

COUNT-DOWN TO THE 2015 COPS



Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel,
Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, 4-15 May 2015

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Regional preparatory meetings

Region	Date	Venue	Co-organizer
Asia & Pacific	17-20 March	Jakarta	BCRC/SCRC Indonesia
Africa	24-27 March	Gigiri, Nairobi	SCRC Kenya, UNEP, ROA
CEE & CA	7-10 April	Bratislava	BCRC Slovakia
GRULAC	14-17 April	Montevideo	BCCC/SCRC Uruguay



COPS HIGHLIGHTS

- 12th meeting of the Basel Convention COP, 7th meeting of the Rotterdam Convention COP and 7th meeting of the Stockholm Convention COP to be held back in Geneva, on 4-15 May 2015
- Venue: Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- Theme of the meetings:
 - **‘From science to action, working for a safer tomorrow’**
- Expect about 1,500 participants from up to 183 parties
- BRS COP meeting website: <http://synergies.pops.int/2015COPs>
 - Meeting documents
 - Schedule
 - Practical information

REGISTRATION

- Pre-registration :
 - All participants have to submit pre-registration forms
 - All nominations were to be made through official channels, with a nomination letter or a note verbale
 - Contact: Ms. Stéphanie Cadet – stephanie.cadet@brsmeas.org
- On-site registration for all participants
 - 8 am to 6 pm on Sunday, 3 May 2015 and Monday, 4 May 2015
 - 9 am to 6 pm during other days

REGIONAL MEETINGS DURING THE COPS

- Every morning from 9-10 am and as needed
- Africa: Room 3
- Asia-Pacific: Room 4
- CEE: Room 7+8
- GRULAC: Room 18
- JUSCANNZ: Room 17
- EU: Room 5+6



CREDENTIALS

- Bureaux agreed on the approach for the preparation of their respective report on credentials
- **Original and copies of credentials** in good order will be accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible
- Submission of credentials:
 - Credentials are to be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 - Submission to the Secretariat if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meetings (by 10 am on Tuesday, 5 May 2015)
 - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
 - Credentials for all 3 meetings can be in one document
 - Contact: Ms. Stéphanie Cadet – stephanie.cadet@brsmeas.org

EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION BY DELEGATES

- Funding for one participant per Convention for which an eligible country is party (i.e. up to 3 participants) for the full two-week duration
- Several donors have already provided/pledged funding for participants travel: Denmark, European Union, Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
- Paperless meeting





ORGANIZATION OF WORK

- No high-level segment or ex-COPs (COP decisions)
- Tentative schedule and list of possible contact groups agreed to by bureaux at their joint meeting → INF/2
- Opening on Monday, 4 May 2015, 10 am
- Joint sessions on joint issues
- Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC
- Preparatory meetings, Sunday, 3 May 2015:
 - Regional meetings: 3-6 pm
 - Joint bureaux meeting: 1-3 pm



DAILY SCHEDULE

- Bureaux decide daily schedule and planning of meetings
- Daily schedule will be posted every morning on the intranet site and communicated by bureaux members in regional groups meetings
- Regional groups are encouraged to work through bureaux members



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 1)

	Mon, 4 May	Tue, 5 May	Wed, 6 May	Thu, 7 May	Fri, 8 May	Sat, 9 May
	BC Opening, agenda	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
<i>AM</i>	RC Opening, agenda	<u>Joint session:</u> - Compliance (R,S) - Int. cooperation - Budget - Next COPs - Other matters	<u>SC:</u> - DDT - PCBs - BDE /PFOS	<u>SC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Reporting - Effectiveness evaluation - Export procedure to non-Parties	<u>BC:</u> - Technical guidelines - CLI - Strategic framework - Cartagena declaration	<u>BC:</u> - ICC - Legislation / notifications - OEWG
	SC Opening, agenda					
	<u>Joint session:</u> - Org. matters - POPs wastes technical guidelines (B,S)					
<i>PM</i>	<u>Joint session:</u> - Technical assistance - Financial resources	<u>SC:</u> - Compliance - Listing of chemicals - Exemptions	<u>SC:</u> - Unintentional POPs - Implementation plans	<u>SC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Other matters	<u>SC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - SC report	<u>BC:</u> - Amendment to Annexes - Classification - Reporting - Emergency Trust Fund

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 2)

	Sun, 10 May	Mon, 11 May	Tue, 12 May	Wed, 13 May	Thu, 14 May	Fri, 15 May	
AM	No meetings	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				<u>Joint session</u>	
		<u>BC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Partnerships - Ships - IMO	<u>RC:</u> - Compliance - Listing of chemicals	<u>RC:</u> - Listing of chemicals - Status of implementation	<u>RC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Other matters		
PM	No meetings	<u>BC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - Other matters	<u>BC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - BC report	<u>RC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i>	<u>RC:</u> <i>Draft decisions</i> - RC report	BC	
							RC
							SC
							Closure

POTENTIAL CONTACT GROUPS AND OTHER GROUPS

- Joint contact groups:
 - Budget
 - Technical assistance / financial resources
 - Friends-of-the-presidents group on the TOR for the review of the synergies arrangements
- BC:
 - Compliance / Legal matters
 - Technical matters
 - Strategic matters
- RC:
 - Listing of chemicals
 - Compliance (Friends-of-the-President)
- SC:
 - Listing of chemicals
 - Compliance (Friends-of-the-President)

EXPECTATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Joint issues
 - Technical assistance (including regional centres)
 - Financial resources (including integrated approach)
 - Programmes of work and budgets, including the ToR for the review of synergy arrangements
- Basel Convention COP-12
 - CLI (including Ban amendment, ESM expert group, further legal clarity)
 - Technical guidelines (POPs wastes guidelines, e-waste guidelines, mercury wastes guidelines)



EXPECTATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENTS (CONT.)

- Rotterdam Convention COP-7
 - Listing of chemicals (methamidophos, fenthion formulation, trichlorfon, paraquat dichloride formulation, chrysotile asbestos)
 - Compliance
- Stockholm Convention COP-7
 - Listing of chemicals (chlorinated naphthalenes, hexachlorobutadiene, pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters)
 - Compliance



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Basel Convention	
COP Bureau	10 officers
OEWG Bureau	5 officer
ICC	10 members
ENFORCE	10 members

Rotterdam Convention*	
COP Bureau	5 officers
CRC	14 member

Stockholm Convention*	
COP Bureau	10 officers
POPRC	14 member
DDT Expert Group	10 members
Effectiveness Evaluation Committee	10 members

* Should the RC and SC COPs adopt the procedures and mechanisms on non-compliance, the COPs would need to elect the members of the compliance committees.

Other events

- Side events: 2 events at lunchtime, up to 2 events in the evening
- Boat trip on Sunday, 10 May, on the Lac Lemman:
 - Leaving from Genève Vieux-Pâquis at 9:30 OR 14:30 (2.5 hours)
 - Registration → boattrip@brsmeas.org
- Reception hosted by Switzerland on 4 May 2015
- Exhibitions



Meetings website:

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