



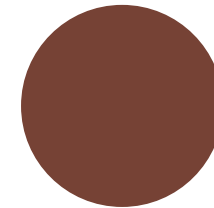
Outcomes of the 2019 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Highlights

- BC COP-14, RC COP-9 and SC COP-9, were held back-to-back from 29 April-10 May 2019, CIGG, Geneva
- Approximately 1,400 delegates from around 180 countries
- The COPs adopted 29 BC decisions, 17 RC decisions and 27 SC decisions
- Meeting website <http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs>
- Follow-up letters sent out in June





Main outcomes

Basel Convention COP-14

Scientific and technical matters

- *Adopted* 5 technical guidelines on POPs waste
- *Adopted*, on an interim basis, revised technical guidelines on transboundary movements of e-waste
- *Adopted* amendments to annexes II, VIII and IX: new entries related to plastic waste
- *Decided* to update the technical guidelines for the identification and ESM of plastic waste
- *Decided* to establish a Basel Convention Partnership on Plastic Waste

Strategic matters

- *Adopted* ESM guidelines

Legal, governance and enforcement matters

- *Adopted* the guide for the development of national legal frameworks to implement the Basel Convention
- *Decided* to establish a working group of the follow-up partnership to PACE

Elections

- *Elected* 10 ICC members
- *Elected* 5 ENFORCE members



Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments

- Enhance the **control of the transboundary movements of plastic waste** and clarify the scope of the Convention as it applies to such waste
- Parties obliged to **control export and import** and ensure the **minimization** of the generation of plastic waste as well as its **environmentally sound management**
 - **Annex VIII:** New entry A3210 clarifies the scope of **plastic wastes presumed to be hazardous** and therefore **subject to the PIC procedure**
 - **Annex IX:** New entry B3011 lists a group of cured resins, non-halogenated and fluorinated polymers, as well as mixtures of plastic wastes consisting of polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) or polyethylene terephthalate (PET) which remain **excluded from the PIC procedure**, provided that they are **destined for recycling** in an environmentally sound manner and are almost free from contaminants and other types of wastes
 - **Annex II:** New entry Y48 covers plastic waste, including mixtures of such wastes unless these are hazardous (as they would fall under A3210) or presumed to not be hazardous (as they would fall under B3011), **subject to PIC procedure**
- The new entries become effective as of 1 January 2021



Call for nominations

GROUP	NOMINATION	DEADLINE
SIWG on the strategic framework	CEE region to nominate a second member through COP Bureau	31 July 2019
SIWG to update the general technical guidelines on POPs waste and specific technical guidelines on PFOS, its salts and PFOSF, and on POPs pesticides	Lead Parties and relevant organizations, indicate interest to Secretariat	31 August 2019
SIWG to update the technical guidelines on incineration on land	Inform the Secretariat of nominations of experts	31 August 2019
SIWG to update the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds	Express interest in serving as a lead country or nominate experts	31 August 2019
Consultative workshops on electronic exchange of information relating to the notification and movement of hazardous and other wastes	Inform the Secretariat of experts	30 September 2019



Call for nominations (cont.)

GROUP	NOMINATION	DEADLINE
SIWG on updating of the Technical Guidelines for the Identification and Environmentally Sound Management of Plastic Waste and for Their Disposal	Express interest in serving as a lead country or nominate experts	31 August 2019
Expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX	Nominate experts through COP Bureau	31 July 2019
Working group on the follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment	Indicate interest in participating to the Secretariat	30 September 2019



Call for information

DOCUMENT	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Electronic systems for exchanging information on or controlling the movements of goods and wastes	Information on experiences in developing and implementing electronic systems	30 September 2019
Recommendations for revisions to Annex IV prepared by the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX	Comments	15 July 2019
Terms of reference and the programme of work of the follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment	Comments	30 September 2019



Rotterdam Convention COP-9 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention

- Listed the following chemicals:
 - hexabromocyclododecane (industrial)
 - phorate (pesticide)
- Amendments will enter into force for all Parties on 16 September 2019
- Deferred decision on listing of acetochlor (pesticide) to COP-10

Elections

- *Appointed* 14 CRC members (2020-2024)
- *Elected* Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa) as CRC Chair

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

- *Welcomed* the report of the working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention
- *Invited* Parties to further analyze and develop proposals to enhance the effectiveness of the convention, in particular to improve the listing process



Procedures and mechanisms on compliance with the Rotterdam Convention

- *Adopted* Annex VII: Procedures and mechanisms on compliance with the Rotterdam Convention
 - Establishing a Compliance Committee: 15 members of the Compliance Committee to be elected at the first COP meeting after the entry into force of the annex
- Entry into force:
 - The Depository will send communication of the adoption of Annex VII to the Parties
 - Any Party unable to accept the Annex shall notify the Depository, in writing, within one year from the date of communication of the adoption of the Annex by the Depository
 - The Annex will enter into force, on the expiry of one year from the date of communication by the Depository of the adoption of the Annex, for all Parties except those that have sent a notification to the Depository

Call for information

TOPIC	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
National definition for the term “pesticide”	National definitions	No specific deadline
(i) scientific and technical information relevant to risk evaluation and decision-making on hazardous chemicals and pesticides; and (ii) texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by Parties to implement and enforce the Convention	Information that may assist other Parties to prepare and notify final regulatory actions	No specific deadline
Implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 11 and Articles 12 and 14 of the Convention	Responses to the periodic questionnaire (to be made available)	TBD
International trade in chemicals listed or recommended for listing in Annex III to the Convention; measurable impact of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Convention	Data and information on international trade and measurable impacts of listing chemicals in Annex III	No specific deadline
Newly listed chemicals (hexabromocyclododecane, phorate)	Submit import responses using import responses form (after 16 September 2019)	16 June 2020

Stockholm Convention COP-9

Listing of chemicals in Annex A to the Convention

- Listed the following chemicals:
 - Dicofol (pesticide), without specific exemptions
 - PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds (industrial), with specific exemptions

Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use

- *Decided* to amend the acceptable purposes and specific exemptions for PFOS, its salts and PFOS in Annex B

Elections

- *Appointed* 14 POPRC members (2020-2024)
- *Requested* POPRC-15 to identify an interim Chair to preside over POPRC-16

Stockholm Convention regional centres

- *Endorsed* another 4 years for all SC regional centres, and endorsed the Novosibirsk Institute of Organic Chemistry located in Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, as a SC regional centre

Financial mechanism

- Adoption of ToRs for the 5th review of the financial mechanism and the ToRs for the assessment of the funding needs for the implementation of the Convention over the period 2022-2026

Compliance

- Decision on compliance deferred to COP-10

Call for information and nominations

TOPIC	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Safe transfer to reliance on alternatives to decaBDE and SCCP, and towards eliminating BDEs in articles	Information on progress	December 2019
Electronic template for the reporting of quantitative information in the NIPs	Comments	No specific deadline
Revised guidance on developing and updating NIPs	Comments	31 August 2020
Assessment of the funding needed by developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for the implementation of the Convention over the period 2022-2026	Relevant information	31 August 2020
Article 15	Submit national reporting	31 August 2022

GROUP	NOMINATION	DEADLINE
DDT expert group	Parties identified by COP-9 to nominate members whose terms of office will commence on 1 September 2019	30 June 2019
SIWG on PCBs	Express interest in serving as a lead country or nominate experts	30 April 2020
Joint Toolkit and BAT/BEP experts roster	Nominate experts the experts roster	No specific deadline

Joint issues

International cooperation and coordination

- *Called* on all Parties and other stakeholders to intensify and prioritize efforts on the sound management of chemicals and waste towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- *Invited* the participating organizations of the IOMC to consider inviting the BRS conventions to become members, and requested the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps for membership and participation
- *Requested* the Secretariat to continue to enhance cooperation and coordination with the SAICM secretariat and the Minamata Convention Secretariat

Cooperation between the BRS Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Requested the UNEP Executive Director to:

- maximize the effective and efficient use of resources of the BRS conventions, including through the sharing of relevant secretariat services with the Minamata Convention
- submit an operative proposal, prepared with the Executive Secretary of the BRS conventions and with the support of the Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention, on a stable framework for sharing of relevant services for consideration by the COPs at their next meeting

Joint issues (cont.)

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)

- *Adopted* the MoUs between UNEP and the COPs (and FAO in the case of RC)

Dates and venue of the next meetings of the COPs

- *Accepted* with thanks the offer by the Government of Kenya to host the 2021 BRS COPs at headquarters in Nairobi from 17 to 28 May 2021, subject to the conclusion of a host country agreement
- *Decided* that the meetings will include a high-level segment

Synergies in combating illegal traffic and trade

Encouraged Parties to establish national coordinating mechanisms to facilitate information exchange among relevant authorities

Other decisions include:

- Technical assistance
- Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange
- Gender mainstreaming
- From science to action
- Programmes of work and budgets

Call for information

TOPIC	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Technical assistance and technology	Information on need for/availability of	31 March 2020
Cases of illegal traffic and trade in the chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Information where the provision of such information is appropriate under existing reporting procedures	No specific deadline
Road map: from science to action	Information on action to promote the roadmap	30 November 2020
Dates and venue of the next meetings of the COPs	Offers to host the 2023 BRS COPs	If possible by 31 March 2021

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Thank you.