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C O N V E N T I O N S

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

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# 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](http://www.brsmeas.org/2021-2022COPs)
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# 12<sup>th</sup> 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

	Dates	Locations
Asia-Pacific region	27-29 March 2022	Bali, Indonesia
Africa region	7-9 April 2022	Nairobi, Kenya
GRULAC region	3-5 May 2022	Montevideo, Uruguay
EE region	9-11 May 2022	Prague, Czech Republic



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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>
- 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)



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# 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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# Tentative schedule (week 1)

	Mon, 6 June	Tue, 7 June	Wed, 8 June	Thu, 9 June	Fri, 10 June	Sat, 11 June	
10 AM - 1 PM	<b>Joint</b> Opening (cont.) Organizational matters (cont.) POPs wastes	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				<b>BC</b> <b>ICC</b> Amendment proposal by Russian Federation	No formal meetings
		<b>Joint</b> Technical assistance Financial resources PoW and budget MoUs	<b>Joint</b> International cooperation Synergies Next COPs Other matters	<b>SC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i> Rules of procedure Other matters			
3-6 PM	<b>BC</b> Technical guidelines Further legal clarity	<b>SC</b> Compliance Effectiveness evaluation Exemptions BDEs DDT	<b>SC</b> PCBs U-POPs NIPs Reporting	<b>SC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i>	<b>SC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i> SC report	No formal meetings	
	<b>SC</b> Listing of chemicals				<b>Report of joint sessions and credentials</b>		

# Tentative schedule (week 2)

	Sun, 12 June	Mon, 13 June	Tue, 14 June	Wed, 15 June	Thu, 16 June	Fri, 17 June
		<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
<i>AM</i>	<b>BC</b> National legislation Strategic framework Ban Amendment ESM guidelines Partnerships	<b>BC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i> OEWG Other matters	<b>BC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i>	<b>RC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i>	<b>RC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i>	<b>RC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i> RC report
<i>PM</i>	<b>BC</b> Classification Reporting Electronic approaches Plastic waste Nanomaterials	<b>RC</b> Compliance Listing of chemicals	<b>RC</b> Enhancing the effectiveness Status of implementation Rules of procedure Other matters	<b>BC</b> <i>Draft decisions</i> BC report	<b>Joint</b> <i>Draft decisions</i> Credentials	<i>BC budget</i>
						<i>RC budget</i>
						<i>SC budget</i>
						<b>Closure</b>



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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]
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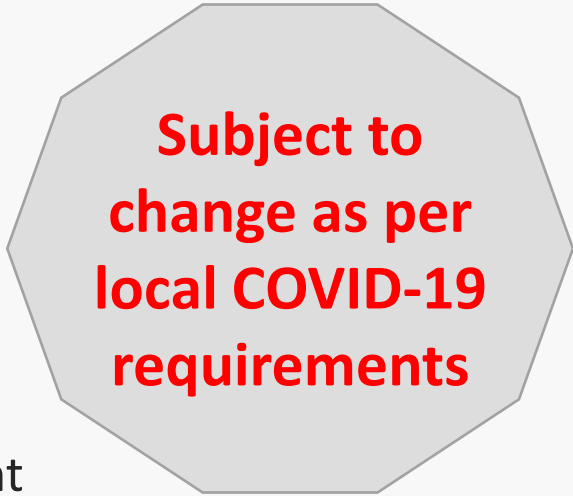
# Effective participation by delegates

- 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)
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# 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

Basel Convention					Rotterdam Convention		Stockholm Convention	
	COP Bureau	OEWG Bureau	ICC	ENFORCE	COP Bureau	CRC	COP Bureau	POPRC
<b>Africa</b>	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members
<b>Asia - Pacific</b>	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members
<b>EE</b>	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	2 members	2 officers	2 members
<b>GRULAC</b>	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	3 members	2 officers	3 members
<b>WEOG</b>	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	1 member (1 Party)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members

For more information see:

<http://www.brsmeas.org/20212022COPs/ElectionsofOfficers/tabid/8687/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

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# 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:
    - A member of the BC COP Bureau or its subsidiary bodies,
    - A member of the RC or SC COP Bureau or a member of its subsidiary bodies,
    - 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
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# Side events, exhibitions and other events

- Side events
    - 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
    - During lunch break and in the evening throughout 2 weeks
    - For more information, see: <http://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9122/Default.aspx>
  - Plastics Forum
    - Promote solutions to plastics
    - 8 to 10 June 2022
    - Expressions of interest by 30 April 2022 ([madhushree.sivaraja@un.org](mailto:madhushree.sivaraja@un.org))
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# Preparatory webinars

<b>Date and time (UTC+2)</b>	<b>Language</b>
Tuesday, 17 May 2022, 10:00-11:00	English
Monday, 23 May 2022, 16:00-17:00	Spanish
Tuesday, 24 May 2022, 16:00-17:00	English
Wednesday, 25 May 2022, 10:00-11:00	French

For registration, please consult:

<http://www.brsmeas.org/20212022COPs/Briefings/tabid/8879/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

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## **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



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