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2022 FACE-TO-FACE SEGMENT AND HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Meeting highlights

- Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, BC COP-15, RC COP-10 and SC COP-10 are held in two segments:
  - Online segment from 26 to 30 July 2021
  - A face-to-face segment from 6 to 17 June 2022
- Agendas adopted at the online segment → COPs to consider the items which were not considered or concluded during the online segment
- Theme of the meetings "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste“
- The face-to-face segment will be held at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- Meeting website: www.brsmeas.org/2021-2022COPs

Preparations until face-to-face segment

March	April	May
7 March: Budget documents posted	**4-6 April:** OEWG-12	**3-5 May:** GRULAC regional preparatory meeting
27-29 March: Asia-Pacific regional preparatory meeting	**7-9 April:** Africa regional preparatory meeting	**9-11 May:** EE regional preparatory meeting
	6 April: Other outstanding documents posted	

12th meeting of the Basel Convention's Open-ended Working Group (face-to-face, 4-6 April 2022, Nairobi)

- **Objective of segment:** Focus on a set of prioritized agenda items for which progress could be made in advance of COP-15
- **+300 participants attended in-person or online**
- **Key outcomes:**
- Adoption of TOR for the follow-up partnership to PACE
- Recommended to COP-15 to update the TGs on ULAB and to adopt the 5 products that were finalized at the meeting, i.e.,:
  - Two guidance documents developed by ICC on TBM (transit & insurance, bond and guarantee)
  - TGs on environmentally sound incineration (D10& R1)
  - TGs on ESM of mercury wastes
  - Practical manual on TBM meeting ESM requirements
- Recommended to COP-15 to use as a basis for its work 10 products that were revised at the meeting, e.g.,:
  - TGs on POPs wastes, on specially engineered landfill (D5) and on plastic wastes;
  - Practical guidance on inventories of plastic waste; obsolete pesticides and pesticide-container waste; of waste batteries containing lithium;
  - Recommended option for possible amendments to A1180 and B1110 on ewaste entries;
- Fostered discussions on potential actions to be taken on plastic waste and on the possible development of a future strategic framework

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- **Follow-up:**
- 20 April: Letter sent with invitation for comments on a number of products

Topics	Invitation	Timelines for submission	Focal point
Strategic framework	Comments on whether to develop a future strategic framework and/or effectiveness evaluation pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Article 15 of the Convention	13 May 2022	andrea.lechner@un.org
Technical guidelines on ESM of plastic wastes	Comments to the Secretariat on the plastic waste technical guidelines reflecting the outcome of OEWG-12	28 April 2022	carla.valle@un.org
National reporting	Comments on the draft practical guidance on the development of an inventory of: i) plastic waste; ii) obsolete pesticides and pesticide-container waste; iii) of waste batteries containing lithium	28 April 2022	melisa.lim@brsmeas.org
Plastic waste	Comments on the draft recommendations on a possible future assessment of the effectiveness of the measures taken under the Basel Convention to address plastic waste and possible further activities that could be conducted under the Basel Convention	13 May 2022	kei.ohno-woodall@un.org
Basel Convention Partnership Programme	Comments on the revised draft overall guidance document on ESM of household waste	13 May 2022	susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org

- **Next steps at the BC COP-15:**
- To consider using the outcomes of OEWG-12 as a basis for its work at the June meeting

Regional preparatory meetings

	Dates	Locations
Asia-Pacific region	27-29 March 2022	Bali, Indonesia
Africa region	7-9 April 2022	Nairobi, Kenya
EE region	9-11 May 2022	Prague, Czech Republic
GRULAC region	3-5 May 2022	Montevideo, Uruguay

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High-level Segment

- **1 June 2022 in Stockholm, Sweden,** in connection with the **Stockholm+50** international meeting (2–3 June 2022) https://www.stockholm50.global
- Opportunity to raise awareness on the **contributions of BRS Conventions to the 2030 Agenda** and to tackling the Earth's triple planetary crisis
- Interactive, dynamic platform for ministers and other high-level representatives
- More than 100 registrations, over 40 ministers attending (as of 26 April)
- Registration deadline: **30 April 2022** (+ registration to Stockholm+50)
- **Programme** to be provided soon (UNEP/CHW.15/INF/73–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/22–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/74)

Organization of work

- Tentative schedule: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/2/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/2/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/2/Rev.1
- Pre-meetings (e.g. bureaux, regions) on the day before the meetings (5 June 2022)
- Starts with joint sessions on joint issues in the mornings of Monday-Wednesday, 6-8 June 2022
- Early start of BC technical issues (technical guidelines) and legal issues (providing further legal clarity) and SC listing of chemicals on Monday, 6 June 2022
- Separate sessions in order SC – BC – RC
- Day off – Saturday, 11 June 2022
- Tentative schedule and list of possible contact groups agreed to by bureaux

Tentative schedule (week 1)

	Mon, 6 June	Tue, 7 June	Wed, 8 June	Thu, 9 June	Fri, 10 June	Sat, 11 June
10 AM - 1 PM	**Joint** Opening (cont.) Organizational matters (cont.) POPs wastes	*Reports of contact groups*				No formal meetings
		Joint Technical assistance Financial resources PoW and budget MoUs	**Joint** International cooperation Synergies Next COPs Other matters	**SC** *Draft decisions* Rules of procedure Other matters	**BC** ICC Amendment proposal by Russian Federation	
3-6 PM	**BC** Technical guidelines Further legal clarity	**SC** Compliance Effectiveness evaluation Exemptions BDEs DDT	**SC** PCBs U-POPs NIPs Reporting	**SC** *Draft decisions*	**SC** *Draft decisions* SC report	No formal meetings
	SC Listing of chemicals				**Report of joint sessions and credentials**	

Tentative schedule (week 2)

	Sun, 12 June	Mon, 13 June	Tue, 14 June	Wed, 15 June	Thu, 16 June	Fri, 17 June
		Reports of contact groups				
AM	**BC** National legislation Strategic framework Ban Amendment ESM guidelines Partnerships	**BC** *Draft decisions* OEWG Other matters	**BC** *Draft decisions*	**RC** *Draft decisions*	**RC** *Draft decisions*	**RC** *Draft decisions* RC report
PM	**BC** Classification Reporting Electronic approaches Plastic waste Nanomaterials	**RC** Compliance Listing of chemicals	**RC** Enhancing the effectiveness Status of implementation Rules of procedure Other matters	**BC** *Draft decisions* BC report	**Joint** *Draft decisions* Credentials	***BC budget*** ***RC budget*** ***SC budget*** **Closure**

Potential contact and other groups

- **Joint:**
  - Programmes of work and budgets
  - Joint issues
  - Technical assistance/financial resources and mechanisms
- **SC:**
  - Listing of chemicals
  - Compliance
- **BC:**
  - Group on technical matters (including plastics)
  - Group on strategic matters
  - Group on compliance and legal matters
- **RC:**
  - Listing of chemicals
  - Compliance
  - [Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention]

Effective participation by delegates

- Deadline for registration and requests for financial assistance: 25 March 2022
- Financial assistance for up to three delegates, as funds permit, for States that are developing countries or countries with economy in transition and Party to all three conventions
- Financial support pledged by: China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland
- Order and timing of sessions may change → take into account when arranging travel
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
- Meeting documents were prepared prior to online segment, a few revised / new ones prepared; updates presented in INF on developments that occurred in the intersessional work since the online segment (UNEP/CHW.15/INF/60–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/51-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/72)

COVID-19 related measures

Subject to change as per local COVID-19 requirements

- Travel:
  - For now, no travel-related restrictions are in place in Switzerland
  - Participants to familiarize themselves with travel restrictions in the country of origin, including transit countries
  - Parties to consider nominating representatives from their Permanent Missions to the UN in Geneva, where applicable
- At the meeting venue (to be confirmed):
  - Daily rapid antigen self-tests
  - Mask wearing
  - Testing possibility to allow for pre-departure checks (at the expenditure of participants)
- Secretariat strongly encourages full vaccination against COVID-19 and delegates to have travel insurance covering any COVID-19 related treatment or quarantine costs

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 could be submitted for the online and face-to-face segment (updates possible) or for each segment separately
  - 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 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 June 2022)
  - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
  - Advance submission of electronic copies of credentials by 13 May 2022; originals at the meeting venue

Election of officers

	Basel Convention				Rotterdam Convention		Stockholm Convention	
	COP Bureau	OEWG Bureau	ICC	ENFORCE	COP Bureau	CRC	COP Bureau	POPRC
Africa	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members
Asia - Pacific	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members
EE	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	2 members	2 officers	2 members
GRULAC	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	3 members	2 officers	3 members
WEOG	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	1 member (1 Party)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members

For more information see:
http://www.brsmeas.org/20212022COPs/Electionsofofficers/tabid/8687/language/en-US/Default.aspx

Election of officers: rules and requirements

- Selection of candidates facilitated by the regional election focal points and discussed at regional preparatory meetings
- To take into account required documentation, qualifications, time and travel needs
- According to the financial rules, no representative of any Party whose contributions are **in arrears for 2 or more years** shall be eligible to become:
  - A member of the BC COP Bureau or its subsidiary bodies,
  - A member of the RC or SC COP Bureau or a member of its subsidiary bodies,
  - Except for LDCs, SIDS and Parties respecting a schedule of payments.
- Efforts are still needed to ensure that women and men from all Parties are represented in the bodies and processes of the three conventions

Side events, exhibitions and other events

- Side events
  - Opportunity for Parties and observers to share knowledge, build capacity, network and exchange on experience in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
  - During lunch break and in the evening throughout 2 weeks
  - For more information, see: http://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9122/Default.aspx
- Plastics Forum
  - Promote solutions to plastics
  - 8 to 10 June 2022
  - Expressions of interest by 30 April 2022 (madhushree.sivaraja@un.org)

Main issues on the agendas

Basel Convention COP-15 main issues

Strategic matters

- Strategic framework (whether to develop future framework / evaluation)
- Developing ESM guidelines (revised practical manual to ensure TBM meet ESM)

Scientific and technical matters

- Technical guidelines (POPs, mercury, plastics, ULAB)
- National reporting (guidance on inventories)
- Further consideration of plastic waste (assessing effectiveness of measures and further activities)

Other topics

- Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Legal, governance and enforcement matters

- Implementation and Compliance Committee (guidance documents and work programme for 2022-3)
- Providing further legal clarity including proposals from EU to amend Annex IV of the Convention and Ghana/Switzerland to amend e-waste entries
- Proposal by the Russian Federation to amend paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention

Rotterdam Convention COP-10 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention

- «New» chemicals: Decabromodiphenyl ether, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds
- «Old» chemicals: acetochlor, carbosulfan, chrysotile asbestos, fenthion formulations, paraquat formulations

Compliance

- Inaugural work programme of the compliance committee

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

- Information dissemination strategy
- Consideration of a proposal from African countries from COP-8 to amend Article 16 of the Convention

Stockholm Convention COP-10 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C

- Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annex A without specific exemptions

Reduce or eliminate release from intentional production and use

- BDEs (continued need for exemptions)
- Specific exemptions (continued need for decaBDE and SCCP exemptions)
- DDT (evaluate the continued need)
- PCBs (next progress evaluation at COP-11)

Compliance

- Draft text of procedures and mechanisms on compliance

National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

- Revised guidance on developing and updating NIPs

Toolkit and BAT&BEP

- Updated guidelines and guidance

Reporting

- Updated electronic reporting system

Joint issues

Technical assistance – financial resources

- Technical assistance
- Financial resources, in particular SC financial mechanism

Budgets and programmes of work

- Interim budget for 2022 and supplementary budget adopted at online segment
- Consider full budget for 2022-2023 based on 2 scenarios
  - Zero nominal growth scenario
  - Executive Secretaries' scenario, 4.3 % growth

International cooperation and coordination:

- With the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- With other organizations (e.g. UNEP/UNEA)

Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the BRS conventions

- Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange
- Mainstreaming gender
- Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade
- From science to action

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Chemicals and Waste Briefing – Geneva Environment Network (GEN)

Hybrid, Thursday, 27 April 2022, 10.00 - 11.30 Geneva time (CEST)

COP-4 convened in two segments

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4)

Virtual, 01 Nov 2021 - 05 Nov 2021

Bali, Indonesia, 21 Mar 2022 - 25 Mar 2022

Meeting Information | Documents | Newsroom | Intersessional Work | Agenda | Regional meetings

Information for Participants

First Minamata COP outside of Geneva

COP-4.2 Attendance	Number of entities	Number of delegates	In-person delegates	Online delegates
Total		**636**	**323**	**313**
Parties	110	453	245	208
Other attendees included non-Parties and Observers, including IGOs, NGOs, and academia.				

Timeline, with snapshot of key COP-4 issues

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

16 August 2017: Entry into force of the Convention

2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024

COP-1

- Consent to trade forms
- BAT/BEP guidelines on emissions
- Give effect to financial mechanism
- Agreed national reporting format

COP-2

- Interim Storage guidance

COP-3

- Contaminated Sites guidance
- Two waste thresholds agreed, one remaining

COP-4.1

- Review of Annex A and B
- Releases inventory guidance
- Customs Codes
- ASGM NAPs guidance, *rev.* COP-1

COP-4.2

COP-5

First short reports (2 years)
16 Aug 2017 to 31 Dec 2018

- Financial Mechanism
- National reporting
- Effectiveness Evaluation
- Waste Thresholds

Other ongoing items:

- ❑ Programme of Work and Budget
- ❑ Capacity-building and Technical Assistance
- ❑ Gender
- ❑ International cooperation and coordination

COP-4 Outcomes

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Decisions taken by COP-4

COP-4.1 took 2 decisions	❖ Decision MC-4/1: Dates of the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Minamata Convention on Mercury ❖ Decision MC-4/2: Programme of work and budget for 2022
COP-4.2 took 12 decisions	❖ **Decision MC-4/3: Review and amendment of annexes A and B to the Minamata Convention** ❖ Decision MC-4/4: **Artisanal and small-scale gold mining** ❖ Decision MC-4/5: **Mercury releases** ❖ Decision MC-4/6: **Mercury waste thresholds** ❖ Decision MC-4/7: **Second review of the financial mechanism** ❖ Decision MC-4/8: **National reporting pursuant to article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury** ❖ Decision MC-4/9: **Enhanced cooperation between the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions** ❖ Decision MC-4/10: **Gender mainstreaming** ❖ **Decision MC-4/11: The first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury** ❖ Decision MC-4/12: **International cooperation and coordination** ❖ Decision MC-4/13: Programme of work and budget for 2023 ❖ Decision MC-4/14: Venue and dates of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Bali Declaration on combatting illegal trade in mercury

Executive Secretary Communication – 18 April 2022: *Details on follow-up to decisions adopted by COP-4* LINK

Decision MC-4/3: Review and amendment of annexes A and B

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Annex A: Mercury-added products	
COP-4 amended <u>Annex A Part I</u> to add the following with phase-out date of 2025	▪ Compact fluorescent lamps with an integrated ballast **(CFL.i)** for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner ▪ Cold cathode fluorescent lamps **(CCFL)** and external electrode fluorescent lamps **(EEFL)** of all lengths for electronic displays, not included in the current listing ▪ **Strain gauges** to be used in plethysmographs ▪ **Melt pressure transducers**, melt pressure transmitters and melt pressure sensors except those installed in large-scale equipment or those used for high precision measurement, where no suitable mercury-free alternative is available ▪ **Mercury vacuum pumps** ▪ Tire **balancers** and wheel weights ▪ **Photographic film and paper** ▪ **Propellant** for satellites and spacecraft
COP-4 amended <u>Annex A Part II</u> to add the following for dental amalgam	▪ Parties shall exclude or not allow, by taking measures as appropriate, the use of mercury in **bulk form** by dental practitioners; ▪ Parties shall exclude or not allow, by taking measures as appropriate, or recommend against the use of dental amalgam for the dental treatment of deciduous teeth, of **patients under 15 years and of pregnant and breastfeeding women**, except when considered necessary by the dental practitioner based on the needs of the patient.

Decision MC-4/3: Review and amendment of annexes A and B *cont.*

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Annex A: Mercury-added products (cont.)	
COP-4 decided to consider the phase-out dates of <u>four more mercury-added product categories</u> at COP-5	▪ Button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 2% and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2% ▪ Very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridges and high frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per bridge switch or relay ▪ Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: (a) Halophosphate phosphor ≤ 40 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 10 mg per lamp (b) Halophosphate phosphor > 40 watts ▪ Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: (a) Triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg/lamp

Annex B: Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used

COP-4 decided to further consider at COP-5 adding the **production of polyurethane using mercury-containing catalysts** to part I of Annex B and requested the secretariat to compile information on the availability and technical and economic feasibility of its mercury-free alternatives.

COP-4 requested the secretariat to prepare a short report on the technical and economic feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for the two processes (**vinyl chloride monomer and sodium or potassium methylate or ethylate**) listed in Annex B Part II that refer to the COP establishing such feasibility.

Decision MC-4/11: The first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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Entry into force 16 Aug 2017	COP-1 24-29 Sept 2017	COP-2 19-23 Nov 2018	COP-3 25-29 Nov 2019	COP-4 1-5 Nov 2021 21-25 Mar 2022
Convention, Article 22	Decision MC-1/9	Decision MC-2/10	Decision MC-3/10	

The COP is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Convention, beginning no later than six years after the date of the entry into force.

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On the first effectiveness evaluation, COP-4 agreed to:
▪ Begin the effectiveness evaluation at COP-4, and to further consider its timeline at COP-5
▪ Adopt the framework of the effectiveness evaluation
▪ Establish the Open-Ended Scientific Group (including its terms of reference)
▪ Continue to consider the effectiveness evaluation including the terms of reference of an Effectiveness Evaluation Group
▪ Request the secretariat to support an intersessional process to refine the list of indicators for adoption at COP-5
▪ Encourage Parties to provide support considering the geographic and scientific gaps identified for the effectiveness evaluation

Five products to be prepared for COP-5:

(a) Article 21 Synthesis Report (plan and report)
(b) Trade, Supply and Demand Report (plan and report)
(c) Plan for Emissions and Releases Data Summary
(d) Plan for Monitoring Data Compilation and Summary
(e) Plan for Data Analysis based on the Monitoring Guidance

Select Highlights of other Decisions

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ASGM

- COP **adopted the updated guidance** on national action plans (NAP).
- COP called on parties to engage indigenous peoples, local communities and others in the NAP process.

Second review of the financial mechanism

- COP adopted the **terms of reference**, which sets forward performance criteria.

Waste Thresholds

- COP decided that **no threshold needs to be established for tailings from ASGM** in which mercury is used, and that all tailings from such mining should be managed pursuant to article 7.
- COP **defined two-tier thresholds above which mine tailings are not excluded from the definition of mercury waste**.
- The COP requested further work by the group of technical experts.

Releases

- COP adopted the **guidance on the methodology for preparing inventories of releases**.
- COP requested the expert group to develop the **guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices**, with a view to its adoption at COP-5.

National Reporting

- COP clarified the **reporting format**.
- COP called on Parties to provide the secretariat with **copies or reports on consent forms** received.
- COP requested Parties to continue their ongoing **efforts to identify stocks and sources**.
- COP requested the secretariat to continue work on the **reporting guidance** for adoption by COP-5.

Gender Mainstreaming

- COP welcomed efforts and invited Parties to support.

Enhanced Cooperation Minamata/BRS

- COP requested continuation and report at COP-5

International cooperation and coordination

- Linkages to UNEA outcomes
- Contribute to post-2020 biodiversity framework

COP-4.2 in Pictures and Videos

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Opening Ceremony - Second segment of #MinamataCOP4

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DAY 1 - Second segment of #MinamataCOP4 (21 March 2022)

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DAY 2 - Second segment of #MinamataCOP4 (22 March 2022)

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DAY 3 - Second segment of #MinamataCOP4 (23 March 2022)

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DAY 4 - Second segment of #MinamataCOP4 (24 March 2022)

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DAY 5 - Second segment of #MinamataCOP4 (25 March 2022)

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Minamata COP-4 closes with global commitment to evaluate, expand and strengthen the efforts against toxic mercury

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Chemicals and waste: Follow up to UNEA 5.2 resolutions

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Resolutions from UNEA 5.2 – Invigorating the sustainable management of chemicals and waste and combatting pollution

5/Resolution 2: Sustainable nitrogen management	5/Resolution 6: Biodiversity and Health	5/Resolution 7: Sound management of chemicals and waste (Omnibus resolution)	5/Resolution 8: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution	5/Resolution 12: Environmental aspects of minerals and metals management and	5/Resolution 14: End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument
• Nitrogen waste • Air pollution • Waste • Waste water	• Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)	• SAICM • Special Programme extension • Issues of concern • Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals • Asbestos • Green and Sustainable Chemistry • Pesticides and Fertilizers • IOMC and MEA cooperation	• Science-Policy Panel	• Mining practices	• Chemicals in plastics • Waste

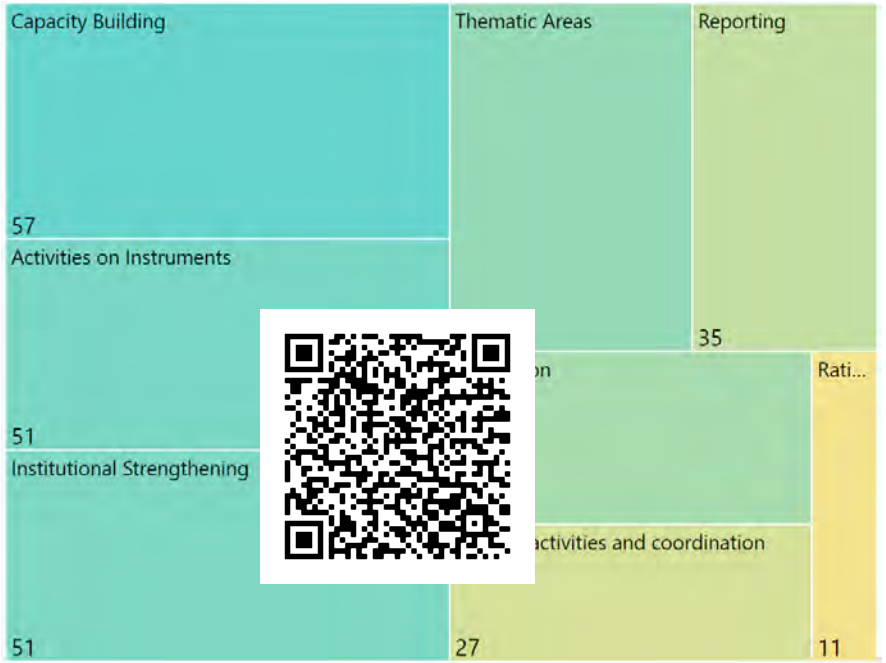
5/Resolution 7:
Sound management of chemicals and waste (Omnibus resolution)

5/Resolution 7: 4 sections

- The Sound Management of Chemicals and Wastes, and the International Conference on Chemical Management
- **The Integrated Approach to Financing, and one-time extension of the duration of the Special Programme**
- **issues of concerns**
- **requests to the ED**

The Special Programme on Institutional Strengthening for the Chemicals Cluster

- Extension of the Special Programme under UNEA 5/7 Para 16.
  - Can receive contributions and applications for funding for an additional 5 years (Sept 2027) and disburse for 8 years (Mar 2030)
  - Total contributions and pledges realized to date: USD 32,867,080
  - Additional funds needed to support extension estimated at USD 45 million



- Projects (66) focusing on implementation of the chemicals and waste related instruments.
  - Thematic Areas: Developing and updating legislation; enforcement private sector engagement; gender mainstreaming
  - Institutional strengthening: establishing permanent chemicals and waste units; developing long term implementation and action plans

5/res 7: issues of concern

Urges Member States and invites other stakeholders to take further action to reduce or eliminate the risks associated with the issues discussed in the report

To seek views on priorities for further work, and on potential further international action, on the issues discussed in the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern and to prepare a summary analysis for consideration by the Environment Assembly and by other international bodies

Issues of Concern under SAICM	Issues Where Emerging Evidence Indicates Risks
1. Chemicals in products (CiP) 2. Endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) 3. Environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants (EPPPs) 4. Hazardous substances within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products (HSLEEP) 5. Highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs) 6. Lead in paint 7. Nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials 8. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) and the transition to safer alternatives.	1. Arsenic 2. Bisphenol A 3. Cadmium 4. Glyphosate 5. Lead 6. Intentionally Added Microplastics in Products 7. Neonicotinoids 8. Organotins 9. Phthalates 10. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) 11. Triclosan

5/res 7: requests to the ED

To update the State of the Science of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals 2012 report before UNEA 6, in cooperation with the WHO.

To present a full range of options for addressing asbestos contaminants in products and the environment for consideration by UNEA 6, in cooperation with the WHO.

to work closely with the other members of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and other relevant United Nations entities and instruments, and with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, to foster effective cooperation and collaboration in promoting the sound management of chemicals and waste

Welcomes UNEP's Green and Sustainable Chemistry: Framework Manual and its Executive Summary, which highlight the crucial importance of environmentally sound innovation, and encourage their use as appropriate.

Invites Member States, international organizations and other stakeholders to address the adverse impact of pesticides and fertilizers, and notes the joint initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme to eliminate the harm posed by highly hazardous pesticides;

5/Resolution 8: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

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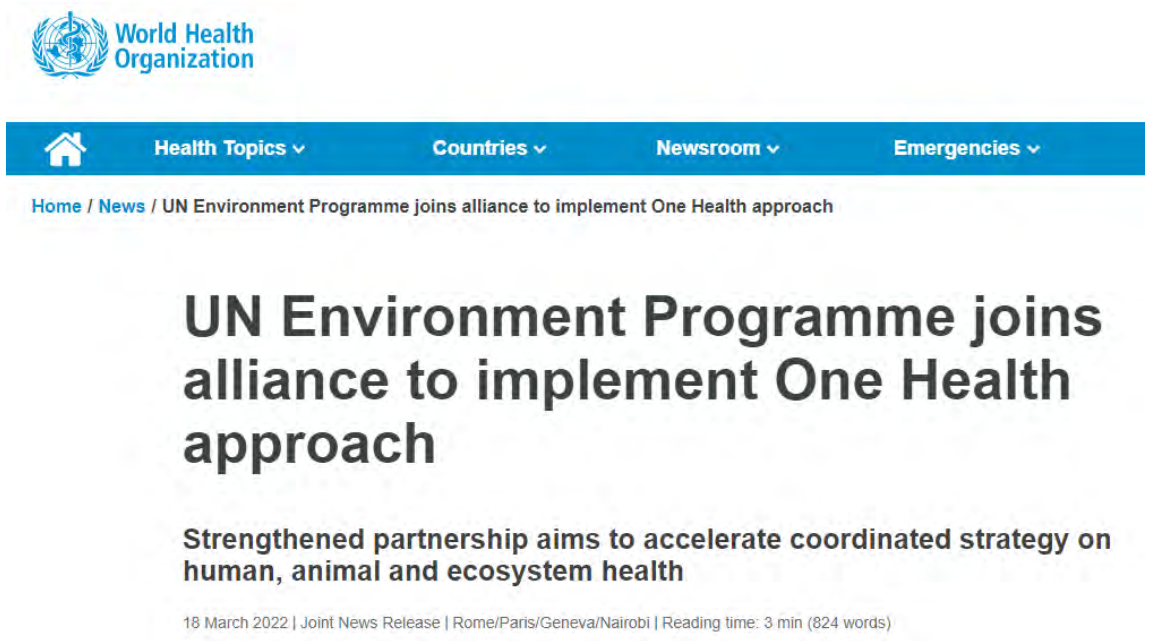
- Operational SPP by September 2024 (30 months)
- Role of OEWG Secretariat to be substantive. Head of the Secretariat appointed
- Immediate involvement from industry (chemicals & waste)
- Need to engage with academia and civil society from start (IPBES)
- Tentative timetable for three OEWG meetings - October 2022, July 2023, March 2024
- OEWG 1:
  - Option to link with first plastics INC
  - Establish the Bureau
  - Establish rules and procedures
  - Push the substantive elements of this first event so not only procedural
  - Review of country priorities and identify opportunities for innovation
  - Identify areas of agreement and divergent views (setting the scope)

5/Resolution 6: Biodiversity and Health

AMR and the Environment: UNEP as member of One Health Quadripartite

The alliance will focus on a One Health Joint Plan of Action, with 6 action tracks: enhancing countries' capacity to strengthen health systems under a One Health approach; reducing the risks from emerging or resurfacing zoonotic epidemics and pandemics; controlling and eliminating endemic zoonotic, neglected tropical or vector-borne diseases; strengthening the assessment, management and communication of food safety risks; curbing the silent pandemic of AMR and better integrating the environment into the One Health approach.



UNEP's ongoing effort includes:

- Member of the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat implementing the common workplan (integrated surveillance, governance, economic case, research agenda, etc.)
- Member of the AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund Secretariat
- Implementation of AMR MPTF projects
- Awareness raising activities
- Regional and Country level initiatives with capacity building
- 'One Health High-Level Expert Panel', and 'One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance'
- 'Environmental dimensions of AMR' report

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29 AUG -2 SEPT 2022 | BUCHAREST

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The Strategic Approach and Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste

Beyond 2020

Nalini Sharma – Coordinator, SAICM Secretariat

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2020 target not achieved

Capacity
Political commitment
Technical knowledge
Sectoral and stakeholder engagement

More **AMBITIOUS ACTION** needed

BEYOND 2020

- The Fourth Meeting of the Intersessional Process (IP4) and the Fifth Session of the International Conference for Chemicals Management (ICCM5) were postponed due to the pandemic and related travel restrictions.

- Both meetings were expected to address outstanding challenges and deliver a more ambitious, robust successor instrument.

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2020 - 2021

4 VIRTUAL WORKING GROUPS

- 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
- 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.

OUTCOMES OF VIRTUAL WORKING GROUPS

- **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, strengthened multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement, mechanisms for taking stock of progress, etc.

***** 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.

- **VWG 4** acknowledged the need to elaborate the integrated approach to **financing** for the sound management of chemicals and waste.

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OVERALL PROGRESS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK 2022 -2023

- Enhanced work on EPIs, broadening 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 sixth and subsequent rounds of applications.

- Continued provision of Secretariat services to support the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2022

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- Secretariat has continued to successfully implement the SAICM GEF project on *Emerging Chemical Policy Issues of Concern under SAICM.*
- Global pilot project focusing on Africa that aims to increase the implementation of the Globally *Harmonized* System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
- E-learning course on Industrial Chemicals Databases and Information Sharing
- Study on industry involvement in the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and waste

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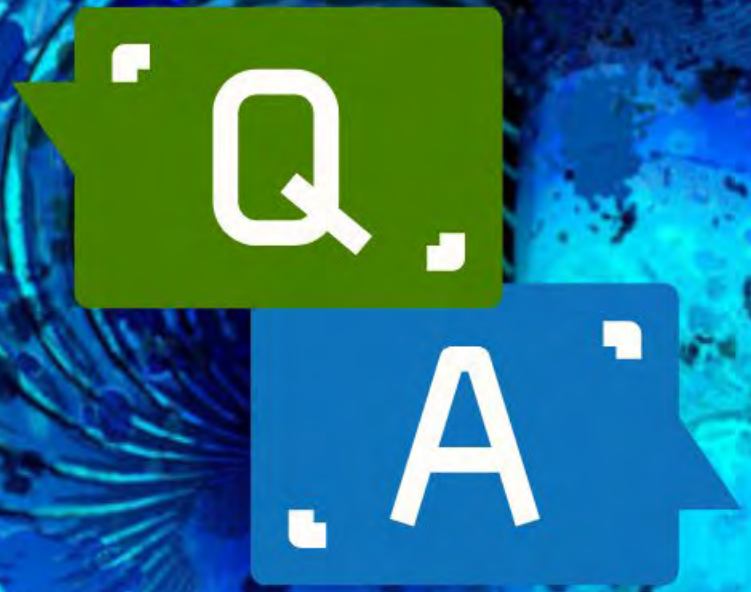

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Follow-up to UNEA resolution

OEWG | 30 May-1 June, Senegal

Briefing ahead of OEWG processes

INC-1 | 2nd half of 2022

Briefing on INC process

INC-2 | 1st half of 2023

INC-3 | 2nd half of 2023

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6 April | Life below water and microplastics

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7 April | Next steps for the plastic pollution treaty

UN Ocean Conference | 27 June - 1 July

BRS COPs | 6-17 June + Forum on plastics

Stockholm+50 | 2-3 June

Just Transition Side Event to ILO 110

110th Session ILO | 27 May-11 June

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