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**Basel Convention on the Control of  
Transboundary Movements of  
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**

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**Tentative schedule of work of the 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 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (annex I) and a list of possible contact and other groups (annex II). The tentative schedule of work, which was agreed to by the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions at their joint meeting on 18 January 2023, is provisional and could be subject to changes before or during the two weeks of the meetings.<sup>1</sup> The present note, including its annexes, has not been formally edited.

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

## Annex I

### Tentative schedule of work of the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties<sup>1</sup>

	Mon, 1 May 2023	Tue, 2 May 2023	Wed, 3 May 2023	Thu, 4 May 2023	Fri, 5 May 2023	Sat, 6 May 2023
<p><i>Morning session</i> 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>BC Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b> <b>BC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</b></p> <p><b>RC Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b> <b>RC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</b></p> <p><b>SC Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b> <b>SC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</b></p> <p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <b>BC Item 3; RC Item 3; SC Item 3: Organizational matters</b> (b) Organization of work; (a) Election of officers; (c) Credentials;<sup>2</sup> <b>BC Item 4: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention</b> (b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (POPs wastes); <b>SC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention</b> (c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes;</p>	<p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <b>BC Item 4 (cont.)</b> (d) Technical assistance; <b>RC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention</b> (e) Technical assistance; <b>SC Item 5 (cont.)</b> (f) Technical assistance; <b>BC Item 4 (c) (cont.) (i) Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention;</b> <b>RC Item 5 (cont.) (d) Compliance;</b> <b>SC Item 5 (cont.) (j) Compliance;</b><sup>3</sup> <b>BC Item 7; RC Item 8; SC Item 8: Programme of work and budget.</b> <b>BC Item 8; RC Item 9; SC Item 9: Implementation of the MOU between UNEP and the COPs and FAO for RC</b></p>	<p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p><b>Session of SC COP-11:</b> <b>Item 5 (cont.)</b> (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use (cont.): (iii) Polychlorinated biphenyls; (b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production; (d) Implementation plans; (h) Reporting pursuant to Article 15;</p>	<p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p><b>Session of SC COP-11:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> <b>Item 4: Rules of procedure.</b></p> <p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <b>BC Item 6; RC Item 7; SC Item 7: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among BRS</b> (c) Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes; <b>BC Item 9; RC Item 10; SC Item 10: Venue and date of the next COPs.</b> <b>BC Item 10; RC Item 11; SC Item 11: Other matters</b> (admission of observers).</p>	<p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p><b>Session of BC COP-16:</b> <b>Item 4 (cont.)</b> (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (i) Technical guidelines (cont.) (except POPs wastes); (a) Strategic issues: (i) Strategic framework; (ii) Improving the functioning of the PIC procedure; (iii) Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management; (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (i) Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention (cont.);</p>	<p>No formal meetings</p>
	<p><b>Session of BC COP-16: Item 4 (cont.)</b> (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (i) Technical guidelines (cont.) (except POPs wastes); (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (ii) Providing further legal clarity;<sup>4</sup></p> <p><b>Session of SC COP-11: Item 5</b> (e) Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention;</p>	<p><b>Session of SC COP-11: Item 5 (cont.)</b> (j) Compliance (cont.); (i) Effectiveness evaluation; (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (i) Exemptions; (iv) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride; (ii) DDT;</p>	<p><b>Session of RC COP-11: Item 5 (cont.)</b> (c) Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention;<sup>5</sup></p> <p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <b>BC Item 4 (cont.) (f) Financial resources;</b> <b>RC Item 5 (cont.) (f) Financial resources;</b> <b>SC Item 5 (cont.) (g) Financial resources and mechanisms;</b> <b>BC Item 5; RC Item 6; SC Item 6: International cooperation and coordination</b> (a) Cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury; (b) Cooperation and coordination with other organizations.</p>	<p><b>Session of SC COP-11:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> <b>Item 11: Other matters (cont.).</b></p> <p><b>Session of SC COP-11:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> <b>Item 12: Adoption of the report.</b></p> <p><b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Adoption of the reports on credentials.</i></p>	<p>No formal meetings</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Items listed in the draft tentative schedule are from the provisional agendas of the meetings (UNEP/CHW.16/1; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/1; UNEP/POPS/COP.11/1).

<sup>2</sup> The bureaux of the conferences of the Parties have agreed that, when examining credentials, they would accept, in addition to original credentials in good order, copies of credentials on the understanding that original credentials would be submitted as soon as possible. Each Bureau would present its report to the respective Conference of the Parties for its consideration in the afternoon of Friday, 5 May 2023. Any updates to the credentials report may be considered by the respective Conference of the Parties in the afternoon of Thursday, 11 May 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Consideration of the agenda items on compliance in joint session would be limited to an introduction by the Secretariat of the agenda items, as well as a report by each respective Chair on the work of the Basel and Rotterdam convention committees. Discussions and conclusions on the way forward would take place during the convention-specific sessions later in the weeks.

<sup>4</sup> This includes the proposal by the European Union to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Basel Convention.

<sup>5</sup> The session on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 would cover the proposal by Switzerland, Australia, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Mali to amend Articles 7, 10, 11 and 22 of the Rotterdam Convention and to add a new Annex VIII to the Convention. A contact group on this topic, if established, would not meet before Sunday, 7 May 2023. The remaining topics under this agenda item would be taken up on Tuesday, 9 May 2023.

	Sun, 7 May 2023	Mon, 8 May 2023	Tue, 9 May 2023	Wed, 10 May 2023	Thu, 11 May 2023	Fri, 12 May 2023
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Reports of contact groups</i>
	<b>Session of BC COP-16:</b> <b>Item 4 (cont.)</b> (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (iii) National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic; (iv) Proposal by the Russian Federation to amend paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention; (e) Basel Convention Partnership Programme;	<b>Session of BC COP-16:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> <b>Item 4 (cont.)</b> (g) Work programme of the OEWW for 2024–2025. <b>Item 10: Other matters (cont.).</b>	<b>Session of BC COP-16:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	<b>Session of RC COP-11:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <b>BC Item 6 (cont.); RC Item 7 (cont.); SC Item 7 (cont.)</b> (a) Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange; (b) Mainstreaming gender; (d) From science to action.	<b>Session of RC COP-11:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	<b>Session of BC COP-16:</b> <b>Item 4 (cont.)</b> (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (ii) Classification and hazard characterization of wastes; (iii) National reporting; (iv) Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents; (v) Further consideration of plastic waste; (vi) Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX on e-waste; (vii) Waste containing nanomaterials;	<b>Session of RC COP-11:</b> <b>Item 5 (cont.)</b> (d) Compliance (cont.); (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention;	<b>Session of RC COP-11:</b> <b>Item 5 (cont.)</b> (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention (cont.); (c) Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention (cont.); <sup>6</sup> (a) Status of implementation; <b>Item 4: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties.</b> <b>Item 11: Other matters (cont.).</b>	<b>Session of BC COP-16:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> <b>Item 11: Adoption of the report.</b>	<b>Joint and Convention-specific sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the joint contact groups, adoption of the reports on credentials (possible updates) and adoption of outstanding decisions</i>	<i>Adoption of BC budget decision</i> <i>Adoption of RC budget decision</i> <i>Adoption of SC budget decision</i> <b>BC Item 12; RC Item 13; SC Item 13: Closure of the meetings</b>
				<b>Joint sessions of the COPs:</b> <i>Adoption of the sections of the reports on the joint sessions of the meetings of the COPs.</i> <sup>7</sup>		

Stockholm Convention Conference of the Parties (SC COP)	
Basel Convention Conference of the Parties (BC COP)	
Rotterdam Convention Conference of the Parties (RC COP)	
Joint sessions and Convention-specific sessions as necessary of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties	

<sup>6</sup> This includes the proposal to amend Article 16 of the Rotterdam Convention which was submitted prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

<sup>7</sup> The conferences of the Parties are scheduled to meet in joint sessions to adopt the section of their report covering the joint sessions held from Monday, 1 May 2023, to Thursday, 4 May 2023.

## Annex II

### **Possible contact and other groups at the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties**

The contact and other groups listed below have been tentatively identified and may be established during the two-week period of the meetings, and meet during a set amount of time, as needed. The total number of 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. The groups are expected to complete their work by the day before the last convention-specific session in order to allow for adoption of decisions as much as possible by the end of convention-specific sessions they relate to.

#### **Joint contact and other groups:**

- Group on programmes of work and budgets
- Group on technical assistance/financial resources and mechanisms
- Group on joint issues

#### **Stockholm Convention-specific contact and other groups:**

- Group on listing of chemicals
- Group on compliance

#### **Basel Convention-specific contact and other groups:**

- Group on technical matters
- Group on compliance and legal matters
- Group on strategic matters

#### **Rotterdam Convention-specific contact and other groups:**

- Group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
  - Group on compliance
  - Group on the listing of chemicals in Annex III
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