



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

- BC COP-14, RC COP-9 and SC COP-9 back-to-back from 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 (2-4 May) and side events
- Paperless and plastic reduced meeting
- Meeting website (incl. information for participants):
<http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs>
- Documents:
<http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/MeetingDocuments/tabid/7832>



Financial support and registration

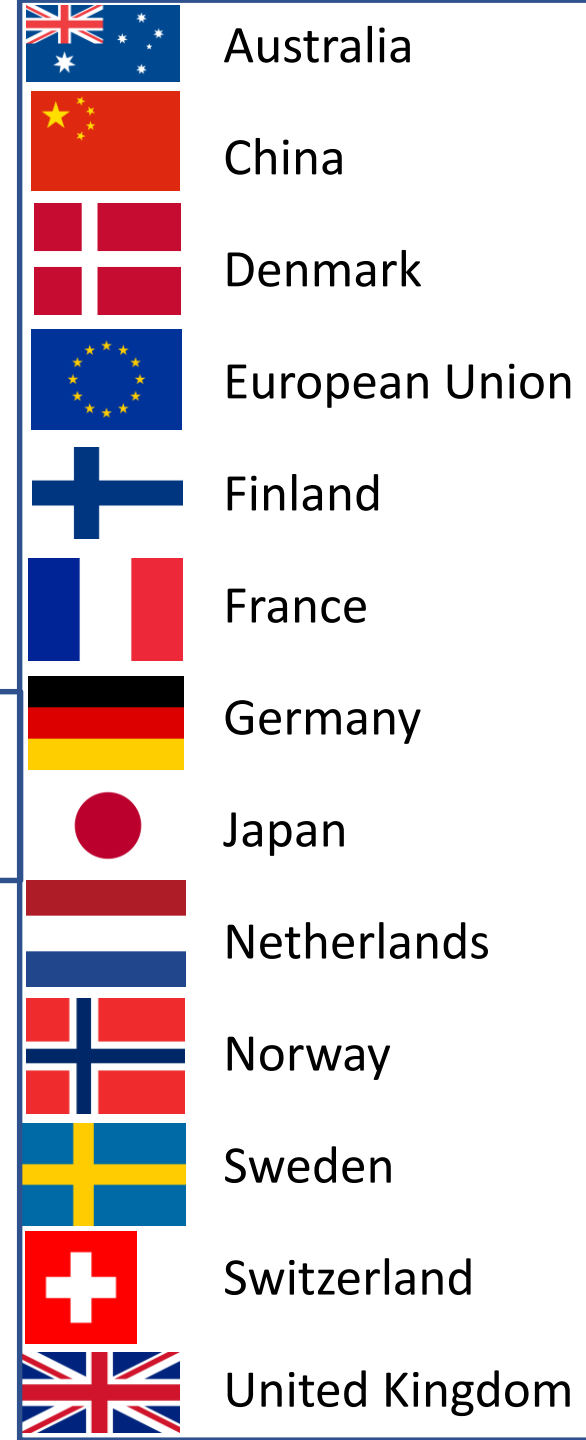
- **Financial assistance:**

- 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
- Thanks to financial support from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway and Switzerland

- **On-site registration:**

- 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday, 28 April 2019
- 8 am to 5 pm on Monday, 29 April 2019
- 9 am to 5 pm during other days
- Need to register to be included in the list of participants

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Credentials

- Bureaux: **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
- Hand over original credentials at the meeting venue

Organization of work

- **Similar approach to 2017:**
 - Pre-meetings (e.g. bureaux, regions) on the day before the meetings
 - Joint sessions on joint issues on first day and a half
 - Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC
 - Conclude with joint and separate sessions, as necessary
- Tentative schedule and list of possible contact groups agreed to by bureaux at their joint meeting
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
- Keep in mind that order and timing of sessions might change

Regional meetings during the COPs

- Sunday 28 April 2019, 3-6 pm
- Every morning 9-10 am, and as needed

Region	Conference room
Africa	3
Asia-Pacific	4
CEE	7+8
GRULAC	18
JUSCANNZ	15
EU	5+6



Tentative schedule (week 1)

	Mon, 29 April	Tue, 30 April	Wed, 1 May	Thu, 2 May	Fri, 3 May	Sat, 4 May
10 AM - 1 PM	BC Opening, agenda	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
	RC Opening, agenda	<u>Joint session:</u> POPs wastes Synergies MoUs Next COPs Other matters	SC DDT PCBs	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Effectiveness evaluation Evaluation procedure para 2(b) Article 3	BC Techn. GL Strategic framework Ban Amendment ESM Cartagena Compliance	BC Legal clarity Marine plastic Electronic notifications Waste nanomaterials BC Partnership Programme
	SC Opening, agenda					
	<u>Joint session:</u> Organizational matters Technical assistance Financial resources					
3-6 PM	<u>Joint session:</u> Compliance Programme of work and budget	SC RoP Compliance Exemptions PFOS	SC NIPs Reporting	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> SC report	BC Classification Reporting Legislation / notifications
	SC Listing of chemicals				Report of joint sessions	



Tentative schedule (week 2)

	Sun, 5 May	Mon, 6 May	Tue, 7 May	Wed, 8 May	Thu, 9 May	Fri, 10 May
<i>AM</i>	No meetings	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
		BC <i>Draft decisions</i> OEWG Other matters	RC Compliance Enhancing effectiveness Listing of chemicals	RC Listing of chemicals RoP Status of implementation	RC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> RC report
<i>PM</i>	No meetings	BC <i>Draft decisions</i>	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> BC report	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	<u>Joint session:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i>	<i>BC budget</i>
						<i>RC budget</i>
						<i>SC budget</i>
						Closure



Potential contact and other groups

- **Joint:**

- Group on programmes of work and budgets
- Group on joint issues
- Group on technical assistance/financial resources and mechanisms

- **SC:**

- Group on listing of chemicals
- Group on compliance

- **BC:**

- Group on technical matters
- Group on strategic matters
- Group on compliance and legal matters
- Group on marine plastic litter and microplastics

- **RC:**

- Group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
- Group on the listing of chemicals
- Group on compliance

Election of officers

Basel Convention					Rotterdam Convention		Stockholm Convention		
	COP Bureau	OEWG Bureau	ICC	ENFORCE	COP Bureau	CRC	COP Bureau	POPRC	DDT Expert Group
Africa	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members	2 Parties
Asia - Pacific	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members	2 Parties
CEE	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	1 member	2 officers	1 member	2 Parties
GRULAC	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	2 member	2 officers	2 member	2 Parties
WEOG	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	1 member (1 Party)	1 officer	3 member	2 officers	1 member	2 Parties

For more information see:

<http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/Electionsoficers/tabid/7632/language/en-US/Default.aspx>



Election of officers: rules and requirements

- 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 Bureau of the COP or its subsidiary bodies. Rule does not apply to LDCs, SIDS or Parties that have agreed on and are respecting a schedule of payments
- When putting forward nominations of member and experts, **Parties should take into account** the following for each candidate:
 - Required time and travel needs
 - Qualifications (where relevant)
 - Submission of documentation in support of candidatures (CV and signed declaration of interest form for CRC and POPRC)
- **Replacement of CRC and POPRC members** shall be done in accordance with such procedure as the region concerned may determine
- Discussion of nominations in advance of COPs and gender balance are encouraged

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 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
- 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

- Definitions of the term “pesticides”
- General issues of implementation
- Composition of the PIC regions

Stockholm Convention COP-9 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C

- 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

- Draft text of procedures and mechanisms on compliance

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 BRS conventions

- International cooperation and coordination
- Clearing house mechanism for information exchange
- Mainstreaming gender
- Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade
- 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)

Information on hosting meetings of the COPs outside the seats of the Secretariat (see BC/INF/57–RC/INF/46–SC/INF/60)

- INF document invited offers from Parties to host 2021 COPs by 29 March 2019
- Offer from Government of Kenya was received to host the 2021 COPs at UNEP Headquarters in Kenya, Nairobi (→ Addendum)
- If accepted by the COPs – hosting would be subject to the conclusion of a host country agreement between the host Government and the Secretariat

Meetings website:

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