

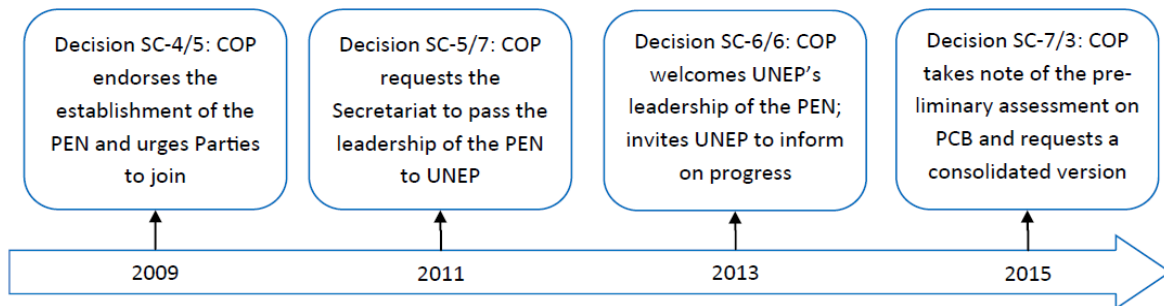
The PCB Elimination Network (PEN)

Work and objective of the PEN

The **Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network (PEN)** is a multi-stakeholder mechanism that **promotes and encourages the environmentally sound management (ESM) of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB)** with a view to attaining the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Stockholm Convention.

The global network operates to support the ESM of PCB in accordance to the **Basel Convention technical guidelines** and seeks to address the lack of global coordination and linkages at the regional level by **promoting exchange of information** and the **implementation of coordinated activities** between all sectors. The PEN **catalyses new activities**, including **targeted assistance and the development of guidance materials**, while avoiding duplication of efforts.

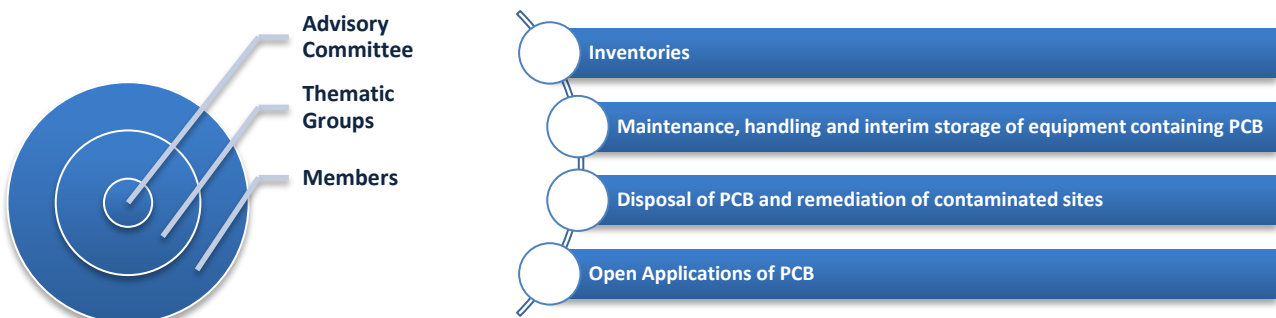
The status and work of the PEN are laid down in **important decisions** by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and the Governing Council (GC) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Some of the important decisions by the COP since the establishment of the PEN in 2009 are shown in the figure below.



In decision 27/12 on POPs the GC of UNEP **welcomed the work undertaken** to date, requested the Executive Director to **continue to provide coordination** of the PEN and to **inform the COP to the Stockholm Convention on the progress** made in the work of the PEN.

Structure of the PEN: Members, Thematic Groups and the Advisory Committee

The bodies of the PEN include the **members, four thematic groups and the Advisory Committee**. PEN membership is open to governments, intergovernmental organizations, donors, PCB holders, non-governmental organizations, industry, experts/academia and business sectors. It has been steadily increasing, from 417 members in 2011, to 423 in early 2013 and **435 members** in June 2016. The membership includes large private sector participation. The structure of the PEN and the four thematic groups are shown below.



The Advisory Committee is composed of **ten members** nominated through the Bureau of the Stockholm Convention (two per UN region) and **six other stakeholders**. Membership for government representatives is on rotational basis; the present incumbents are shown in the table below.

Party-nominated Members			Other Stakeholders
Region	Country	Name	
Africa	Nigeria	Stella Uchenna Mojekwu	NGO: Jindrich Petrlik - International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN)
	Rwanda	Aloys Kamatari	Technical Professional: Urs Wagner - Environmental Technology Limited (ETI)
Asia and Pacific	China	Jinhui Li	Industry: Hugues Levasseur - Trédi/Séché Environnement
	Iran	Sanaz Jafarzadeh	Holder of PCB: Claudia Cabal - Administración Nacional de Usinas y Transmisiones Eléctricas (UTE)
Eastern European Group	Moldova	Ion Barbarasa	IGO: Alfredo Cueva, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
	Romania	Mihaela Claudia Paun	MEA: Kei Ohno-Woodall - BRS Secretariat
GRULAC	Costa Rica	Anna Ortiz	
	Jamaica	Tara Dasgupta	
WEOG	TBD	TBD	

In implementing the workplan, UNEP works closely with the **Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS Secretariat)**, member organizations of the **Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)** and the **regional centres** of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions.

Current Work

In its leadership role within the PEN, UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch, in close cooperation with the BRS Secretariat and in consultation with the PEN Advisory Committee, developed the '**Consolidated Assessment of Efforts Made toward the Elimination of PCB**'. The assessment was submitted to the effectiveness evaluation committee at its first meeting in February 2016.

Under the heading of '**PCB – The Forgotten Legacy**', the PEN is currently developing and implementing an **awareness-raising strategy** to put PCB back on the international agenda.

Funding

Fundraising is the major challenge since neither the GC decision nor the SC COP decisions have a budget associated and only small moneys from Sweden and Finland have been provided to ensure the functioning of the PEN. The **weak financial situation** is reflected in the revised workplan for 2014-2017, which relies mainly on in-kind contributions. The COP to the Stockholm Convention, through Decision SC-7/3, invited governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions, industry bodies and other stakeholders to **provide technical and financial resources** to support the work of the network.

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