

Chemicals and Waste Briefing

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Update on the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions' intersessional work and the 2019 meetings of the conferences of the Parties

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions



Main outcomes from the intersessional work for consideration by the COPs

11th Meeting of the Basel Convention's Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-11)

- 3-6 September 2018, in Geneva
- Main outcomes for consideration by BC COP-14:
 - A proposal to set up a new partnership on plastic wastes;
 - Consideration of possible amendments to the Convention's annexes in relation to solid plastic wastes;
 - Further development of technical guidelines on e-waste; POPs wastes; incineration on land and specially engineered landfills;
 - Additions to the Convention's Toolkit on ESM, with further development of 5 draft manuals/guidance (EPR, Financing Systems, TBM notifications, recycling and recovery strategies; informal sector)
 - Consultations on four draft guidance documents developed by the ICC (insurance bond and guarantee, transit TBM, development of legal frameworks, and improving national reporting)
 - Deciding on the way forward for a review of Convention Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX;
 - Further development of guidance under the household waste partnership;
 - Consideration of options for further work on waste containing nanomaterials;
 - Enhanced cooperation with World Customs Organization.



13th Meeting of the Basel Convention's Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)

- 7-10 September 2018, Geneva, and supplementary online session on 31 October 2018
- Main outcomes (Specific submission mandate):
 - Considered progress made in relation to 9 existing submissions, and concluded that the matter of concern was resolved for 6 of them;
 - Considered a new specific submission in relation to legal framework, approved the compliance action plan and recommended allocation of funds for its implementation;
- Main outcomes (General review mandate):
 - Decided to not recommended a continuation of the extended Secretariat trigger under paragraph 9(c) of the TOR
 - National reporting:
 - Classified compliance performance for 2014 and 2015;
 - Set targets for 2016 and onwards (10% complete and on time, 20% complete);
 - Reviewed Guidance: Benchmark report and revised guidance on improving national reporting*;
 - Agreed on additional steps to improve the timeliness and completeness of national reporting;



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- Main outcomes (General review mandate):
 - Illegal traffic:
 - Held a dialogue session with CITES;
 - Agreed on additional steps to improve implementation of and compliance with Article 9 of the Convention;
 - National legislation:
 - Reviewed the Guide for the development of national legal frameworks;*
 - Reviewed Parties' activities to review or develop legislation implementing the Basel Convention;
 - Reviewed activities of the Secretariat and of other entities aimed at assisting Parties review or develop legislation implementing the Basel Convention.
 - Insurance, bond, guarantee: Reviewed guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Convention;*
 - Control system: Reviewed guidance on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Article 6 of the Convention on transit transboundary movements;
 - Reviewed the operation of the implementation fund, including the links with the Secretariat's technical assistance plan.



Chemical Review Committee (CRC-13 & CRC-14)

- Main outcomes for consideration by RC COP-9:
 - Recommendations to the COP to list:
 - **Acetochlor (pesticide)**
 - **Hexabromocyclododecane (industrial chemical)**
 - **Phorate (pesticide)**
- Other outcomes:
 - Notifications on **PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds** from Canada and Norway found to meet criteria for listing in Annex III, recommended for listing and draft DGD being developed
 - Updating of the Handbook of Working Procedures and Policy Guidance for the Committee

POPs Review Committee (POPRC-13 & POPRC-14)

- Main outcomes for consideration by SC COP-9:
 - Recommendations to the COP to:
 - List dicofol in Annex A without specific exemptions
 - List PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex A with specific exemptions
 - Amend Annex B regarding PFOS, its salts and PFOS on the basis of its recommendations
- Other outcomes:
 - Adopted the risk profile for PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds moving the chemicals to the next review stage



Other developments under the Conventions

- Basel Convention
 - Proposals to amend annexes II, VIII and IX of the Convention submitted by Norway in relation to solid plastic wastes (proposed amendment to Annex IX reviewed by OEWG.11);
- Rotterdam Convention
 - Proposal to add a new annex to the Convention in relation to procedures and mechanisms on compliance submitted by Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, Peru, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia;
- Stockholm Convention
 - Proposals to amend Article 8 and Annex D of the Convention in relation to listing of chemicals submitted by the Russian Federation;
- The above proposed amendments alongside those of CRC and POPRC were communicated in the 6 UN languages to Parties and signatories on 26 October 2018, and are available on the “communications” webpages.



Upcoming meetings

Meetings	Dates	Locations
7th meeting of the DDT expert group (<i>Stockholm</i>)	13-15 November 2018	CCV, Geneva
Joint Presidents meeting (<i>BRS</i>)	14 November 2018	MIE, Geneva
Joint bureaux meeting (<i>BRS</i>)	15-16 November 2018	CCV, Geneva
Annual joint meeting of the regional centres (<i>Basel and Stockholm</i>)	15-16 November 2018	CICG, Geneva
8 th meeting of the expert working group on environmentally sound management (<i>Basel</i>)	5-8 December 2018	Sao Paulo, Brazil
2 nd meeting of the expert working group on the review of annexes (<i>Basel</i>)	10-13 December 2018	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Meeting of the small intersessional working group on PCB (<i>Stockholm</i>)	12-14 December 2018	Prague, Czechia

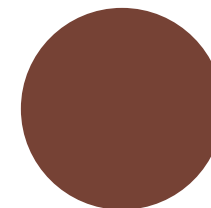




Countdown to 2019 COPs

Highlights

- 29 April -10 May 2019, CICG, Geneva
- Theme of the meetings: *“Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Wastes”*
- No high-level segment
- Expect about 1,500 participants from up to 186 Parties
- Exhibitions, information fair, side events and other events
- Meeting website:
<http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs>



Bureau members

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Invitations and registrations

- Early notification: Sent on 25 October 2018
- Invitation letters, agendas and information for participants: End of November 2018
- Registration:
 - Pre-registration, including requests for financial support, with form duly completed and transmitted through official channel (Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission in Geneva), with a nomination letter / note verbale **by 23 January 2019**
 - On-site registration
- 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, pending availability of financial resources



Organization of work

- Bureaux to agree on a tentative schedule of work and on the approach for credentials at their joint meeting on 15-16 November 2018
- Similar approach to 2017 and 2015 being considered:
 - Sequential openings of all three COPs;
 - Joint sessions on joint issues on first day and a half;
 - Convention-specific sessions: SC – BC – RC;
 - Joint sessions every morning for reports of contact groups;
 - Convention-specific decisions considered during convention-specific sessions;
 - Decisions on joint issues considered for adoption by the 3 COPs in a joint session on 9 May 2019;
 - Conclude with separate sessions for adoption of budgets.
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
 - Tentative schedule of possible contact and other groups to be discussed by bureaux at their joint meeting

	Thu, 27 April 2017	Fri, 28 April 2017	Sat, 29 April 2017
Day 1	<p>Session of the COPs</p> <p>Consideration of the outcome of the previous session and of the Bureau</p> <p>Session 1 (Joint)</p> <p>10:00-12:00: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>12:00-13:00: Lunch</p> <p>13:00-14:00: Session 2 (Joint)</p> <p>14:00-15:00: Session 3 (Joint)</p> <p>15:00-16:00: Session 4 (Joint)</p> <p>16:00-17:00: Session 5 (Joint)</p> <p>17:00-18:00: Session 6 (Joint)</p> <p>18:00-19:00: Session 7 (Joint)</p> <p>19:00-20:00: Session 8 (Joint)</p> <p>20:00-21:00: Session 9 (Joint)</p> <p>21:00-22:00: Session 10 (Joint)</p> <p>22:00-23:00: Session 11 (Joint)</p> <p>23:00-24:00: Session 12 (Joint)</p>	<p>Session of the COPs</p> <p>10:00-11:00: Session 13 (Joint)</p> <p>11:00-12:00: Session 14 (Joint)</p> <p>12:00-13:00: Lunch</p> <p>13:00-14:00: Session 15 (Joint)</p> <p>14:00-15:00: Session 16 (Joint)</p> <p>15:00-16:00: Session 17 (Joint)</p> <p>16:00-17:00: Session 18 (Joint)</p> <p>17:00-18:00: Session 19 (Joint)</p> <p>18:00-19:00: Session 20 (Joint)</p> <p>19:00-20:00: Session 21 (Joint)</p> <p>20:00-21:00: Session 22 (Joint)</p> <p>21:00-22:00: Session 23 (Joint)</p> <p>22:00-23:00: Session 24 (Joint)</p> <p>23:00-24:00: Session 25 (Joint)</p>	<p>Session of the COPs</p> <p>10:00-11:00: Session 26 (Joint)</p> <p>11:00-12:00: Session 27 (Joint)</p> <p>12:00-13:00: Lunch</p> <p>13:00-14:00: Session 28 (Joint)</p> <p>14:00-15:00: Session 29 (Joint)</p> <p>15:00-16:00: Session 30 (Joint)</p> <p>16:00-17:00: Session 31 (Joint)</p> <p>17:00-18:00: Session 32 (Joint)</p> <p>18:00-19:00: Session 33 (Joint)</p> <p>19:00-20:00: Session 34 (Joint)</p> <p>20:00-21:00: Session 35 (Joint)</p> <p>21:00-22:00: Session 36 (Joint)</p> <p>22:00-23:00: Session 37 (Joint)</p> <p>23:00-24:00: Session 38 (Joint)</p>
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Meeting documents

- Provisional agendas of the meetings: End of November, together with the invitation letters
- Budget documents: to be posted by 29 January 2019 (90 days before the COPs)
- Other meeting documents, including joint documents: to be posted by 29 February 2019 (6-8 weeks before the COPs)
- Documents and additional information on the meetings available on meetings website: <http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/>

Regional preparatory meetings

Meetings/ regions	Dates	Locations
Asia-Pacific region	4-6 March 2019	China (city tbc)
Africa region	18-20 March 2019	Nairobi, Kenya
CEE region	26-28 March 2019	Brno, Czechia
GRULAC region	27-29 March 2019	Montevideo, Uruguay

Back-to-back information sessions on issues pertaining to the Minamata Convention and SAICM (for Africa/Asia-Pacific) and gender training



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