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Note by the Secretariat

The annexes to the present note contain a tentative schedule of work for the face-to-face segment of 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). In line with the agreement of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions, the high-level segment will be held on 1 June 2022 in Stockholm, Sweden, in connection with the Stockholm+50 international meeting (2–3 June 2022),¹ and is therefore not part of the tentative schedule of work. The tentative schedule of work is provisional and could be subject to changes before or during the two weeks of the meetings.² The present note, including its annexes, has not been formally edit.

* In accordance with decisions BC-15/1, RC-10/2 and SC-10/2 of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties are being held in two segments: an online segment held from 26 to 30 July 2021 and a face-to-face segment to be held from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva.

¹ <https://www.stockholm50.global>.

² 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 face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva¹

	Mon, 6 June 2022	Tue, 7 June 2022	Wed, 8 June 2022	Thu, 9 June 2022	Fri, 10 June 2022	Sat, 11 June 2022
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 1; RC Item 1; SC Item 1: <i>Opening of the meetings (cont.)</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	No formal meetings
	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 3; RC Item 3; SC Item 3: Organizational matters (b) Organization of work (cont.); (a) Election of officers (cont.); (c) Credentials ² (cont.); BC Item 4: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (only POPs wastes) SC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes;	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 4 (cont.) (d) Technical assistance; RC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (e) Technical assistance; SC Item 5 (cont.) (f) Technical assistance; BC Item 4 (cont.) (f) Financial resources; RC Item 5 (cont.) (f) Financial resources; SC Item 5 (cont.) (g) Financial resources and mechanisms (cont.); BC Item 7; RC Item 8; SC Item 8: Programme of work and budget (cont.) . BC Item 8; RC Item 9; SC Item 9: Implementation of the MOU between UNEP and BC COP; MOU between FAO, UNEP and RC COP; MOU between UNEP and SC COP.	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 5; RC Item 6; SC Item 6: International cooperation and coordination (a) Cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury; (b) Cooperation and coordination with other organizations. BC Item 6; RC Item 7; SC Item 7: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (a) Clearing house mechanism for information exchange; (b) Mainstreaming gender; (c) Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes; (d) From science to action. BC Item 9; RC Item 10; SC Item 10: Venue and date of the next COPs (cont.) . BC Item 10; RC Item 11; SC Item 11: Other matters (only admission of observers).	Session of SC COP-10: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 4: Rules of procedure. Item 11 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers).	Session of BC COP-15: Item 4 (cont.) (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (i) Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention; (iv) Proposal by the Russian Federation to amend paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention;	
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	Session of BC COP-15: Item 4 (cont.) (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (i) Technical guidelines (cont.) (except POPs wastes); (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (ii) Providing further legal clarity;	Session of SC COP-10: Item 5 (cont.) (j) Compliance; (i) Effectiveness evaluation; (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use (cont.): (i) Exemptions; (iv) Brominated diphenyl ethers; (ii) DDT;	Session of SC COP-10: Item 5 (cont.) (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (iii) Polychlorinated biphenyls; (b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production; (d) Implementation plans; (h) Reporting pursuant to Article 15;	Session of SC COP-10: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of SC COP-10: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 12: Adoption of the report (cont.) . Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Adoption of the sections of the reports on the joint sessions of the meetings of the COPs³ and adoption of the reports on credentials.</i>	No formal meetings
	Session of SC COP-10: Item 5 (cont.) (e) Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention;					

¹ Items listed in the tentative schedule are from the agendas of the meetings adopted by the conferences of the Parties during their online segment, as set out in documents UNEP/CHW.15/1; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/1 and UNEP/POPS/COP.10/1.

² 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, 10 June 2022. Any updates to the credentials report may be considered by the respective Conference of the Parties in the afternoon of Thursday, 16 June 2022.

³ 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, 6 June 2022 to Wednesday, 8 June 2022.

	Sun, 12 June 2022	Mon, 13 June 2022	Tue, 14 June 2022	Wed, 15 June 2022	Thu, 16 June 2022	Fri, 17 June 2022	
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	
	Session of BC COP-15: Item 4 (cont.) (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (iii) National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic; (a) Strategic issues: (i) Strategic framework; (ii) Addressing the entry into force of the Ban Amendment; (iii) Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management; (e) Basel Convention Partnership Programme;	Session of BC COP-15: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 4 (cont.) (g) Work programme of the OEWG for 2022–2023. Item 10 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers).	Session of BC COP-15: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of RC COP-10: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of RC COP-10: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of RC COP-10: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 12: Adoption of the report (cont.).	
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	Session of BC COP-15: Item 4 (cont.) (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) Waste containing nanomaterials;	Session of RC COP-10: Item 5 (cont.) (d) Compliance; (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention;	Session of RC COP-10: Item 5 (cont.) (c) Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention; ⁴ (a) Status of implementation; Item 4: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties. Item 11 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers).	Session of BC COP-15: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 11: Adoption of the report (cont.).	Joint and Convention-specific sessions of the COPs: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the joint contact groups, adoption of the reports on credentials (possible updates) and adoption of outstanding decisions</i>	Adoption of BC budget decision	
						Adoption of RC budget decision	
							Adoption of SC budget decision
							BC Item 12; RC Item 13; SC Item 13: Closure of the meetings (cont.)

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	

⁴ This item will cover 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.

Annex II

Possible contact and other groups at the face-to-face meetings of the conferences of the Parties from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva

The following contact and other groups 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.

1) Joint contact and other groups:

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

2) Stockholm Convention-specific contact and other groups:

- Group on listing of chemicals
- Group on compliance

3) Basel Convention-specific contact and other groups:

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

4) Rotterdam Convention-specific contact and other groups:

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