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Briefing on the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

April 2023

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Update on preparations for the 2023 meetings of the COPs



Meeting highlights

- BC COP-16, RC COP-11 and SC COP-11:
 - 1-12 May 2023, Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland
 - 30 April 2023: preparatory meetings (regional groups, bureaux)
- Theme: *“Accelerating action: Targets for the sound management of chemicals and wastes”*
- Face-to-face meetings
- No high-level segment
- COP Presidents:
 - Reggie Hernaus, BC
 - Ana Berejiani, RC
 - Keima Gardiner, SC
- PCB Fair and side events
- Meetings website: <http://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs>



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Registration and credentials

- **Parties:**
 - Deadline for registration by and requests for financial assistance lapsed on 20 January 2023
- **Admitted observers**
 - Deadline for registration: 24 March 2023; Bodies or agencies not previously admitted as observers need to complete procedure for admission before registration by same deadline
- **On-site registration:**
 - 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday, 30 April 2023
 - 8 am to 5 pm on Monday, 1 May 2023
 - 9 am to 5 pm during other days
- **Credentials:**
 - Original and copies of credentials in good order accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible
 - Submission to the Secretariat if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meetings (by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 May 2023)
 - Advance submission of electronic copies of credentials by 7 April 2023; originals at the meeting venue



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BRS donors - COPs and regional meetings



China



Denmark



Finland



Germany



Japan



Netherlands



Norway



Sweden



Switzerland

Pre-meetings, 30 April:

- Bureaux meeting: 1-3 pm
- Regional meetings: 3-6 pm

Tentative schedule (week 1)



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	Mon, 1 May	Tue, 2 May	Wed, 3 May	Thu, 4 May	Fri, 5 May	Sat, 6 May	
10 AM - 1 PM	Joint Opening Adoption of the agendas Organizational matters POPs wastes	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				BC Technical guidelines (cont.) Strategic framework PIC procedure ESM guidelines ICC (cont,)	No formal meetings
		Joint Technical assistance Compliance PoW and budget MoUs	SC PCBs Unintentional POPs NIPs Reporting	SC Draft decisions Rules of procedure	Joint Synergies in preventing illegal traffic Next COPs Other matters (observers)		
3 PM - 6 PM	BC Technical guidelines Further legal clarity	SC Compliance (cont.) Effectiveness evaluation Exemptions PFOS DDT	RC Enhancing the effectiveness	SC Draft decisions Other matters (cont.)	SC Draft decisions SC report	No formal meetings	
	SC Listing of chemicals		Joint Financial resources Cooperation with the Minamata Convention Cooperation with other organizations				Adoption of reports on credentials

Tentative schedule (week 2)



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	Sun, 7 May	Mon, 8 May	Tue, 9 May	Wed, 10 May	Thu, 11 May	Fri, 12 May
		<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
10 AM – 1 PM	BC National legislation Amendment proposal by Russian Federation Partnerships	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> OEWG Other matters (cont.)	BC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> RC report
				Joint CHM Gender Science to action		
3-6 PM	BC Classification Reporting Electronic approaches Plastic waste Amendments to annexes II, VIII and IX on e-waste Nanomaterials	RC Compliance (cont.) Listing of chemicals	RC Listing of chemicals (cont.) Enhancing the effectiveness (cont.) Status of implementation Rules of procedure Other matters (cont.)	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> BC report	Joint <i>Draft decisions</i> Credentials update	<i>BC budget</i>
				Report of joint sessions		<i>RC budget</i>
						<i>SC budget</i>
						Closure

Potential contact and other groups



Joint:

- Programmes of work and budgets
- Technical assistance/financial resources and mechanisms
- Joint issues

SC:

- Listing of chemicals
- Compliance

BC:

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

RC:

- Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
- Compliance
- Listing of chemicals

*Limited number of contact groups running in parallel

Election of officers



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Basel Convention					Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention		
	COP Bureau	OEWG Bureau	ICC	ENFORCE	COP Bureau	CC	CRC	COP Bureau	POPRC	DDT Expert Group
Africa	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	1 member	4 members	2 officers	4 members	2 Parties
Asia - Pacific	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	n/a	1 officer	1 member	4 members	2 officers	4 members	2 Parties
EE	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	2 members	1 member	2 officers	1 member	2 Parties
GRULAC	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	n/a	1 officer	2 members	2 members	2 officers	2 members	2 Parties
WEOG	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	1 member (1 Party)	1 officer	2 members	3 members	2 officers	3 members	2 Parties

For more information see: <http://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs/Elections/tabid/9424/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Election of officers: Rules and requirements



- Nomination of candidates invited by 1 March 2023 and selection of candidates facilitated by the regional election focal points

Africa	Sheikh Ahmed Tunis (Sierra Leone)
Asia Pacific	Mohamed Aman (Bahrain)
Eastern Europe	Artak Khachatryan (Armenia)
GRULAC	Napoleon Garcia (El Salvador)
WEOG	Tuulia Toikka (Finland) – for EU Glenn Wigley (New Zealand) – for non-EU

- According to the financial rules, no representative of any Party whose contributions are **in arrears for 2 or more years** shall be eligible to become:
 - A member of the BC COP Bureau or its subsidiary bodies
 - A member of the RC or SC COP Bureau or a member of its subsidiary bodies
 - Except for LDCs, SIDS and Parties respecting a schedule of payments

Guidelines for rules of conduct for meeting participants



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These guidelines were prepared by the Secretariat to ensure an orderly running of COPs meetings and subsidiary body meetings:

- Guidelines on the use of cameras and audio/video recording devices by participants at meetings of the BRS COPs and their subsidiary bodies
- Guidelines for the participation of representatives of observers at meetings of the BRS COPs and their subsidiary bodies
- Guidelines on preventing and addressing all forms of harassment at BRS meetings

Side events, exhibitions and other events



- **Side events**

- Opportunity for Parties and observers to share knowledge, build capacity, network and exchange on experience in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
- 90-minute slots during lunch break and in the evening
- For more information, see:
<http://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs/Sideevents/tabid/9449/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

- **PCB Fair**

- Objective: Raise awareness on the urgency to accelerate action to meet the upcoming 2025 and 2028 PCB deadlines under the Stockholm Convention as well as to raise awareness on other deadlines under the conventions
- 3 to 5 May 2023 (in the margins of the 2023 COPs)
- More info at: <http://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs/PCBFair/tabid/9468/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Regional preparatory meetings

Asia-Pacific: 14-16
March 2023, Bangkok,
Thailand



Africa: 21-23 March
2023, Dakar, Senegal

Eastern Europe: 28-30
March 2023, Zagreb,
Croatia

GRULAC: 28-30 March
2023, Panama City,
Panama



Overview of key items on the provisional agendas of the meetings



Basel Convention COP-16 main issues



Strategic issues

- Strategic framework
- Enhancing the PIC procedure

Scientific and technical matters

- Technical guidelines:
 - Plastic wastes, POPs wastes, waste lead-acid batteries, other batteries and e-wastes
- E-notifications
- Further consideration of plastic waste
- Follow-up to e-waste amendments: Assessment of the need to update existing guidance

Basel Convention Partnership Programme

- Plastic Waste Partnership
- Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste
- ENFORCE
- Household waste partnership

Legal, governance and enforcement matters

- Implementation and Compliance Committee (specific submissions; general review, including national reporting, illegal traffic, national legislation; programme of work)
- Further legal clarity:
 - EU amendment proposals on Annex IV
 - Recommendations of the expert working group on annexes I and III

Rotterdam Convention COP-11 main issues



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Compliance

- Work programme of the Committee

Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention

- 2 new chemicals: iprodione and terbufos,
- 5 old ones: acetochlor, carbosulfan, chrysotile asbestos, fenthion formulations and paraquat formulations

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

- Proposal by Australia, Mali and Switzerland, subsequently co-sponsored by Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ghana, Georgia, Nigeria, Norway, and Republic of Maldives, Togo and Peru to amend Articles 7, 10, 11 and 22 of the Rotterdam Convention and to add a new Annex VIII
- Proposal by African countries to amend Article 16 of the Rotterdam Convention

Stockholm Convention COP-11 main issues



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Reduce or eliminate release from intentional production and use

- DDT (evaluate the continued need)
- PCBs
 - Assessment of the progress towards elimination of PCB
 - Strategy to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals
- PFOS, its salts and PFOSF (POPRC recommendations)
- Exemptions

Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C

- Methoxychlor
- Dechlorane Plus
- UV-328

Compliance

- For possible adoption based on the draft texts in the annex of document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/21

National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

- Revised guidance on developing and updating NIPs; draft global approach to the review and updating of NIPs

Effectiveness evaluation and GMP

- Second effectiveness evaluation
- Third global monitoring report

Joint issues



Technical assistance

- Review of regional centers
- Financial resources

International cooperation and coordination:

- With the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- With other organizations

Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the BRS conventions

- Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade

Programmes of work and budgets

- Consider budget for 2024-2025

Memorandums of Understanding between UNEP and the COPs (and FAO in the case of RC)

- Proposal for amendments to the three convention-specific MOUs for possible adoption by the COPs

Preparatory webinars



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Date and time (UTC+1)	Title	Language	Please register a few days in advance, utilizing any of the following links:
Tuesday 18 April 2023 10:00-11:00	BRS COPs 2023 briefing	English	https://unep-brs.webex.com/weblink/register/r54f4675562e121057a79b8b705179474
Tuesday 18 April 2023 16:00-17:00		Spanish	https://unep-brs.webex.com/weblink/register/r0b3969ceee82f2c6f553f3bb89412635
Wednesday 19 April 2023 16:00-17:00		English	https://unep-brs.webex.com/weblink/register/r0fbef4b56cff084a0c806caedbd8e25f
Thursday 20 April 2023 10:00-11:00		French	https://unep-brs.webex.com/weblink/register/rccd2f3ee474198a5342781c359f126c2

Thank you



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