RIGHT TO SCIENCE, CENTRAL TO THE FUTURE SCIENCE-POLICY PANEL TO CONTRIBUTE FURTHER TO THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE AND TO PREVENT POLLUTION

22 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 15:00 - 16:00 CEST | PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM H.307-2 & ONLINE
PROGRAM

Taking place on the sidelines of the 54th session of the Human Rights Council, this year’s Geneva Toxic Free Talks highlights the work of the Special Rapporteur and of organizations in the struggle for the right to live in a toxic-free environment.

All events are taking place at Palais des Nations and online.

Wednesday, 20 September
- 9:00-10:00 CEST | Greenwashing and False Solutions Are Toxic for Human Rights | Room H.307-1

Thursday, 21 September
- 13:00-14:30 CEST | No More Agrotoxics in our Food and Environment! | Agroecology: A Key Element for a Just Transition | Room H.207
- 15:30-16:30 CEST | Paths for Alternatives and a Just Transition for Chemical Workers | Room H.307-2

Friday, 22 September
- 10:00-11:00 CEST | International Maritime Organization: Navigating the Rights Way | Room XXV
- 13:00-14:00 CEST | Integrating Detoxification and Decarbonization to Protect Human Rights of Affected Communities | Room XXV | with the Permanent Mission of Chile
- 15:00-16:00 CEST | Right to Science, Central to the Future Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution | Room H.307-2

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Towards OEWG 2 on a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention

Major Milestones for 2023

Q1

SPP OEWG 1.2
30 Jan - 3 Feb | Thailand

BRS COPs
1 - 12 May

SPP Webinar Launch
26 April

Q2

76th World Health Assembly
21 - 30 May

INC-2
29 May to 2 Jun | Paris, France

11th Int'l Labour Conference
5-16 June

SPP OEWG 2
11-15 Dec | Dead Sea, Jordan

Q3

7th GEF Assembly
22 - 26 Aug | Vancouver, Canada

HRC 54
September

WRF’23 Side Event
6 September

Minamata COP-5
30 Oct - 3 Nov

Q4

INC-3
13 - 19 Nov | Nairobi, Kenya

ICCM5
25 - 29 Sep | Bonn, Germany

Minamata Side Event
9 October

Conflicts of Interest
18 October

WRF’23 & Global Intergovernmental Meeting on Minerals
4 - 8 September

SPP Briefing

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Geneva Toxic Free Talks

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22 September 2023
• Environmental monitoring

• Public information

• Right to now
BRS CONVENTIONS
COP-11 main outcomes

Listing of chemicals in Annex A

• The COP amended Annex A to list:
  • Methoxychlor without specific exemptions
  • Dechlorane Plus with specific exemptions
  • UV-328 with specific exemptions

• Chemicals listed in Annex A may no longer be produced, used, imported and exported by Parties to the Convention

Took stock of progress in eliminating PCBs

• While recognizing significant progress on PCB elimination around the globe, the COP urged Parties to meet their obligations towards 2025 and 2028 deadlines, considering specific needs and challenges of developing countries

https://www.pops.int/
COP-11 main outcomes

Listing of chemicals in Annex III
• The COP amended Annex III to list:
  o Terbufos (pesticide)
• Chemicals listed in Annex III are subject to the PIC procedure

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
• Work was launched to enhance the Convention’s effectiveness by addressing the impacts regarding the listing of chemicals in Annex III and its implementation
• Proposal to amend the Convention was not adopted

https://www.pic.int/
COP-16 main outcomes

• Adoption of Technical Guidelines:
  o Technical guidelines on environmentally sound management (ESM) of plastic wastes
  o Technical guidelines on ESM of POPs wastes
  o Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electronic and electrical waste and used electrical and electronic equipment (on interim basis)
  o Further work to take place on: Technical guidelines on waste lead-acid batteries, other batteries, POPs wastes and pneumatic tyres

• Implementation and Compliance Committee:
  • Adopted ICC recommendations and its programme of work for 2024-2025

• Strategic framework:
  o SIWG to develop a new strategic framework

https://www.basel.int/
Chemical Review Committee
- 3-6 October 2023 in Rome, Italy
- To finalize draft decision guidance documents for methyl bromide and paraquat
- To consider notifications of final regulatory action for 9 chemicals (bromacil, carbaryl, chlorfenvinphos, chlorpyrifos, diarsenic pentaoxide, ethion, mercury, methidathion, thiodicarb)

POPs Review Committee
- 9-13 October 2023 in Rome, Italy
- Draft risk profile for chlorpyrifos
- Draft RME for chlorinated paraffins and long-chain PFCAs, their salts and related compounds
- Draft document on LRET
- POPs in stockpiles, products and articles in use and in waste
- Indicative lists of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds, and PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds
Stockholm Convention
Global Monitoring Plan
Data Warehouse
(or just: GMP DWH)


https://www.pops-gmp.org/
Science to action Roadmap

The BRS COPs took note of the revised roadmap for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

Nigeria

Spain

Argentina
International cooperation

- **Strengthened mandate for international cooperation** to address the triple planetary crisis including collaboration with the OEWG to establish a science to policy panel.

- **Cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention**

- **New activities to combat illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes**

- **Technical assistance needs assessment** to be carried out in early 2024

- **Next meetings of the Conferences of the Parties** to be held from **28 April to 9 May 2025** in Geneva with a high-level segment
Thank you for your attention!

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