

BRS triple COPs 24 April - 5 May 2017 GENEVA



Back-to-back meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions; BC COP-13, RC COP-8 and SC COP-8

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COPS HIGHLIGHTS

- Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- Theme: **'A future detoxified: Sound management of chemicals and waste'**
- 1,500 participants from up to 185 Parties
- <http://brsmeas.org/2017COPs>
- Registration for side events and booths until **3 March 2017**
- **Technology fair**

COPS INVITATIONS AND REGISTRATION

- Invitation letters, agendas and information for COPs participants: currently being sent out
- Separate invitation letters for high-level segment being sent; seeking support from Permanent Missions to circulate invitations to relevant ministers
- Deadline for registration and requests for financial assistance: **20 January 2017**
- Nominations are to be made through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission in Geneva, together with an official nomination letter or a note verbale
- Contact person for registrations:
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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
- Some Parties have already provided/pledged funding for participants travel: EU, Germany, Norway, Switzerland
- **Credentials**: Original or copies of credentials in good order will be accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible (as done in 2015)
- Paperless meeting

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

- Thursday 4 May afternoon, and Friday 5 May morning
- **Structure:**
 - Opening in plenary
 - Ministerial round tables (ministers, deputy ministers, ambassadors)
 - Presentation of key messages from the round-table discussions and interactive high-level discussion in plenary
- Outcome: Summary of the key messages from the round-table discussions (no ministerial statement or declaration)
- Further information will be provided in document
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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

- Similar approach to 2015
- Pre-meetings (e.g. bureaux, regions) on the day before the meetings
- Joint sessions on joint issues on first day and a half
- Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC
- Early session of RC in week 1
- Order and timing of sessions may change → take into account when doing travel arrangements
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 1)

	Mon, 24 April	Tue, 25 April	Wed, 26 April	Thu, 27 April	Fri, 28 April	Sat, 29 April
AM	BC Opening, agenda	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
	RC Opening, agenda	Joint session: Compliance POPs wastes Budget Next COPs Other matters	SC Exemptions BDE PFOS	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> DDT PCB NIPs	BC Techn. GL Strategic framework CLI Cartagena	BC Legislation / notifications OEWG
	SC Opening, agenda					
	Joint session: Organizational matters Synergies					
PM	Joint session: International cooperation Technical assistance Financial resources	SC Listing of chemicals Effectiveness evaluation	SC U-POPs Reporting	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> SC report	BC Amendment to Annexes Classification Reporting
			RC Listing of chemicals	Report of joint sessions		

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 2)

	Sun, 30 Apr	Mon, 1 May	Tue, 2 May	Wed, 3 May	Thu, 4 May	Fri, 5 May		
AM	No meetings	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>						
		BC <i>Draft decisions</i> Partnerships Ships IMO	RC Listing of chemicals	RC Status of implementation	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> RC report	HLS		
PM	No meetings	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> BC report	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	HLS opening		<i>BC budget</i>	
					HLS round tables		BRS Adoption of decisions	<i>RC budget</i>
					HLS round tables			<i>SC budget</i>
					HLS round tables		Closure	

POTENTIAL CONTACT AND OTHER GROUPS

- **Joint contact groups:**

- Budget
- Synergies
- Technical assistance / financial resources

- **BC:**

- Compliance and legal matters
- Technical matters
- Strategic matters

- **RC:**

- Listing of chemicals and intersessional process on listing of chemicals

- **SC:**

- Listing of chemicals
- Effectiveness evaluation
- Compliance

Regional preparatory meetings

Region	Date	Venue	Co-organizer
Asia & Pacific	6-8 March	Bangkok	BCRC/SCRC Indonesia
Africa	14-16 March	Dakar	BCRC/SCRC Senegal
CEE & CA	21-23 March	Riga	Latvia, BCRC Slovakia
GRULAC	28-30 March	Sao Palo	SCRC Brazil

Invitation letters are being sent. **Nominations** need to be endorsed by Permanent Missions in Geneva or Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

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