#### BRS triple COPs 24 April - 5 May 2017 Geneva

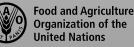


# Back-to-back meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions; BC COP-13, RC COP-8 and SC COP-8

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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: <a href="http://brsmeas.org/2017COPs">http://brsmeas.org/2017COPs</a>





## **INVITATIONS AND REGISTRATION**

- Invitation letters, agendas and information for COPs and the highlevel 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 roundtable 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

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## **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, 20	6 April	Thu, 27 April	Fri, 28 April	Sat, 29 April
	BC Opening, agenda	Reports of contact groups					
AM	RC Opening, agenda SC Opening, agenda Joint session: Organizational matters Synergies	Joint session: Compliance POPs wastes Budget Next COPs Other matters	Exem BI	C ptions DE OS	SC Draft decisions DDT PCB NIPs	BC Techn. GL Strategic framework CLI Cartagena	BC Legislation / notifications OEWG
PM	Joint session: International cooperation Technical assistance Financial resources	SC Listing of chemicals Effectiveness evaluation	SC Unintentional POPs Reporting		SC Draft decisions Other matters RC Listing of chemicals	SC Draft decisions SC report Report of joint sessions	<b>BC</b> Amendments to Annexes Classification Reporting

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (WEEK 2)**

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

## POTENTIAL CONTACT AND OTHER GROUPS

#### Joint contact groups:

- Budget
- Synergies
- Technical assistance
  / financial resources

#### • <u>RC</u>:

 Listing of chemicals and intersessional process on listing of chemicals

#### • <u>BC</u>:

- Compliance and legal matters
- Technical matters
- Strategic matters

#### • <u>SC</u>:

- 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



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