

PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS FROM 4-15 MAY 2015



BASEL CONVENTION



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION



STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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JOINT BUREAUX MEETING

- 11-12 November 2014, Geneva; preceded by joint presidents meeting on 10 November 2014
- Participants: 15 members (five from each Bureau)
- Major outcomes:
 - Bureaux agreed to the tentative schedule of work, which includes joint sessions on joint issues
 - Bureaux agreed on the approach to follow on credentials
 - Bureaux discussed other preparations for the meetings and provided guidance to the Secretariat
- Meeting report available on [bureaux website](#)

COPS INVITATIONS AND REGISTRATION

- Invitation letters, agendas and information for participants: sent on 27 November 2014
- Deadline for registration and requests for financial assistance: **30 January 2015**
- Nominations are to be made through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission, together with an official nomination letter or a note verbale
- Contact person for registrations:
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SOME HIGHLIGHTS

- Theme of the meetings:
 ‘From science to action, working for a safer tomorrow’
- Expect about 1,500 participants from up to 183 parties
- Venue: Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- Documents and additional information on the meetings available on meetings website: <http://synergies.pops.int/2015COPs>
- Registration for side events and booths until **28 March 2015**

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 donors have already provided/pledged funding for participants travel: EU, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, Switzerland (~ USD 500,000 of budgeted 2.7 Mio)
- Order and timing of sessions may change → take into account when doing travel arrangements
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
- Paperless meeting

MEETING DOCUMENTS

- Provisional agendas of the meetings: posted
- Budget documents: 4 February 2015
(90 days before the COPs)
- Other meeting documents, including joint documents on joint issues : 4 March 2015 (6-8 weeks before the COPs)

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
- Similar approach to 2013:
 - Pre-meetings (e.g. bureaux, regions) on the day before the meetings
 - Joint sessions on joint issues
 - Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 1)

	Mon, 4 May	Tue, 5 May	Wed, 6 May	Thu, 7 May	Fri, 8 May	Sat, 9 May
AM	BC Opening, agenda	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
	RC Opening, agenda	<u>Joint session:</u> Compliance Int. cooperation Budget Next COPs Other matters	SC DDT PCBs BDE / PFOS	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Reporting EE Export procedure	BC Techn. GL CLI Strategic framework Cartagena	BC ICC Legislation / notifications OEWG
	SC Opening, agenda					
	<u>Joint session:</u> Org. matters POPs wastes guidelines				Report of the joint sessions	
PM	<u>Joint session:</u> Technical assistance Financial resources	SC Compliance Listing of chemicals Exemptions	SC U-POPs NIPs	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> SC report	

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>				
		BC <i>Draft decisions</i> Partnerships Ships IMO	RC Compliance Listing of chemicals	RC Listing of chemicals Status of implementation	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	Joint session
PM	No meetings	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> BC report	RC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> RC report	
						<i>RC</i>
						<i>SC</i>
						Closure

EXPECTATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

- Joint issues
 - Technical assistance (including regional centres)
 - Financial resources (including integrated approach)
 - Programmes of work and budgets, including review of synergy arrangements
- Basel Convention COP-12
 - CLI (including Ban amendment, ESM expert group, further legal clarity)
 - Technical guidelines (6 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

POTENTIAL CONTACT GROUPS

- Joint contact groups:
 - Budget (incl. some synergies items)
 - 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)

CREDENTIALS

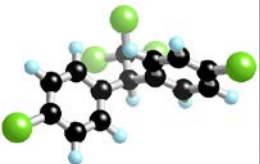
- Bureaux agreed on the approach for the preparation of their respective report on credentials
- **Original and copies of credentials** in good order will be accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible
- Submission of credentials:
 - Credentials are to be 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 (10 am on 5 May 2015)
 - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
 - Credentials for all 3 meetings can be in one document



Science Fair at the 2015 COPs

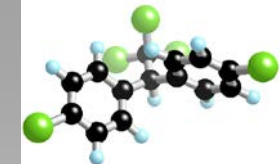
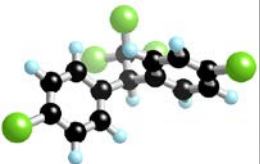


Scientific Support Branch



‘FROM SCIENCE TO ACTION, WORKING FOR A SAFER TOMORROW’ SCIENCE FAIR 7-9 MAY 2015 ON THE MARGINS OF COPS

- Objective:
 - Increase understanding of the scientific basis of the three conventions
 - Clarify the scientific processes established under the conventions for their effective implementation Increase awareness and understanding of the in-depth scientific considerations relating to decision-making under the three conventions



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- Approach:
 - Scientific information is presented in booths in a user-friendly and interactive manner using visual elements
 - Special events such as an opening ceremony, panel discussions, presentations by experts etc.
 - Distribution / presentation of material such as hand-outs, videos, clearing-house mechanism platforms and tools
 - Partners involved: Members of subsidiary bodies / experts groups under the Conventions, regional centers, FAO, WHO, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR, UNESCO, industry, NGOs, interns and student volunteers

ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS

- Another briefing for permanent missions in Geneva: mid/end April 2015
- Briefing of the CPRs in Nairobi: 12 February 2015
- Briefing in Rome: March/April 2015
- Online briefings (webinars):
 - Tuesday, 10 March 2015, 10:00-11:00 (English)
 - Thursday, 12 March 2015, 10:00-11:00 (French)
 - Thursday, 12 March 2015, 16:00-17:00 (English)
 - Tuesday, 17 March 2015, 10:00-11:00 (Russian)
 - Thursday, 19 March 2015, 16:00-17:00 (Spanish)

Meetings website:

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

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