Meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2021-2022

Chemicals and Waste Briefing
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Format of 2021/2022 BRS COPs

- Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the COPs could not be held as originally planned

- COP Bureaux agreed to organize the meetings in two segments:

  - An online segment over 5 days on 26-30 July 2021
  - A face-to-face segment over two weeks in 2022 (tentatively in June 2022, in Geneva)

- Theme: *"Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste"*

BRS COPs' agendas

- Provisional agendas:
  - UNEP/CHW.15/1
  - UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/1
  - UNEP/POPS/COP.10/1

- Online segment: COPs to focus on the most time-sensitive items of their agendas, as agreed to by the bureaux («prioritized» agenda items)

- Face-to-face segment: COPs to consider all items of the agendas not considered or concluded during the online segment and deferred to the face-to-face segment

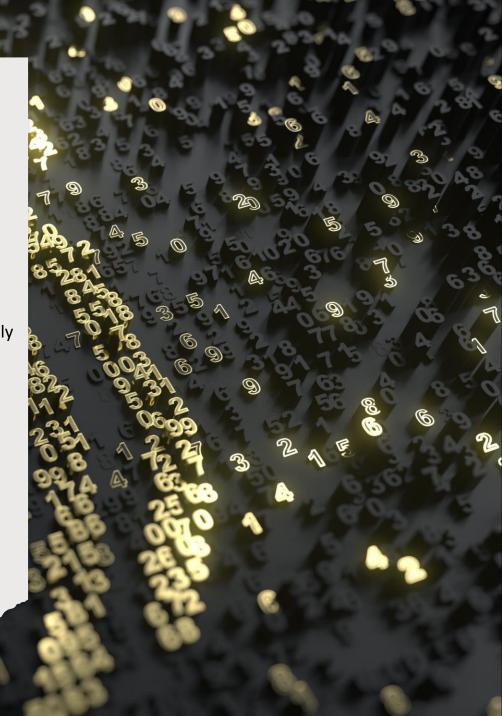# Online segment: Prioritized agenda items and expected decisions

- Programmes of work and budgets: To approve an interim budget for 2022 pending the adoption of a full budget for the biennium 2022-2023 by the COPs during the face-to-face segment in 2022;

- Elections of officers:
  - To elect the members of the Rotterdam Convention's Compliance Committee;
  - To elect the members of the Stockholm Convention's effectiveness evaluation committee;
  - To extend the terms of office of CRC and POPRC members whose terms of office expire on 30 April 2022 and 4 May 2022, respectively, until the closing of the COPs.

- Venue and date of the face-to-face segment of the COPs and of the next COPs: To agree on the venue and dates of the face-to-face segment in 2022;

- Financial resources and mechanisms of the Stockholm Convention: To forward to the GEF the reports on needs assessment and on the review of the financial mechanism, and invite the GEF to consider, on an interim basis, this information for the replenishment discussions, pending a final decision of the COP on this matter during the face-to-face segment in 2022.

Online segment: Organization of work

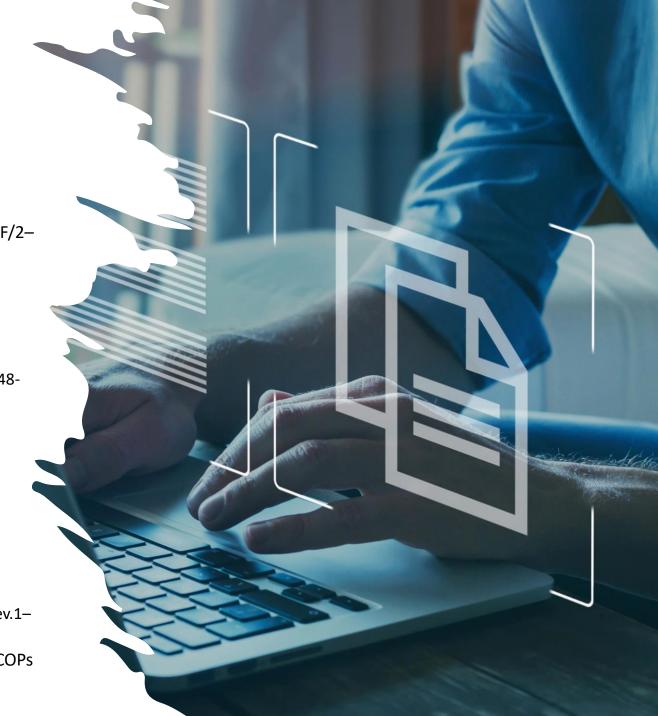|	Monday, 26 July 2021	Tuesday, 27 July 2021	Wednesday, 28 July 2021	Thursday, 29 July 2021	Friday, 30 July 2021
Online session, 1-5:30 pm (UTC+2)	**BC Item 1: Opening of the BC meeting** **BC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda** **RC Item 1: Opening of the RC meeting** **RC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda** **SC Item 1: Opening of the SC meeting** **SC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda** **Joint sessions of the COPs:** **BC Item 3; RC Item 3; SC Item 3:** **Organizational matters** (b) Organization of work (a) Election of officers (c) Credentials **BC Item 7; RC Item 8; SC Item 8:** **Programme of work and budget** **BC Item 9; RC Item 10; SC Item 10:** **Venue and date of the resumed meetings and of the next meetings of the COPs** **SC Item 5 (g): Financial resources and mechanisms**	Contact group on POW/budget (i.e. interim budget for 2022) (English only) *Credentials to be submitted, if not already done, no later than 6 p.m. (UTC+2) on Tuesday*	Contact group on POW/budget (English only)	Contact group on POW/budget (English only) *Election packages to be submitted no later than 1 p.m. (UTC+2) on Thursday*	**Joint sessions of the COPs:** *Adoption of the reports on credentials* **BC session:** *Consideration of the outcomes of the contact group on POW/ budget, i.e. draft decision on BC interim budget for 2022, and draft decision on dates/venue* **Item 11: Adoption of the report** **RC session:** *Consideration of the outcomes of the contact group on POW/ budget, i.e. draft decision on RC interim budget for 2022, and draft decisions on elections and on dates/venue* **Item 12: Adoption of the report** **SC session:** *Consideration of the outcomes of the contact group on POW/ budget, i.e. draft decision on SC interim budget for 2022, and draft decisions on elections, on the financial mechanism, and on dates/venue* **Item 12: Adoption of the report** **BC Item 12; RC Item 13; SC Item 13: Closure of the meetings (suspension)**

Online segment: Credentials

- Approach agreed by Bureaux:
  - **Original** and **copies of credentials in good order**, including **electronic copies**, accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible;

- Submission of credentials:
  - Credentials to be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
  - Submission to the Secretariat in paper or e-copy by in advance of the meetings preferably by **Wednesday, 30 June 2021**, as doing so will greatly facilitate the clearance process. Taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances of the online segment of the meetings, if credentials have not been submitted by 30 June 2021, **electronic copies of credentials** are to be submitted <u>by email</u> no later than 6 p.m. Geneva time (UTC+2) on **Tuesday, 27 July 2021**;
  - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages;
  - Credentials for all 3 meetings can be done in one document;

- Credentials can be issued either for the online segment or for both the online and the face-to- face segments of the COPs. In the latter case, updates are possible for the face-to-face segment.

Online segment: Main documents

- Provisional agendas (/1) and annotated agendas (/1/Add.1)

- Scenario note: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/1–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/1

- Tentative schedule of work: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/2–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/2–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/2

- Pre-session documents on "prioritized" COP agenda items:

  - Interim budget for 2022:

    - Working document: UNEP/CHW.15/29-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/26-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/30

    - INF with budget tables: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/68-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/48-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/70

    - INF with modalities for continuation of the intersessional work: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/69-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/49-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/71

  - Elections:

    - Working document: UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/25-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/31

  - Financial mechanism:

    - Working document: UNEP/POPS/COP.10/29

  - Venue and date of the 2022 COPs:

    - Working document: UNEP/CHW.15/30/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/27/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/32/Rev.1

- All working documents to be made available 2 months prior to the start of COPs (online segment)

Online segment: Registration

- Early notification sent: 18 March 2021

- Invitation letters to Parties sent: 20 May 2021

- Notification to observers to be sent out: end of May 2021

- Deadline for registrations: 18 June 2021, according to the same nomination process as for the face-to-face meetings

- For plenary sessions, delegations are required to identify one spokesperson per delegation who may take for the floor, due to the technical requirements of the meeting platform

- Exceptional support during COVID-19 to cover communication costs for eligible Parties

- Further information on the technical requirements to be shared through confirmation letters and the website

Online segment: Other meetings

- Joint bureaux meetings: to be held each day prior to the start of the plenary or contact group sessions, as necessary;

- Possibility to organize regional groups meetings prior and during the online segment, upon request by the region;

- Opportunities to hold online 1-hour side-events in the margins of the meetings:

  - Afternoons and evenings (except during plenary sessions, i.e. Monday 26 and Friday 30 July);

  - Request to be submitted to the Secretariat using the request form available on the website at Mr. Rohan Unny-Law (rohan.unnylaw@un.org) by 25 June 2021

Online segment: Preparations

- Online regional preparatory meetings:

  - Africa: 5-6 May 2021;
  - Asia-Pacific: 8-9 June 2021;
  - Eastern Europe: 11-12 May 2021;
  - Latin America and the Caribbean: 31 May-1 June 2021.

- Additional online regional meetings could be held upon request;

- Technical briefing on budget documents: Thursday, 24 June, 12 to 2 p.m. (UTC+2);

- Series of global webinars: Early July;

- Meetings website, with all relevant documents and information: http://brsmeas.org/2021COPs.

Looking ahead towards the face-to-face resumed meetings

- Proposed dates and venue are 6-17 June 2022, in the International Conference Center in Geneva (CICG), Switzerland – to be agreed by the COPs at the online segment

- Arrangements for the high-level segment will be further considered by bureaux after the online segment

- Theme will remain the same: *"Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste"*

Thank you