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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade**



**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**Conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions  
Second simultaneous extraordinary meetings  
Geneva, 28 April–10 May 2013  
Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda\*\***

**Organizational matters: organization of work**

**Tentative schedule of work for the ordinary and simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**

**Note by the Secretariat**

The annexes to the present note contain a tentative schedule of work for the ordinary and simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (annex I) and information on possible contact groups (annex II). The tentative schedule, which was agreed upon by the bureaux of the conferences of the parties to the three conventions, is provisional and could change before or during the two weeks of the meetings.<sup>1</sup> The annexes to the present note have not been formally edited.

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\*\* UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/EXCOPS.2/1.

<sup>1</sup> Participants may wish to take into account that each of the ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the conferences of the parties may last longer or begin earlier, subject to the decisions taken by the bureaux, which will meet jointly each morning from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. to agree on the order of business for the day, unless otherwise decided. Delegates are therefore advised to allow for a certain level of flexibility when making travel arrangements.

## **Annex I**

### **Tentative schedule of work of the ordinary and simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties from 28 April to 10 May 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland<sup>1</sup>**

**Plenary sessions from 28 April to 10 May 2013**

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<sup>1</sup> Items listed in the schedule are from the provisional agendas of the meetings (UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/EXCOPS.2/1; UNEP/CHW.11/1; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/1; UNEP/POPS/COP.6/1)

	Sun, 28 April	Mon, 29 April	Tue, 30 April	Wed, 1 May	Thu, 2 May	Fri, 3 May	Sat, 4 May
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<b>BC Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b>	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>
	<b>RC Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b>						
	<b>SC Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b>	Simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the COPs on reporting and on waste issues related to persistent organic pollutants <b>SC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (h) Reporting <b>BC Item 4: (cont.)</b> (b) Scientific and technical matters: (iv) National reporting <b>BC Item 4: (cont.)</b> (b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (only on POPs) <b>SC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes	<b>SC Item 3: Organizational matters</b> (a) Election of officers (b) Organization of work (c) Credentials <b>Item 4: Rules of procedure</b> <b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</b> <b>Item 5: (cont.)</b> (e) Listing of chemicals (d) Implementation plans	<b>SC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use (iii) Evaluation of procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3	<b>SC</b> <i>Consideration of outcomes of SC contact groups and draft decisions.</i>  <b>Item 8: Other matters</b>	<b>BC Item 3: Organizational matters</b> (a) Election of officers (b) Organization of work (c) Credentials <b>Item 5: Programme of work and budget</b> <b>Item 4: (cont.)</b> (b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (excluding persistent organic pollutants) (ii) Amendments to the annexes to the Basel Convention (iii) Classification and hazard characterization of wastes	<b>BC Item 4: (cont.)</b> (e) International cooperation, coordination and partnerships: (i) Basel Convention Partnership Programme (ii) Environmentally sound dismantling of ships (iii) Cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (iv) Other international cooperation and coordination
	ExCOPs <b>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b> <b>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</b> <b>Item 3: Organizational matters</b> (a) Organization of work (b) Credentials <b>Item 4: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions:</b> (a) Review of arrangements (b) Proposal for the organization of the secretariats (c) Joint activities (d) Budget for joint activities (e) UNEP Consultative Process						
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	<b>BC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</b>	Simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the COPs on compliance and legal issues <b>BC Item 4: (cont.)</b> (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (i) Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention <b>SC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (j) Non-compliance <b>RC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (d) Non-Compliance	<b>SC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use (ii) Exemptions (v) Brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (vi) Endosulfan (i) Effectiveness evaluation	<b>SC</b> <i>Consideration of outcomes of SC contact groups and draft decisions.</i>  <b>Item 5: (cont.)</b> (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use (i) DDT (iv) Polychlorinated biphenyls	<b>SC</b> <i>Consideration of outcomes of SC contact groups and draft decisions.</i>  <b>Item 7: Venue and date of COP-7</b> <b>Item 9: Adoption of the report</b>	<b>BC Item 4: (cont.)</b> (a) Strategic issues: (i) Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention (ii) Strategic framework (g) Operations and work programme of the OEWG for 2014–2015	<b>BC</b> <i>Consideration of outcomes of BC contact groups and draft decisions.</i>  <b>Item 4: (cont.)</b> (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (ii) National legislation, notification, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic (d) Technical assistance: (iii) Implementation of decision V/32 on the enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund
	<b>SC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</b>						
	Simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the COPs on technical assistance and financial resources <sup>2</sup> <b>SC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention</b> (f) Technical assistance <b>BC Item 4: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention</b> (d) Technical assistance <b>RC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention</b> (f) Technical assistance <b>SC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (g) Financial resources <b>BC Item 4: (cont.)</b> (f) Resource mobilization and financial resources <b>RC Item 5: (cont.)</b> (e) Financial resources				<b>Adoption of the report of the simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the COPs<sup>3</sup></b>		

<sup>2</sup> Agenda items considered during the simultaneous sessions of the ordinary COPs would involve initial discussions and possible establishment of contact groups where appropriate. Any further discussion or decisions on these issues would take place later in the two-week period during the sessions of the individual ordinary COP meeting to which they belong.

<sup>3</sup> Simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the COPs will meet to adopt the report covering the sessions of the simultaneous ordinary meetings on the afternoon on 28 April and the sessions on 29 April. The timing of the adoption of the report of these sessions may change if the bureaux of the three conferences of the parties so decide.

	Sun, 5 May	Mon, 6 May	Tue, 7 May	Wed, 8 May	Thu, 9 May	Fri, 10 May
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	No formal meetings	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups
		<b>BC</b> Consideration of outcomes of BC contact groups and draft decisions.  <b>Item 7: Other matters</b>	<b>RC</b> <b>Item 3: Organizational matters</b> (a) Election of officers (b) Organization of work (c) Credentials  <b>Item 4: Rules of procedure</b> <b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</b> <b>Item 5: (cont.)</b> (c) Chemicals for inclusion in Annex III	<b>RC</b> Consideration of outcomes of RC contact groups and draft decisions.  <b>Item 5: (cont.)</b> (a) Status of implementation (b) Chemical Review Committee	<b>RC</b> Consideration of outcomes of RC contact groups and draft decisions.  <b>Item 8: Other matters</b>	<b>High-level segment</b>  <b>ExCOPs</b> Consideration of outcomes of ExCOPs contact groups and draft decisions  <b>Item 5: Adoption of the report</b>
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	No formal meetings	<b>BC</b> Consideration of outcomes of BC contact groups and draft decisions.  <b>Item 6: Venue and date of COP-12</b> <b>Item 8: Adoption of the report</b>	<b>RC</b> <b>Item 5: (cont.)</b> (c) Chemicals for inclusion in Annex III	<b>RC</b> Consideration of outcomes of RC contact groups and draft decisions.  <b>Item 5: (cont.)</b> (g) Trade.	<b>Opening of the high-level segment<sup>4</sup></b>  <b>RC</b> Consideration of outcomes of RC contact groups and draft decisions.  <b>Item 7: Venue and date of COP-7</b> <b>Item 9: Adoption of the report</b>	<b>Ministerial round tables</b>  <b>BC</b> <b>Item 9: Closure of the meeting</b> <b>RC</b> <b>Item 10: Closure of the meeting</b> <b>SC</b> <b>Item 10: Closure of the meeting</b> <b>ExCOPs</b> <b>Item 6: Closure of meetings</b>

Basel Convention Conference of the Parties (BC COP)	
Rotterdam Convention Conference of the Parties (RC COP)	
Stockholm Convention Conference of the Parties (SC COP)	
Simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties (ExCOPs)	
Simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties	
Report of synergies and convention-specific contact groups	
High-level segment	

<sup>4</sup> A ministerial dinner is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, 9 May.

## Annex II

### Possible contact groups at the COPs/ExCOPs meetings:

1. The following contact groups may be established during the two-week meeting, with the understanding that they do not have to work simultaneously and that some of them may not be necessary or may be short-lived. The total number of contact groups meeting at any one time would need to be limited to ensure that there is adequate opportunity for the interests of all delegations to be factored into the discussions.

**(a) Simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties:**

- Joint contact group on synergies, including the budget

The joint contact group under the simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties could start on Sunday, 28 April and meet as needed throughout the two-week period. It would be encouraged to complete its work by close of business on Wednesday, 8 May and, if possible, not later than by close of business on Thursday, 9 May (if more than one contact group were to be established for budget and for synergies, only one group would meet at any given time).

**(b) Simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties**

- Joint contact group on technical assistance and financial resources
- Joint contact group(s) on compliance, to possibly include other legal matters

Joint contact groups established under the simultaneous sessions of the ordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties could start on Monday, 29 April and could meet as needed throughout the two-week period. The groups would be encouraged to address convention-specific issues during the timeframe of each ordinary COP and to complete their work according to the following schedule:

- Stockholm Convention-specific issues are to be completed, if possible, by close of business on Wednesday, 1 May and not later than by midday on Thursday, 2 May;
- Basel Convention-specific issues are to be completed, if possible, by close of business on Saturday, 4 May and not later than by midday on Monday, 6 May;
- Rotterdam Convention-specific issues are to be completed, if possible, by close of business on Wednesday, 8 May and not later than by midday on Thursday, 9 May.

Contact groups on the above issues could also be established during the individual COP meetings later in the two-week period.

**(c) Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention:**

- Contact group on listing of chemicals
- Friends of the President group on effectiveness evaluation

Contact groups under the separate ordinary meeting of the Stockholm Convention could start on Tuesday, 30 April and would be encouraged to complete their work by close of business on Wednesday, 1 May and, if possible, not later than by midday on Thursday, 2 May.

**(d) Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention:**

- Contact group on technical matters
- Contact group on strategic matters (CLI ESM framework and OEWG)

Contact groups under the separate ordinary meeting of the Basel Convention could start on Friday, 3 May and would be encouraged to complete their work, if possible, by close of business on Saturday, 4 May and not later than by midday on Monday, 6 May.

**(e) Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention:**

- Contact group on listing of chemicals

Contact groups under the separate ordinary meeting of the Rotterdam Convention could start on Tuesday, 7 May and would be encouraged to complete their work, if possible, by close of business on Wednesday, 8 May and not later than by midday on Thursday, 9 May.

### Pre-meetings on Saturday, 27 April:

2. Saturday before the opening of the meetings, pre-meetings will be scheduled. These include a joint meeting of the bureaux and regional group meetings.