

BRS triple COPs

24 April - 5 May 2017

Geneva



Back-to-back meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions; BC COP-13, RC COP-8 and SC COP-8

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Two-week meetings** at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- 1,500 participants from up to 185 Parties
- **High-level segment** on Thursday, 4 May (afternoon) and Friday, 5 May (morning)
- Theme: **'A future detoxified: Sound management of chemicals and waste'**
- Paperless meeting
- COPs meeting webpage: <http://brsmeas.org/2017COPs>

INVITATIONS AND REGISTRATION

- Invitation letters, agendas and information for COPs and the high-level segment sent in December 2016
- Deadline for registration and requests for financial assistance:
 - Funding for one participant per Convention for which an eligible country is a Party (i.e. up to 3 participants) for the two weeks
 - Funding received to-date from: EU, Germany, Norway, Switzerland
 - Nominations were to be made by **20 January 2017** through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission in Geneva, together with an official nomination letter or a note verbale
 - Contact person for registrations: Ms. Stephanie Cadet, stephanie.cadet@brsmeas.org
- Credentials: Original or copies of credentials in good order will be accepted, with the understanding that the original will be submitted as soon as possible (as done in 2015)

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

- Thursday, 4 May afternoon and Friday, 5 May morning
- Structure:
 - Opening in plenary
 - Ministerial round-tables (ministers, deputy ministers, ambassadors)
 - Ministerial dinner
 - Presentation of the outcomes of each round-table, moderated panel discussions followed by an interactive high-level discussion in plenary
- Outcome: Consolidation of the key messages from the round-table discussions (no ministerial statement or declaration)
- Further information in joint document INF/3
- Financial assistance available for one minister or deputy minister from an eligible country Party to at least one Convention

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

- Similar approach to 2015
- Pre-meetings (e.g. bureaux, regions) on the day before the meetings
- Joint sessions on joint issues on first day and a half
- Separate COPs: SC – BC – RC; with an early session of RC in week 1
- Order and timing of sessions may change → take into account when doing travel arrangements
- Limited number of contact groups running in parallel
- Further information in joint document INF/2



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 1)

	Mon, 24 April	Tue, 25 April	Wed, 26 April	Thu, 27 April	Fri, 28 April	Sat, 29 April
AM	BC Opening, agenda	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>				
	RC Opening, agenda	<u>Joint session:</u> Compliance POPs wastes Budget Next COPs Other matters	SC Exemptions BDE PFOS	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> DDT PCB NIPs	BC Techn. GL Strategic framework CLI Cartagena	BC Legislation / notifications OEWG
	SC Opening, agenda					
	<u>Joint session:</u> Organizational matters Synergies					
PM	<u>Joint session:</u> International cooperation Technical assistance Financial resources	SC Listing of chemicals Effectiveness evaluation	SC Unintentional POPs Reporting	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters RC Listing of chemicals	SC <i>Draft decisions</i> SC report Report of joint sessions	BC Amendments to Annexes Classification Reporting

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 2)

	Sun, 30 Apr	Mon, 1 May	Tue, 2 May	Wed, 3 May	Thu, 4 May	Fri, 5 May	
AM	No meetings	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>					
		BC <i>Draft decisions</i> Partnerships Ships IMO	RC Listing of chemicals	RC Status of implementation	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> RC report	HLS	
PM	No meetings	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	BC <i>Draft decisions</i> BC report	RC <i>Draft decisions</i> Other matters	HLS opening		<i>BC budget</i>
							<i>RC budget</i>
					HLS round tables	BRS Adoption of decisions	<i>SC budget</i>
							Closure

POTENTIAL CONTACT AND OTHER GROUPS

- **Joint contact groups:**

- Budget
- Synergies
- Technical assistance / financial resources

- **BC:**

- Compliance and legal matters
- Technical matters
- Strategic matters

- **RC:**

- Listing of chemicals and intersessional process on listing of chemicals

- **SC:**

- Listing of chemicals
- Effectiveness evaluation
- Compliance

TECHNOLOGY FAIR, SIDE EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

- Three-day **Technology Fair** on 27-29 April, with the objective to promote the transfer of technology for the implementation of the conventions:
 - Show case available clean technologies and alternatives for the sound management of chemicals and wastes
 - Engage the private sector and industry as well as other relevant partners in promoting technology transfer under the conventions
- Feature thematic exhibition booths and panel discussions
- **Side events and exhibition booths** could also be held on other days of the COPs
- Registration for side events and booths until **3 March 2017**

Regional preparatory meetings

Region	Date	Venue	Co-organizer
Asia-Pacific	6-8 March	Bangkok	BCRC/SCRC Indonesia
Africa	14-16 March	Dakar	BCRC/SCRC Senegal
CEE & CA	21-23 March	Riga	Latvia, BCRC Slovakia
GRULAC	28-30 March	Sao Paulo	SCRC Brazil

- Up to two participants per country, thanks to generous financial support from Switzerland
- Followed by a working session addressing regional specific issues related to the Minamata Convention

Meetings website:

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