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel,
Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, 4-15 May 2015

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Regional preparatory meetings

Region	Date	Venue	Co-organizer
Asia & Pacific	17-20 March	Jakarta	BCRC/SCRC Indonesia
Africa	24-27 March	Gigiri, Nairobi	SCRC Kenya, UNEP, ROA
CEE & CA	7-10 April	Bratislava	BCRC Slovakia
GRULAC	14-17 April	Montevideo	BCCC/SCRC Uruguay

COPS HIGHLIGHTS

- 12th meeting of the Basel Convention COP, 7th meeting of the Rotterdam Convention COP and 7th meeting of the Stockholm Convention COP to be held back in Geneva, on 4-15 May 2015
- Venue: Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- Theme of the meetings:
 - **‘From science to action, working for a safer tomorrow’**
- Expect about 1,500 participants from up to 183 parties
- BRS COP meeting website: <http://synergies.pops.int/2015COPs>
 - Meeting documents
 - Schedule
 - Practical information

REGISTRATION

- Pre-registration :
 - All participants have to submit pre-registration forms
 - All nominations were to be made through official channels, with a nomination letter or a note verbale
 - Contact: Ms. Stéphanie Cadet – stephanie.cadet@brsmeas.org
- On-site registration for all participants
 - 8 am to 6 pm on Sunday, 3 May 2015 and Monday, 4 May 2015
 - 9 am to 6 pm during other days

REGIONAL MEETINGS DURING THE COPS

- Every morning from 9-10 am and as needed
- Africa: Room 3
- Asia-Pacific: Room 4
- CEE: Room 7+8
- GRULAC: Room 18
- JUSCANNZ: Room 17
- EU: Room 5+6



CREDENTIALS

- Bureaux agreed on the approach for the preparation of their respective report on credentials
- **Original and copies of credentials** in good order will be accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible
- Submission of credentials:
 - Credentials are to be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 - Submission to the Secretariat if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meetings (by 10 am on Tuesday, 5 May 2015)
 - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
 - Credentials for all 3 meetings can be in one document
 - Contact: Ms. Stéphanie Cadet – stephanie.cadet@brsmeas.org

EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION BY DELEGATES

- Funding for one participant per Convention for which an eligible country is party (i.e. up to 3 participants) for the full two-week duration
- Several donors have already provided/pledged funding for participants travel: Denmark, European Union, Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
- Paperless meeting

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

- No high-level segment or ex-COPs (COP decisions)
- Tentative schedule and list of possible contact groups agreed to by bureaux at their joint meeting → INF/2
- Opening on Monday, 4 May 2015, 10 am
- Joint sessions on joint issues
- Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC
- Preparatory meetings, Sunday, 3 May 2015:
 - Regional meetings: 3-6 pm
 - Joint bureaux meeting: 1-3 pm

DAILY SCHEDULE

- Bureaux decide daily schedule and planning of meetings
- Daily schedule will be posted every morning on the intranet site and communicated by bureaux members in regional groups meetings
- Regional groups are encouraged to work through bureaux members

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 1)

	Mon, 4 May	Tue, 5 May	Wed, 6 May	Thu, 7 May	Fri, 8 May	Sat, 9 May
	BC Opening, agenda	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
<i>AM</i>	RC Opening, agenda	Joint session: - Compliance (R,S) - Int. cooperation - Budget - Next COPs - Other matters	SC: - DDT - PCBs - BDE /PFOS	SC: <i>Draft decisions</i> - Reporting - Effectiveness evaluation - Export procedure to non-Parties	BC: - Technical guidelines - CLI - Strategic framework - Cartagena declaration	BC: - ICC - Legislation / notifications - OEWG
	SC Opening, agenda					
	Joint session: - Org. matters - POPs wastes technical guidelines (B,S)					
<i>PM</i>	Joint session: - Technical assistance - Financial resources	SC: - Compliance - Listing of chemicals - Exemptions	SC: - Unintentional POPs - Implementation plans	SC: <i>Draft decisions</i> - Other matters	SC: <i>Draft decisions</i> - SC report	BC: - Amendment to Annexes - Classification - Reporting - Emergency Trust Fund
					Report of the joint sessions	

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 2)

	Sun, 10 May	Mon, 11 May	Tue, 12 May	Wed, 13 May	Thu, 14 May	Fri, 15 May
AM	No meetings	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				Joint session
		<u>BC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Partnerships - Ships - IMO	<u>RC:</u> - Compliance - Listing of chemicals	<u>RC:</u> - Listing of chemicals - Status of implementation	<u>RC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Other matters	
PM	No meetings	<u>BC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Other matters	<u>BC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - BC report	<u>RC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i>	<u>RC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - RC report	BC
						RC
						SC
						Closure

POTENTIAL CONTACT GROUPS AND OTHER GROUPS

- Joint contact groups:
 - Budget
 - Technical assistance / financial resources
 - Friends-of-the-presidents group on the TOR for the review of the synergies arrangements
- BC:
 - Compliance / Legal matters
 - Technical matters
 - Strategic matters
- RC:
 - Listing of chemicals
 - Compliance (Friends-of-the-President)
- SC:
 - Listing of chemicals
 - Compliance (Friends-of-the-President)

EXPECTATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Joint issues
 - Technical assistance (including regional centres)
 - Financial resources (including integrated approach)
 - Programmes of work and budgets, including the ToR for the review of synergy arrangements
- Basel Convention COP-12
 - CLI (including Ban amendment, ESM expert group, further legal clarity)
 - Technical guidelines (POPs wastes guidelines, e-waste guidelines, mercury wastes guidelines)



Expectations from the presidents (cont.)

- Rotterdam Convention COP-7
 - Listing of chemicals (methamidophos, fenthion formulation, trichlorfon, paraquat dichloride formulation, chrysotile asbestos)
 - Compliance
- Stockholm Convention COP-7
 - Listing of chemicals (chlorinated naphthalenes, hexachlorobutadiene, pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters)
 - Compliance



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Basel Convention	
COP Bureau	10 officers
OEWG Bureau	5 officer
ICC	10 members
ENFORCE	10 members

Rotterdam Convention*	
COP Bureau	5 officers
CRC	14 member

Stockholm Convention*	
COP Bureau	10 officers
POPRC	14 member
DDT Expert Group	10 members
Effectiveness Evaluation Committee	10 members

* Should the RC and SC COPs adopt the procedures and mechanisms on non-compliance, the COPs would need to elect the members of the compliance committees.

Other events

- Side events: 2 events at lunchtime, up to 2 events in the evening
- Boat trip on Sunday, 10 May, on the Lac Lemman:
 - Leaving from Genève Vieux-Pâquis at 9:30 OR 14:30 (2.5 hours)
 - Registration → boat_trip@brsmeas.org
- Reception hosted by Switzerland on 4 May 2015
- Exhibitions

Meetings website:

<http://synergies.pops.int/2015COPs>

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