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C O N V E N T I O N S

2022 FACE-TO-FACE SEGMENT AND HIGH-LEVEL
SEGMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE
CONFERENCES OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL,
ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm
conventions

Meeting highlights

- Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, BC COP-15, RC COP-10 and SC COP-10 are held in two segments:
 - Online segment from 26 to 30 July 2021
 - A face-to-face segment from 6 to 17 June 2022
 - Agendas adopted at the online segment → COPs to consider the items which were not considered or concluded during the online segment
 - Theme of the meetings "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste"
 - The face-to-face segment will be held at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
 - Meeting website: www.brsmeas.org/2021-2022COPs
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12th meeting of the Basel Convention's Open-ended Working Group (face-to-face, 4-6 April 2022, Nairobi)

- **Objective:** Focus on a set of prioritized agenda items for which progress could be made in advance of COP-15
- **+300 participants attended in-person or online**

Key outcomes:

- Adoption of TOR for the follow-up partnership to PACE
- Recommended to COP-15 to update the technical guidelines on ULAB
- Recommended to COP to adopt 5 products that were finalized at the meeting
- Recommended to COP-15 to use as a basis for its work products that were revised at the meeting
- Discussions on potential actions to be taken on plastic waste and on the possible development of a future strategic framework
- Invited comments on a number of products



Regional preparatory meetings

	Dates	Locations
Asia-Pacific region	27-29 March 2022	Bali, Indonesia
Africa region	7-9 April 2022	Nairobi, Kenya
GRULAC region	3-5 May 2022	Montevideo, Uruguay
EE region	9-11 May 2022	Prague, Czech Republic



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High-level Segment

- **1 June 2022 in Stockholm, Sweden**, in connection with the **Stockholm+50** international meeting (2–3 June 2022) <https://www.stockholm50.global>
- Opportunity to raise awareness on the **contributions of BRS Conventions to the 2030 Agenda** and to tackling the Earth's triple planetary crisis
- Interactive, dynamic platform for ministers and other high-level representatives
- More than 100 registrations, over 40 ministers attending (as of 26 April)
- Registration deadline: **30 April 2022** (+ registration to Stockholm+50)
- **Programme** to be provided soon (UNEP/CHW.15/INF/73–
UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/22–
UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/74)



Organization of work

- Tentative schedule: UNEP/CHW.15/INF/2/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/2/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/2/Rev.1
 - Pre-meetings on 5 June 2022:
 - Bureaux meeting: 1-3 p.m.
 - Regional meetings: 3-6 p.m.
 - Starts with joint sessions on joint issues in the mornings of Monday-Wednesday, 6-8 June 2022
 - Early start of BC technical issues (technical guidelines) and legal issues (providing further legal clarity) and SC listing of chemicals on Monday, 6 June 2022
 - Separate sessions in order SC – BC – RC
 - Day off – Saturday, 11 June 2022
 - Tentative schedule and list of possible contact groups agreed to by bureaux
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Tentative schedule (week 1)

	Mon, 6 June	Tue, 7 June	Wed, 8 June	Thu, 9 June	Fri, 10 June	Sat, 11 June	
10 AM - 1 PM	Joint Opening (cont.) Organizational matters (cont.) POPs wastes	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				BC ICC Amendment proposal by Russian Federation	No formal meetings
		Joint Technical assistance Financial resources PoW and budget MoUs	Joint International cooperation Synergies Next COPs Other matters	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Rules of procedure Other matters			
3-6 PM	BC Technical guidelines Further legal clarity	SC Compliance Effectiveness evaluation Exemptions BDEs DDT	SC PCBs U-POPs NIPs Reporting	SC <i>Draft decisions</i>	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> SC report	No formal meetings	
	SC Listing of chemicals				Report of joint sessions and credentials		

Tentative schedule (week 2)

	Sun, 12 June	Mon, 13 June	Tue, 14 June	Wed, 15 June	Thu, 16 June	Fri, 17 June
		<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
<i>AM</i>	BC National legislation Strategic framework Ban Amendment ESM guidelines Partnerships	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> OEWG Other matters	BC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i>	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> RC report
<i>PM</i>	BC Classification Reporting Electronic approaches Plastic waste Nanomaterials	RC Compliance Listing of chemicals	RC Enhancing the effectiveness Status of implementation Rules of procedure Other matters	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> BC report	Joint <i>Draft decisions</i> Credentials	<div style="background-color: #6aa84f; color: white; padding: 2px;"><i>BC budget</i></div> <div style="background-color: #00bfff; color: black; padding: 2px;"><i>RC budget</i></div> <div style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 2px;"><i>SC budget</i></div> <div style="background-color: #e6e6e6; padding: 2px;">Closure</div>

Potential contact and other groups

- **Joint:**

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

- **SC:**

- Listing of chemicals
- Compliance

- **BC:**

- Group on technical matters (including plastics)
- Group on strategic matters
- Group on compliance and legal matters

- **RC:**

- Listing of chemicals
 - Compliance
 - [Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention]
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Effective participation by delegates

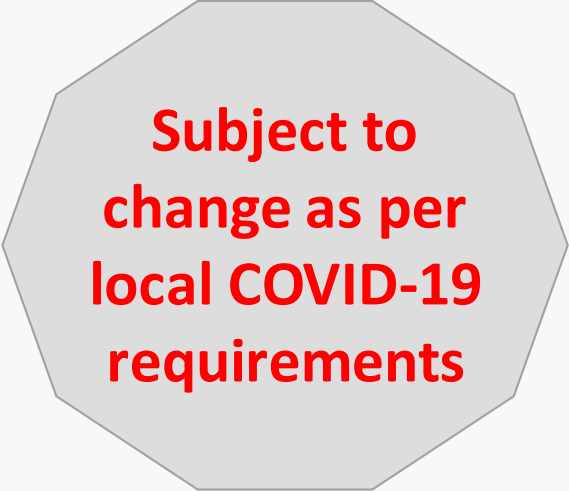
- Deadline for registration and requests for financial assistance: 25 March 2022
 - Financial assistance for up to three delegates, as funds permit, for States that are developing countries or countries with economy in transition and Party to all three conventions
 - Financial support pledged by: China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland
 - Order and timing of sessions may change → take into account when arranging travel
 - Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
 - Meeting documents were prepared prior to online segment, a few revised / new ones prepared; updates presented in INF on developments that occurred in the intersessional work since the online segment (UNEP/CHW.15/INF/60–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/51–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/72)
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Online participation in the meetings

- As per 6 May 2022 bureaux' agreement, online participation is allowed in two instances:
 - Registered delegates of a Party or observer organization face COVID-19 restrictions that prevent any representative of the Party or organization to attend the meetings in-person;
 - A registered delegate of a Party or observer tests positive for COVID-19 upon departure, arrival or during the COPs and is thus prevented from entering the venue; and he or she is the only delegate from that particular Party or observer present in the meetings .
 - In addition, all other meeting participants will be provided with an online access to view the meetings.
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COVID-19 related measures

- The Government of Switzerland has announced that all COVID measures are being lifted as of 17 February 2022
- Travel:
 - No travel COVID-related restrictions in Switzerland, beyond usual visa procedures
 - Participants to familiarize themselves with travel restrictions in the country of origin and transit countries
 - Parties to consider nominating representatives from their Permanent Missions to the UN in Geneva, where applicable
- At the meeting venue (to be confirmed):
 - Daily rapid antigen self-tests
 - Mask wearing
 - Testing possibility to allow for pre-departure checks (PCR at the expenditure of participants)
- Secretariat strongly encourages full vaccination against COVID-19 and delegates to have travel insurance covering any COVID-19 related treatment or quarantine costs



**Subject to
change as per
local COVID-19
requirements**

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 could be submitted for the online and face-to-face segment (updates possible) or for each segment separately
 - 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 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 June 2022)
 - Model for credentials available in all 6 UN languages
 - Advance submission of electronic copies of credentials by 13 May 2022; originals at the meeting venue
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Election of officers

Basel Convention					Rotterdam Convention		Stockholm Convention	
	COP Bureau	OEWG Bureau	ICC	ENFORCE	COP Bureau	CRC	COP Bureau	POPRC
Africa	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members
Asia - Pacific	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members
EE	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	2 members	2 officers	2 members
GRULAC	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	3 members	2 officers	3 members
WEOG	2 officers	1 officer	1 members	1 member (1 Party)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members

For more information see:

<http://www.brsmeas.org/20212022COPs/ElectionsofOfficers/tabid/8687/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Election of officers: rules and requirements

- Selection of candidates facilitated by the regional election focal points and discussed at regional preparatory meetings
 - To take into account required documentation, qualifications, time and travel needs
 - 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.
 - Efforts are still needed to ensure that women and men from all Parties are represented in the bodies and processes of the three conventions
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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
- During lunch break and in the evening throughout 2 weeks
- For more information, see: <http://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9122/Default.aspx>

- Plastics Forum

- Promote solutions to plastics
 - 8 to 10 June 2022
 - Expressions of interest by 20 May 2022 (madhushree.sivaraja@un.org)
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Main issues on the agendas

Basel Convention COP-15 main issues

Strategic matters

- Strategic framework (whether to develop future framework / evaluation)
- Developing ESM guidelines (revised practical manual to ensure TBM meet ESM)

Scientific and technical matters

- Technical guidelines (POPs, mercury, plastics, D5, D10, ULAB)
- National reporting (guidance on inventories)
- Further consideration of plastic waste (assessing effectiveness of measures and further activities)

Other topics

- Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Legal, governance and enforcement matters

- Implementation and Compliance Committee (guidance documents and work programme for 2022-3)
- Providing further legal clarity including proposals from EU to amend Annex IV of the Convention and Ghana/Switzerland to amend e-waste entries
- Proposal by the Russian Federation to amend paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention

Rotterdam Convention COP-10 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention

- «New» chemicals:
Decabromodiphenyl ether,
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its
salts and PFOA-related compounds
- «Old» chemicals: acetochlor,
carbosulfan, chrysotile asbestos,
fenthion formulations, paraquat
formulations

Compliance

- Inaugural work programme of the
compliance committee

Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

- Information dissemination strategy
- Consideration of a proposal from
African countries from COP-8 to
amend Article 16 of the Convention

Stockholm Convention COP-10 main issues

Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C

- Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annex A without specific exemptions

Reduce or eliminate release from intentional production and use

- BDEs (continued need for exemptions)
- Specific exemptions (continued need for decaBDE and SCCP exemptions)
- DDT (evaluate the continued need)
- PCBs (next progress evaluation at COP-11)

Compliance

- Draft text of procedures and mechanisms on compliance

National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

- Revised guidance on developing and updating NIPs

Toolkit and BAT&BEP

- Updated guidelines and guidance

Reporting

- Updated electronic reporting system

Joint issues

Technical assistance – financial resources

- Technical assistance
- Financial resources, in particular SC financial mechanism

Budgets and programmes of work

- Interim budget for 2022 and supplementary budget adopted at online segment
- Consider full budget for 2022-2023 based on 2 scenarios
 - Zero nominal growth scenario
 - Executive Secretaries' scenario, 4.3 % growth

International cooperation and coordination:

- With the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- With other organizations (e.g. UNEP/UNEA)

Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the BRS conventions

- Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange
- Mainstreaming gender
- Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade
- From science to action

Preparatory webinars

Date and time (UTC+2)	Language
Tuesday, 17 May 2022, 10:00-11:00	English
Monday, 23 May 2022, 16:00-17:00	Spanish
Tuesday, 24 May 2022, 16:00-17:00	English
Wednesday, 25 May 2022, 10:00-11:00	French

For registration, please consult:

<http://www.brsmeas.org/20212022COPs/Briefings/tabid/8879/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Thank you



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