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First Segment of the Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm COPs
Meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2021-2022

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27 May 2021, 9.30 a.m. CEST

Marylene Beau, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
Format of 2021/2022 BRS COPs

• Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the COPs could not be held as originally planned

• COP Bureaux agreed to organize the meetings in two segments:
  • An online segment over 5 days on 26-30 July 2021
  • A face-to-face segment over two weeks in 2022 (tentatively in June 2022, in Geneva)

• Theme: "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste"
BRS COPs’ agendas

• Provisional agendas:
  • UNEP/CHW.15/1
  • UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/1
  • UNEP/POPS/COP.10/1

• Online segment: COPs to focus on the most time-sensitive items of their agendas, as agreed to by the bureaux («prioritized» agenda items)

• Face-to-face segment: COPs to consider all items of the agendas not considered or concluded during the online segment and deferred to the face-to-face segment
Online segment: Prioritized agenda items and expected decisions

• Programmes of work and budgets: To approve an interim budget for 2022 pending the adoption of a full budget for the biennium 2022-2023 by the COPs during the face-to-face segment in 2022;

• Elections of officers:
  • To elect the members of the Rotterdam Convention’s Compliance Committee;
  • To elect the members of the Stockholm Convention’s effectiveness evaluation committee;
  • To extend the terms of office of CRC and POPRC members whose terms of office expire on 30 April 2022 and 4 May 2022, respectively, until the closing of the COPs.

• Venue and date of the face-to-face segment of the COPs and of the next COPs: To agree on the venue and dates of the face-to-face segment in 2022;

• Financial resources and mechanisms of the Stockholm Convention: To forward to the GEF the reports on needs assessment and on the review of the financial mechanism, and invite the GEF to consider, on an interim basis, this information for the replenishment discussions, pending a final decision of the COP on this matter during the face-to-face segment in 2022.
### Online segment: Organization of work

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Online segment: Credentials

- Approach agreed by Bureaux:
  - **Original** and **copies of credentials in good order**, including **electronic copies**, accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible;

- Submission of credentials:
  - Credentials to be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
  - Submission to the Secretariat in paper or e-copy by in advance of the meetings preferably by **Wednesday, 30 June 2021**, as doing so will greatly facilitate the clearance process. Taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances of the online segment of the meetings, if credentials have not been submitted by 30 June 2021, **electronic copies of credentials** are to be submitted by email no later than 6 p.m. Geneva time (UTC+2) on **Tuesday, 27 July 2021**;
    - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages;
    - Credentials for all 3 meetings can be done in one document;
  - Credentials can be issued either for the online segment or for both the online and the face-to-face segments of the COPs. In the latter case, updates are possible for the face-to-face segment.
Online segment: Main documents

• Provisional agendas (/1) and annotated agendas (/1/Add.1)
• Scenario note: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/1–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/1
• Tentative schedule of work: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/2–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/2–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/2
• Pre-session documents on “prioritized” COP agenda items:
  • Interim budget for 2022:
    • INF with budget tables: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/68-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/48-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/70
    • INF with modalities for continuation of the intersessional work: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/69-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/49-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/71
  • Elections:
  • Financial mechanism:
    • Working document: UNEP/POPS/COP.10/29
  • Venue and date of the 2022 COPs:
• All working documents to be made available 2 months prior to the start of COPs (online segment)
Online segment: Registration

• Early notification sent: 18 March 2021
• Invitation letters to Parties sent: 20 May 2021
• Notification to observers to be sent out: end of May 2021
• Deadline for registrations: 18 June 2021, according to the same nomination process as for the face-to-face meetings
• For plenary sessions, delegations are required to identify one spokesperson per delegation who may take for the floor, due to the technical requirements of the meeting platform
• Exceptional support during COVID-19 to cover communication costs for eligible Parties
• Further information on the technical requirements to be shared through confirmation letters and the website
Online segment: Other meetings

• Joint bureaux meetings: to be held each day prior to the start of the plenary or contact group sessions, as necessary;

• Possibility to organize regional groups meetings prior and during the online segment, upon request by the region;

• Opportunities to hold online 1-hour side-events in the margins of the meetings:
  • Afternoons and evenings (except during plenary sessions, i.e. Monday 26 and Friday 30 July);
  • Request to be submitted to the Secretariat using the request form available on the website at Mr. Rohan Unny-Law (rohan.unnylaw@un.org) by 25 June 2021
Online segment: Preparations

• Online regional preparatory meetings:
  • Africa: 5-6 May 2021;
  • Asia-Pacific: 8-9 June 2021;
  • Eastern Europe: 11-12 May 2021;
  • Latin America and the Caribbean: 31 May-1 June 2021.
• Additional online regional meetings could be held upon request;
• Technical briefing on budget documents: Thursday, 24 June, 12 to 2 p.m. (UTC+2);
• Series of global webinars: Early July;
• Meetings website, with all relevant documents and information: http://brsmeas.org/2021COPs.
Looking ahead towards the face-to-face resumed meetings

• Proposed dates and venue are 6-17 June 2022, in the International Conference Center in Geneva (CICG), Switzerland – to be agreed by the COPs at the online segment

• Arrangements for the high-level segment will be further considered by bureaux after the online segment

• Theme will remain the same: "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste"
Thank you
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Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP4)

COP-4 to be held in two parts:

**COP-4.1** Online Segment  
1-5 November 2021

**COP-4.2** In-person Segment  
First quarter of March 2022, in Bali Indonesia
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Communication from the Secretariat

30 April 2021

Proposal by Canada and Switzerland to amend Annex A: Part I to the Minamata Convention on Mercury to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting
MC/COP4/2021/29

30 April 2021

Proposal by the Africa region to amend Annex A: Part I, and Annex A: Part II to the Minamata Convention on Mercury to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting
MC/COP4/2021/23

30 April 2021

Proposal by the European Union to amend Annex A: Part I, Annex A: Part II, and Annex B: Part I to the Minamata Convention on Mercury to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting
MC/COP4/2021/27

Report on the work of the ad hoc group of experts on the review of Annexes A and B

This report summarizes the outcome of the work of the group. Submitted and supplemented information is presented in a compilation document, part of which is to be further organized and made available to COP4 as an information document.

04 May 2021

- Report on the work of the ad hoc group of experts on the review of Annexes A and B

The submitted and supplemented information, organized in a tabular format indicating the sources of information, is presented in the following compilation documents. As of 30 April 2021, by which the report on the work of the group was due, some additional information on mercury-added products, particularly on lamps, was still to be provided by experts or to be incorporated into the documents. The group will further work to organize such additional information into the compilation document by 30 June 2021, which will be made available to the Conference of the Parties as an information document.

- Batteries
- Switches and relays
- Measuring devices
- Other electronic devices
- Other non-electronic products
- Cosmetics
- Pesticides
- Satellite propulsion
- Processes
## Important 2021-2022 dates on the COP-4 timeline

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- **1-5 Nov 2021 COP-4.1 online segment**
- **Feb 2022** Online regional preparatory meetings, global thematic online information sessions and webinars
- **Preceding COP-4.2** Two-day in-person regional preparatory meetings
- **First quarter of 2022 COP-4.2 in-person segment convening in Bali, Indonesia**
Preparatory meetings preceding COP-4.1 and COP-4.2

**September 2021**: Online forum on budget (English only) to allow Parties to submit comments and questions on all budget documents.

**September/October 2021**: A series of one-day online regional preparatory meetings focusing on organizational matters and agenda items related to COP-4.1 (online segment). Exact dates tbc by Bureau in June. Interpretation offered in 3 regions, and the possibility to extend the meetings for one extra day without interpretation to allow additional internal discussions.

**February 2022**: Online regional preparatory meetings (same format as above) focusing on organizational matters and agenda items related to the in-person segment of COP-4. Exact dates tbc by Bureau in June.

**Preceding COP-4.2 (in-person segment) in March 2022**: Two-day in-person regional preparatory meetings in Bali to discuss agenda items to be covered during the in-person segment.

**Global thematic online information sessions** on select COP-4 agenda items.

**Webinars** on proposed amendments to Annex A and B, and guidance on national reporting.
New Report: Interlinkages between the chemicals and waste multilateral environmental agreements and biodiversity: key insights

The first exploratory study inspired by ongoing discussions of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework that illustrates the interlinkages between the work of the four global chemicals and wastes conventions (Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata) and the CBD and other biodiversity-related conventions.

Joint efforts BRS and Minamata Secretariat

- Writing the report
- Design layout
- Communication campaign, including social media, press release, web landing page and building synergies with UNEP, other partners and MEAs.
Joint BRS – Minamata Reports

COMING SOON! Chemicals, wastes and climate change to be launched for the World Environment Day (WED - 5 June)
More Information on COP-4 and all Minamata
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Second Segment of the 5th UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5)
Chemicals and waste on the road to UNEA-5.2
Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP

Chemicals and Waste, GEN briefing, 27 May 2021
The global goal to minimize adverse impacts of chemicals and waste will not be achieved by 2020. Solutions exist, but more ambitious worldwide action by all stakeholders is urgently required.

**Time to act**

business as usual is not an option

### 4. Benefits of action

### 7. Significant resources can be saved

### 10. Global knowledge gaps can be filled
Assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level for the sound management of chemicals and waste.


Global Waste Management Outlook
Environmental and health impacts of pesticides and fertilizers and ways of minimizing them - A summary for policy makers

UNEP Website on Antimicrobial Resistance

Implementation plan “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet”

Proposed by the Executive Director

SUMMARY:

In 2017, member States submitted a ministerial declaration as a key outcome of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). This Declaration called upon the Director of UNEP to prepare an implementation plan on the issue of a pollution-free planet for consideration by the Environment Assembly in its fourth session. This present proposal has been prepared in response to that request.
UNEP/EA.5/9 Progress in the implementation of resolution 4/8 on sound management of chemicals and waste: Report of the Executive Director
Global Environment Facility

• GEF-8: multilateral trust fund’s next four-year funding cycle.
  • April 2021: first meeting for its 8th replenishment
  • GEF-8 Period: July 2022 – June 2026
Linkages

“Assessment on linkages with other clusters related to chemicals and waste management and options to coordinate and cooperate on areas of common interest”

https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/33816/CCW.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
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Strengthen climate change triggered cluster response and mitigation.

Soil health, pesticides.

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Mainstream SCP patterns in food systems, with a focus on food sourcing.

Food system transformation.

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Climate change triggered chemical release.

EXAMPLES of areas of common interest and options to collaborate across the clusters to address the issues of pesticides use.

Cross-cutting themes

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National coordination between various Ministries and sectors (civil society, industry, academia) is prerequisite to achieve desired results. For example, linking the relevant environmental targets between various clusters, might support national implementation of common goals.

Promote chemical leasing to avoid overuse and ensure safe storage and disposal of pesticides.

Residues on food.

Risk assessment, knowledge management.

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Identify the priority chemicals and ensure that the pesticides of concern are being addressed by the environmental agreements based on the scientific knowledge.

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Linkages: chemicals and waste relevance to other clusters - and upcoming international meetings

**SDGs**
- High level political forum
- 6 - 15 JULY 2021
- NEW YORK, USA

**Climate**
- UNFCCC COP 26
- 1 – 12 November 2021,
  Glasgow, UK

**Biodiversity**
- UN Biodiversity Conference COP15
- 11 - 24 October 2021
  Kunming, China

**Health**
- One health approach

As well as:

- COP4
  1-5 Nov 2021 Online | 2022 Bali, Indonesia
Concluding messages:

- **More ambitious worldwide action:** Many types of instruments have been developed and actions taken to address the issues under the SAICM and identified by GCO-II; **but elevated international concerted actions are needed to solve them.**

- **An overarching enabling environment** is needed.

- New ways to identify and address issue of concerns in **an integrated and holistic manner.**

- Adopt **systems thinking and lifecycle thinking** to look for environmentally sound, innovative solutions.

- Reinforce **Science – Policy Interface** for chemicals and waste
Links to Resources

• Global Chemicals Outlook II Website

• Assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level for sound management of chemicals and waste


• Green and Sustainable Chemistry: Framework Manual

• Global Waste Management Outlook

• Environmental and health impacts of pesticides and fertilizers and ways of minimizing them - A summary for policy makers

• UNEP Website on Antimicrobial Resistance

• UNEP Implementation Plan "Towards a Pollution-Free Planet"

• UNEP/EA.5/9 Progress in the implementation of resolution 4/8 on sound management of chemicals and waste: Report of the Executive Director
Thank you for your attention

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Upcoming Negotiations

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5th International Conference on Chemicals Management
• Due to ongoing travel restrictions, the ICCM5 Bureau in consultation with stakeholders decided to postpone the Intersessional Process (IP4) and ICCM5 scheduled for 2021.

• SAICM Secretariat continues to work with ICCM5 Bureau and closely consult with all of its stakeholders to determine the way forward.
• Oct. 2020 – Feb. 2021, 4 Virtual Working Groups held discussions to support the intersessional process.

• Objective - to develop proposals for tangible outcomes, including notes identifying gaps, text proposals, and suggestions for new or alternate text, as appropriate.

• VWGs were not intended to replace formal face-to-face discussions at IP4 or negotiations that will take place at ICCM5 but to build understanding and prepare delegates for the foreseeable negotiations.
VIRTUAL WORKING GROUPS

• In February 2021, the first phase of discussions was completed, with some important observations by delegates on key issues.

OUTCOMES

• **VWG 1 on targets, indicators and milestones** agreed further deliberation is needed to develop draft targets (incorporating a SMART approach) before extensive work can be dedicated towards indicators and milestones.

• **VWG 2 on governance and mechanisms** - Governments should establish arrangements such as national plans of action for implementation, in consultation with stakeholders, so that concerned national departments and stakeholder interests are represented and all relevant substantive areas are addressed.

***** There was also strong support for **strengthening the science policy interface for the chemicals and waste agenda**.

• On **issues of concern, VWG 3**, broad agreement that the emerging policy issues process has been useful in raising the profile of specific issues globally but that a **clear plan of action** is needed.

• Participants in the **VWG 4** acknowledged the need to strengthen the integrated approach to **financing** for the sound management of chemicals and waste, as well as strengthening the financing of the Secretariat.
PROGRESS ON HIGH-LEVEL DECLARATION

• Since October 2020, the informal drafting group has convened 5 times and has gone through 55 submissions from governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and academia to develop elements for a possible ICCM5 High-level Declaration.

• Next meeting of the informal drafting group will be held on 15 June 2021, and the outcome of their deliberations will be made available on the SAICM website
MOVING FORWARD – SAICM PoW (2021-2023)

• 2021-2023 Programme of Work - apart from facilitating IP4 and ICCM5 when in-person meetings are feasible, also covers a second round of virtual work or a set of more focused regional meetings – informed by a survey on the experiences of the previous virtual process.

• Enhanced work on EPIs, broadening its knowledge management, as well as expanding partnerships with technical and scientific networks as well as with downstream sectors and chemical intensive value chains.

• SAICM Secretariat intends to work with the GEF on the upcoming GEF-8 Replenishment and the Special Programme for its fifth and subsequent rounds of applications.

• Overall, the POW places strategic cooperation in key related areas such as biodiversity, climate change and resource efficiency/circularity, which we believe will streamline efforts, avoid duplication, increase visibility of priority topics and bundle resources to achieve common goals and targets.
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28 MAY 2021 09:00
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02 JUN 2021 13:30
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