



Meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Geneva, 24 April to 5 May 2017

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COPs Highlights

- 13th meeting of the COP to the Basel Convention, 8th meeting of the COP to the Rotterdam Convention and 8th meeting of the COP to the Stockholm Convention to be held back-to-back in Geneva, from 24 April to 5 May 2017
- **High-level segment** on Thursday, 4 May (afternoon) and Friday, 5 May (morning)
- Theme of the meetings: **'A future detoxified: Sound management of chemicals and waste'**
- Expect about 1,500 participants from up to 185 Parties
- Venue: Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- Paperless meeting
- BRS COP meeting website: <http://www.brsmeas.org/2017COPs/>



Registration

- Pre-registration:
 - All participants have to submit pre-registration forms
 - All nominations were to be made through official channels, with a nomination letter or a note verbale
 - 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
 - Financial support provided by: European Union, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland
 - Contact: stephanie.cadet@brsmeas.org
- On-site registration:
 - 9 am to 5 pm on Sunday, 23 April 2017
 - 8 am to 5 pm on Monday, 24 April 2017
 - 9 am to 5 pm during other days

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 (by 10 am on Tuesday, 25 April 2017)
 - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
 - Credentials for all 3 meetings can be in one document

Regional meetings during the COPs

- Sunday, 23 April from 3-6 pm; every morning from 9-10 am and as needed
 - Africa: Room 3
 - Asia-Pacific: Room 4
 - CEE: Room 7+8
 - GRULAC: Room 18
 - JUSCANNZ: Room 17
 - EU: Room 5+6



Organization of work

- Schedule of work (INF/2) agreed by bureaux at joint meeting:
 - Joint sessions on joint issues on first day and a half
 - Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC, with an early session of RC in week 1
 - Conclude with joint and separate sessions, as necessary
 - Joint and specific contact groups
- Bureaux meetings, every morning from 8-9 am, to decide daily schedule
- Daily schedule will be posted every morning on the intranet site and communicated by bureaux members in regional groups meetings

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	<u>Joint session:</u> 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					
	<u>Joint session:</u> Organizational matters Synergies					
PM	<u>Joint session:</u> International cooperation Technical assistance Financial resources	SC Listing of chemicals Effectiveness evaluation	SC Unintentional POPs Reporting	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> SC report	BC Amendments 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>
							<i>RC budget</i>
					HLS round tables	BRS Adoption of decisions	<i>SC budget</i>
							Closure

Main issues at the agendas of the meetings

- **Joint issues**

- **Synergies:**

- Reviews of synergies arrangements
 - Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange
 - Illegal traffic and trade
 - Gender
 - From science to action

- **International cooperation and coordination**

- **Technical assistance:**

- Technical assistance plan
 - Regional centres
 - Implementation of decision V/32 (emergency cooperation)

- **Financial resources, including integrated approach**

- **Compliance under each of the conventions**

- **POPs wastes**

- **Programmes of work and budgets**

- **Other matters:**

- Development of MOUs between the COPs and UNEP
 - Admission of observers
 - Guidelines on rules of conduct for meeting participants



Main issues at the agendas of the meetings

- **SC issues**

- Listing of chemicals
 - Decabromodiphenyl ether
 - Short-chain chlorinated paraffins
 - Hexachlorobutadiene
- Effectiveness evaluation, including global monitoring plan
- Exemptions
- Evaluation and review of BDE
- PFOS
- Toolkit and BAT&BEP
- Reporting
- PCB
- DDT
- NIPs

MAIN ISSUES AT THE AGENDAS OF THE MEETINGS

- **BC issues:**
 - **Strategic issues:**
 - Strategic framework
 - Follow-up to CLI: Ban Amendment, ESM expert working group and legal clarity
 - Cartagena Declaration
 - **Scientific and technical matters:**
 - Technical guidelines: POPs waste; e-waste, and mercury waste guidelines
 - Amendments to the annexes
 - Classification and hazard characterization of wastes
 - National reporting
 - **Legal and, compliance and governance matters:**
 - National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic
 - **International cooperation**
 - Partnerships: PACE, ENFORCE and household wastes
 - Ship dismantling and cooperation with IMO
- **OEWG operations and programme of work**

MAIN ISSUES AT THE AGENDAS OF THE MEETINGS

- **RC issues**

- **Listing of chemicals in Annex III**

- Consideration of chemicals for inclusion in Annex III:

- Chrysotile asbestos
- Paraquat dichloride formulations
- Fenthion formulations
- Trichlorfon
- Carbofuran
- Carbosulfan
- Short-chain chlorinated paraffins
- Tributyltin compounds

- Intersessional work on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III

- **Status of implementation of the Convention**

- General issues related to the implementation of the Convention
- Proposals for activities to increase notifications of final regulatory action
- Exports, export notification and information exchange

Potential contact and other groups

- **Joint:**

- Budget
- Synergies and others
- Technical assistance / financial resources

- **RC:**

- Listing of chemicals and intersessional process on listing of chemicals

- **BC:**

- Compliance and legal matters
- Technical matters
- Strategic matters

- **SC:**

- Listing of chemicals
- Compliance
- Effectiveness evaluation

- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
- Decisions to be adopted by the end of the convention-specific sessions they relate to

Election of officers

BASEL CONVENTION

COP Bureau:
10 officers

OEWG Bureau:
5 officers

ICC:
5 members

ENFORCE:
9 members

ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

COP Bureau:
5 officers

CRC:
17 members
1 Chair

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

COP Bureau:
10 officers

POPRC:
17 members

Nominations for CRC and POPRC membership to be submitted with CV and form for conflict of interest.

Any Party whose contributions have been in arrears for two or more years shall not be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the COP or a member of a subsidiary body. This shall not apply to LDCs or SIDS or to Parties that have agreed on and are respecting a schedule of payments.

High-level segment

- Thursday, 4 May (afternoon) and Friday, 5 May (morning)

- **Structure:**

- Thursday, 4 May (15:00)

- Opening in Plenary
 - Ministerial Round-tables (Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Ambassadors **only**) – separate venue
 - Ministerial dinner (evening)

- Friday, 5 May (10:00)

- Presentation in Plenary of the outcomes of each round-table, moderated panel discussions followed by an interactive discussion
- **Outcome:** Report of the High-level segment and a consolidation of key messages from the round-table discussions (*no ministerial statement or declaration*)

High-level segment

- **Theme:** “A future detoxified: Sound management of chemicals and waste”
- **Sub-themes (for discussion in round-tables and panel):**
 - (A) Opportunities for a detoxified future in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals
 - (B) Opportunities for strengthened implementation through partnerships
 - (C) Opportunities for reducing waste and pollution while enabling economic and social prosperity

High-level segment

- Briefing on High-level Segment for all delegates in Plenary (early 2nd week of COPs)
- Current number of registered Ministers or equivalent for HLS: 102 (provisional)
- Seeking confirmation from Ambassadors registered at the COPs whether they plan to attend HLS round-tables (separate registration required)
- No statements or speeches (possible to post written statements)
- Further information in joint document INF/3 and upcoming detailed schedule for ministers
- Contact person for High-level segment:
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Technology fair, side events, exhibitions and others

- Three-day **Technology Fair** on 27-29 April, with the objective to promote the transfer of technology for the implementation of the conventions:
 - Feature thematic exhibition booths and panel discussions
- **Side events and exhibition booths** also held on other days of the COPs
- **Gender Pioneers Awards and Exhibition:** Wednesday, 3 May
- **Receptions** organized by the Government of Switzerland:
 - Monday, 24 April (CICG)
 - Saturday, 29 April (Bâtiment des forces motrices)

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