

## Regional preparatory meetings for the online segment of the 2021 COPs

Similar to the meetings of the conferences of the Parties which are being held in two segments, in view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the bureaux agreed that the regional preparatory meetings would be held in two parts. The first part consisted in online 2-day meetings of 4-hours in duration each day, with interpretation provided in 3 regions, in May-June 2021 and focused on the agenda items proposed for consideration during the online segment of the COPs. The second part would comprise of face-to-face 3-day meetings to be held in 2022, in advance of the face-to-face segment of the COPs to include agenda items to be covered during that segment of the COPs.

The dates of the online regional preparatory meetings in 2021 are, as follows:

- [Africa: 5-6 May 2021;](#)
- [Asia-Pacific: 8-9 June 2021;](#)
- [Eastern Europe: 11-12 May 2021;](#)
- [Latin America and the Caribbean: 31 May-1 June 2021](#)

These preparatory meetings were organized in close cooperation with the bureaux members of the concerned regions.

More information about the meetings is available below.

# Online regional preparatory meeting for the 2021 online segment of the COPs for the African region




**Online (Geneva), 5-6 May 2021**

**Highlights:** The African online regional meeting in preparation for the online segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (COPs) to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions was held on 5 and 6 May 2021 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., Geneva time (UTC+2).

**Meeting Objectives:** The objective of the online regional preparatory meetings was to give Parties in the regions the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the items of the provisional agendas of the respective meetings of the COPs considered during their online segment (26-30 July 2021) and facilitate the preparation of regional positions. The African online regional meeting was organized in close cooperation with the members of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions from the African region.

**Working Language:** English and French.

## Meeting Documents

Title	English	French
Provisional programme		
Proceedings		

Participation in the meeting was open to representatives of observers, upon request and invitation by the region.

The online regional preparatory meetings were organized thanks to the generous financial support provided by the Governments of Norway and Switzerland.

# Online regional preparatory meeting for the 2021 online segment of the COPs for the Asia-Pacific region



**Online (Geneva), 8-9 June 2021**

**Highlights:** The Asia-Pacific online regional meeting in preparation for the online segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (COPs) to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions was held on 8 and 9 June 2021 from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., Geneva time (UTC+2).

**Meeting Objectives:** The objective of the online regional preparatory meetings was to give Parties in the regions the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the items of the provisional agendas of the respective meetings of the COPs considered during their online segment (26-30 July 2021) and facilitate the preparation of regional positions. The Asia-Pacific online regional meeting was organized in close cooperation with the members of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions from the Asia-Pacific region.

**Working Language:** English only.

## Meeting Documents

Title	English
Provisional programme	
Proceedings	

As per the decision of the region, the meeting was closed to observers, except for the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres from the region.

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# Online regional preparatory meeting for the 2021 online segment of the COPs for the Eastern Europe region



**Online (Geneva), 11-12 May 2021**

**Highlights:** The Eastern Europe online regional meeting in preparation for the online segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (COPs) to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions was held on 11 and 12 May 2021 from 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., Geneva time (UTC+2).

**Meeting Objectives:** The objective of the online regional preparatory meetings was to give Parties in the regions the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the items of the provisional agendas of the respective meetings of the COPs considered during their online segment (26-30 July 2021) and facilitate the preparation of regional positions. The Eastern Europe online regional meeting was organized in close cooperation with the members of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions from the Eastern Europe region.

**Working Language:** English and Russian.

## Meeting Documents:

Title	English
Provisional programme	
Proceedings	

As per the decision of the region, the meeting was closed to observers, except for the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres from the region.

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# Online regional preparatory meeting for the 2021 online segment of the COPs for the GRULAC region




**Online (Geneva), 31 May-1 June 2021**

**Highlights:** The GRULAC online regional meeting in preparation for the online segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (COPs) to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions was held on 31 May and 1 June 2021 from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., Geneva time (UTC+2).

**Meeting Objectives:** The objective of the online regional preparatory meetings was to give Parties in the regions the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the items of the provisional agendas of the respective meetings of the COPs to be considered during their online segment (26-30 July 2021) and facilitate the preparation of regional positions. The GRULAC online regional meeting was organized in close cooperation with the members of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions from the GRULAC region.

**Working Language:** English and Spanish.

## Meeting Documents

Title	English	Spanish
Provisional programme		
Proceedings		

As per the decision of the region, the meeting was closed to observers, except for the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres from the region.

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