

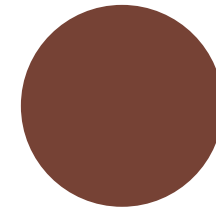


Preparations for the 2019 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Highlights

- 29 April -10 May 2019, CICG, Geneva
- Theme of the meetings: *“Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste”*
- No high-level segment
- Expect about 1,500 participants from up to 187 Parties
- Exhibitions, information fair and side events: registration deadline 28 February 2019
- Paperless and plastic reduced meeting
- Meeting website (incl. information for participants): <http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs>



Meeting documents

- Provisional agendas and tentative schedule of the meetings: Posted end of November, together with send-out of invitation letters
- Budget documents: posted on 29 January 2019 (90 days before the COPs)
- Other meeting documents, including joint documents: to be posted by 28 February 2019 (6-8 weeks before the COPs)
- Documents and additional information on the meetings available on meetings website: <http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/>

Financial support and credentials

- **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 (deadline: 23 January 2019; 15 February 2019 for third delegate)
- Financial support pledged by: Germany, Norway and Switzerland
- Original and copies of **credentials** in good order will be accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible
 - 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, 30 April 2019)
 - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
 - Credentials for all 3 meetings can be in one document

Regional preparatory meetings



Meetings/ regions	Dates	Locations
Asia-Pacific region	4-6 March 2019	Suzhou, China
Africa region	18-20 March 2019	Nairobi, Kenya
CEE region	26-28 March 2019	Brno, Czech Republic
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

Thanks to financial support provided by Norway and Switzerland for the regional meetings and Sweden for the gender training.





Main issues on the agendas

Basel Convention COP-14 main issues

Strategic matters

- Strategic framework
- Ban Amendment
- Developing ESM guidelines

Scientific and technical matters

- Technical guidelines
- National reporting
- Electronic approaches to notification and movement documents
- Waste containing nanomaterials
- Marine plastic litter and microplastics
- Amendments to annexes

Legal, governance and enforcement matters

- Implementation and Compliance Committee
- Providing further legal clarity

International cooperation and coordination

- Basel Convention Partnership Programme
- Cooperation with WCO
- OEWG work programme 2020-21



Rotterdam Convention COP-9 main issues

Compliance

- Draft text of procedures and institutional mechanisms on compliance
- Proposal to add a new annex VII to the Convention

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

- Recommendations from intersessional working group to be considered at COP-9
- Consideration of proposals from African countries from COP-8 to amend Articles 16 and 22

Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention

- «New» chemicals: acetochlor, hexabromocyclododecane, phorate
- «Old» chemicals: carbosulfan, chrysotile asbestos, fenthion formulations, paraquat formulations

Status of implementation of the Rotterdam Convention

- General issues related to the implementation of the Convention
- Proposals to increase the number of notifications of final regulatory action
- Exchanging information on exports and export notifications



Stockholm Convention COP-9 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C

- Recommendation to list:
 - Dicofol in Annex A without specific exemptions
 - PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex A with specific exemptions
- Proposals to amend Article 8 and Annex D of the Convention submitted by the Russian Federation

Reduce or eliminate release from intentional production and use

- DDT (evaluate the continued need)
- PCBs (review progress on elimination)
- PFOS, its salts and PFOS (POPRC recommendation to amend Annex B)

Compliance

For possible adoption based on the draft texts in the annex to decision SC-7/26

National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

- Electronic template for reporting information in NIPs; revised guidance on developing and updating NIPs

Effectiveness evaluation (EE) and Global monitoring plan (GMP)

- Consider adoption of a revised framework for EE
- Consider the draft updated GMP guidance

Other main issues on SC COP-9 agenda

- Reporting, toolkit and BAT & BEP, exemptions, measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes



Joint issues

Technical assistance – financial resources

- Technical assistance
- BC and SC regional centres
- Financial resources:
 - Implementation of integrated approach
 - SC financial mechanism

Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

- International cooperation and coordination
- Clearing house mechanism for information exchange
- Mainstreaming gender
- Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes
- From science to action

Budget and programmes of work

- 2 scenarios:
 - Zero nominal growth scenario
 - Executive Secretaries' scenario, 5% growth (2.5% annually)

Memorandums of Understanding between UNEP and the COPs (and FAO in the case of RC)

- Three convention-specific MoUs in front of the COPs for possible adoption
- Developed by the Secretariat in consultation with UNEP (and FAO for RC)



30th Anniversary of the Basel Convention

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Basel Convention

- Date/time: Friday 22 March 2019, 14:30 – 16:00
- Location: Palais des Nations (Room TBC)
- Invitations to be dispatched to Permanent Missions shortly

Hosted by Government of Switzerland and BRS



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