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

- **Objective:** 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 technical guidelines on ULAB
- Recommended to COP to adopt 5 products that were finalized at the meeting
- Recommended to COP-15 to use as a basis for its work products that were revised at the meeting
- Discussions on potential actions to be taken on plastic waste and on the possible development of a future strategic framework
- Invited comments on a number of products
Regional preparatory meetings

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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](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
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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

• 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

Subject to change as per local COVID-19 requirements
# Election of officers

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For more information see:
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:
  o A member of the BC COP Bureau or its subsidiary bodies,
  o A member of the RC or SC COP Bureau or a member of its subsidiary bodies,
  o 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
  o 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
  o During lunch break and in the evening throughout 2 weeks
  o For more information, see: http://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9122/Default.aspx

• Plastics Forum
  o Promote solutions to plastics
  o 8 to 10 June 2022
  o Expressions of interest by 30 April 2022 (madhushree.sivaraja@un.org)
Preparatory webinars

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For registration, please consult:
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
Thank you