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Outcomes and follow-up to the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

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BRS 2023 COPs

Basel Convention **COP-16**

Rotterdam Convention **COP-11**

Stockholm Convention **COP-11**

“Accelerating Action: Targets for the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste”

1-12 May 2023, Geneva, Switzerland



BASEL CONVENTION

ON THE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS
OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION
FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM TRANSBOUNDARY
MOVEMENTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

TEXTS AND ANNEXES

REVISED IN 2019

Basel Convention COP 16

Adoption of Technical Guidelines

- Technical guidelines on environmentally sound management (ESM) of **plastic wastes**
- Technical guidelines on ESM of **POPs wastes**
- Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of **electronic and electrical waste and used electrical and electronic equipment** (on interim basis)
- ✓ Further work to take place on: Technical guidelines **on waste lead-acid batteries, other batteries, POPs wastes and pneumatic tyres**

Improving the PIC procedure

- Small intersessional working group (SIWG) to improve the PIC procedure
- Extended the work on electronic approaches to notification and movement documents

Strategic Framework

- SIWG to develop a new strategic framework

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Further legal clarity

- Extended work on review of annexes aimed at further clarifying the disposal operations and hazardous wastes covered by the Convention

Implementation and Compliance Committee

- Adopted recommendations to improve Parties' compliance with a range of obligations, including progress achieved to reach national reporting targets
- Adopted POW for 2024-2025, including work to integrate the Convention's implementation in development frameworks

Partnership Programme

- Noted progress and extended the work of the Convention's Partnerships, focusing on plastic wastes, e-waste, household waste, and preventing and combatting illegal traffic

ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

ON THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE
FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS
AND PESTICIDES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

TEXT AND ANNEXES

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Listing of chemicals in Annex III

- Terbufos

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention

- Proposal to amend the Convention was not adopted
- Work launched to explore socio-economic and trade considerations, incl. costs of inaction

Adopted PoW of the Compliance Committee for 2024-2025



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STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPS)

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UN 
environment
programme


STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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Listed Methoxychlor, Dieldrin Plus and UV-328 in Annex A

- Inclusion in annex A sets these chemicals for elimination
- Parties to the Convention will need to prohibit and /or take administrative measures necessary to eliminate their production and use.

Adopted the Global Monitoring Results

- Regulations targeting POPs have succeeded in reducing levels of POPs in humans and the environment.

Launched the 2nd Effectiveness Evaluation Report

- Highlights that the Convention provides an effective and dynamic framework for regulating POPs throughout their life cycle, and that progress has occurred since the first evaluation in 2017.

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Endorsed a New Regional Centre

- Stockholm Convention regional centre for the transfer of technology in Trinidad & Tobago

Adopted Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance

- Assist Parties in fulfilling their obligations by both examining systemic issues and challenges faced by individual Parties
- Compliance Committee established; members to be elected at COP-12

PCBs

- New Strategy to meet the target for PCB Elimination

Labelling



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Joint issues

- **Strengthened mandate for international cooperation** to address the triple planetary crisis including with UNEP (e.g. UNEA-6, new plastics treaty, science-policy panel, 10-YFP on SCP and SAICM), Minamata Convention, CBD, MP, UNFCCC and IOMC organizations
- New activities to **combat illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes**
- Explore the development of a **non-State actor resource mobilization strategy**
- **Next BRS COPs with a high-level segment: 28 April-9 May 2025 in Geneva**

Basel Convention intersessional work and upcoming meetings

- **Expert Working Group on the Review of Annexes**
 - 6th meeting, 28 November to 1 December 2023, Geneva
 - To develop revised amendment proposals on Annex IV (disposal operations)
 - To continue to develop draft recommendations on the review of Annexes I and III (hazardous wastes)
- **Open-ended Working Group**
 - 14th meeting, 25-28 June 2024, Geneva
 - To consider and advise the COP on policy, technical, legal and institutional aspects as per its agreed work programme for 2024-2025
- **Implementation and Compliance Committee**
 - 16th meeting, 23-24 June and 29 June-2 July 2024, Geneva
 - To consider the items on its work programme for 2024-2025 pertaining to general issues of implementation (dialogues with BCRCs and other organizations, national reporting, illegal traffic, national legislation, country contacts, enhanced cooperation with the Rotterdam CC and integration in UN Cooperation Frameworks) and 13 specific submissions
- **Work to improve the prior informed consent procedure**
 - 1st meeting, early 2024 (dates TBC)
 - To prepare a report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, and options for possible ways forward
- **Fourth meeting of the Plastic Waste Partnership and eighth meeting of ENFORCE in early 2024 (dates TBC)**
- **Work to continue on development of technical guidelines on ESM of POPs wastes, waste pneumatic tyres, e-waste, waste batteries, on strategic framework, e-notifications (meeting dates to be announced in due course)**



Rotterdam Convention intersessional work and upcoming meetings

- **Chemical Review Committee**

- 3-6 October 2023 in Rome, Italy
- To finalize draft decision guidance documents for methyl bromide and paraquat
- To consider notifications of final regulatory action for 9 chemicals (bromacil, carbaryl, chlorfenvinphos, chlorpyrifos, diarsenic pentaoxide, ethion, mercury, methidathion, thiodicarb)

- **Compliance Committee**

- March 2024 (tbc) in Rome, Italy
- COP adopted programme of work for 2024-2025:
 - Specific submissions prioritised
 - Activities on a number of systemic issues of general compliance of interest to all Parties
- Committee to explore lessons from implementation and compliance bodies of other MEAs that could inform initiation of Committee's work on specific submissions (paragraph 13, Annex VII)



Stockholm Convention intersessional work and upcoming meetings

- **POPs Review Committee**

- 9-13 October 2023 in Rome, Italy
- Draft risk profile for chlorpyrifos
- Draft RME for chlorinated paraffins and long-chain PFCAs, their salts and related compounds
- Draft document on Long Range Environmental Transport
- POPs in stockpiles, products and articles in use and in waste
- Indicative lists of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds, and PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds

- **Expert Meeting on BAT/BEP**

- 8-10 November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland
- To initiate the intersessional work and to develop detailed workplans for finalizing the guidelines/guidance to be submitted to COP-12

- **DDT Intersessional meeting**

- Q1/2024 – TBC
- To continue the intersessional work and to share advice and success stories on alternatives to DDT and withdrawal from the Register





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Relevance of BRS Conventions' work to UNEA 6

- **UNEA 5 resolutions:**
 - **Resolution 5/7** on Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste
 - **Resolution 5/14** on End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument
 - **Resolution 5/8** on Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution
 - **Resolution 5/11** on Enhancing Circular Economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production
 - **Resolution 5/12** on Environmental aspects of minerals and metals management
 - Others, e.g. resolution 3/9 on waste lead-acid batteries

Relevance of BRS Conventions work to UNEA 6 (cont.)

- **Supplementary agenda item “Cooperation with MEAs”**
 - Longstanding item on international cooperation, including with UNEP, in BRS COP agendas
 - **2023 BRS COPs:**
 - Welcomed inclusion of a supplementary item on UNEA 6 agenda
 - Welcomed programmatic cooperation between BRS and UNEP on matters of mutual interest, including in UNEA context
 - Requested ES to cooperate with UNEP ED in fostering implementation of UNEA resolutions
 - BRS will fully engage under that item:
 - MEA day and high-level dialogues
 - MEA pavilion and side events hosted there
- **Other agenda items**, including consideration of new draft resolutions
 - Briefing notes submitted to CPRs highlighting relevance of BRS work
 - Participate in OECPR and UNEA sessions



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