

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE 2025 MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE PARTIES
TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS
FOR THE EASTERN EUROPE REGION
WARSAW, POLAND, 26-28 MARCH 2025

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Overview of the programme	Host, bureaux members, and Secretariat
Item 1. Regional consultations: Basel Convention issues		
09:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic framework ○ Improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure • Scientific and technical matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical guidelines ○ Classification and hazard characterization of wastes ○ National reporting ○ Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents ○ Further consideration of plastic waste ○ Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX on e-waste ○ Waste containing nanomaterials • Legal, compliance and governance matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance 	Presentation by the Secretariat, followed by a discussion in plenary on each item
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break	

11:20-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providing further legal clarity ○ National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic ○ Proposal by the Russian Federation to amend paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention • Basel Convention Partnership Programme • Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the period 2026–2027 	Presentation by the Secretariat, followed by a discussion in plenary on each item
12:00-12:30	Break out groups on Basel Convention issues (closed session)	Secretariat, Parties to the Conventions only
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	Break out groups on Basel Convention issues (closed session)	Secretariat, Parties to the Conventions only
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:50 – 16:20	Report from break out groups	Parties, observers
Item 2. Regional consultations: Rotterdam Convention		
16:20 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developments on the work of CRC ○ Recommendations from the CRC to list in Annex III to the Convention: chlorpyrifos, methyl bromide, mercury, paraquat, acetochlor, carbosulfan, chrysotile asbestos, fenthion formulations, iprodione and paraquat dichloride formulations 	Presentation by the Secretariat, as relevant, followed by a discussion in plenary on each item

THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2025

9:00 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow-up to decision RC-11/4 ○ Follow-up to decision RC-10/10 ○ Proposal to amend Article 16 of the Convention submitted by some African Parties to COP-8 • Compliance • Status of implementation of the Convention 	Presentation by the Secretariat followed by a discussion in plenary on each item
09:30 – 11:10	Break out groups on Rotterdam Convention issues (closed session)	Secretariat, Parties to the Conventions only
11:10 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30-12:00	Report from break out groups	Parties, observers

Item 3. Regional consultations: Stockholm Convention		
12:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developments on the work of POPRC ○ Recommendations from the POPRC to list in Annex A to the Convention: chlorpyrifos, chlorinated paraffins with carbon chain lengths in the range C14–17 and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45 per cent chlorine by weight and long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids (PFCAs), their salts and related compounds ○ Proposal by Ethiopia to amend Annex A regarding UV-238 	Presentation by the Secretariat followed, by a discussion in plenary on each item
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention (cont.) • Compliance • Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exemptions ○ DDT ○ PCB ○ Brominated diphenyl ethers 	Presentation by the Secretariat followed, by a discussion in plenary on each item
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:50 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production • Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes • Implementation plans • Reporting pursuant to Article 15 • Effectiveness evaluation, including the Global Monitoring Programme 	Presentation by the Secretariat followed, by a discussion in plenary on each item
16:30 – 18:00	Break out groups on Stockholm Convention issues (closed session)	Secretariat, Parties to the Conventions only

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025

9:00 – 9:30	Report from break out groups	Parties, observers
Item 4. Regional consultations: Joint issues		
09:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International cooperation and coordination: 	Presentation by the secretariats, followed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury ○ Cooperation and coordination with other organizations ○ Updates from the chemicals and waste cluster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minamata Convention on Mercury ➤ Global Framework on Chemicals ➤ Resolutions adopted at the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly ➤ Special Programme on Institutional Strengthening for Chemicals and Waste ➤ Ad hoc Open-Ended Working Group on the Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution ➤ Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment 	by a discussion in plenary on each item
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:20–12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technical assistance, including Basel and Stockholm Conventions regional centres ● Financial resources and mechanisms ● Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange ○ Mainstreaming gender ○ Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes ○ From science to action ● Programmes of work and budgets ● Venue and dates of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties 	Presentation by the Secretariat followed, by a discussion in plenary on each item
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	Break out groups on joint issues (closed session)	Secretariat, Parties to the Conventions only
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:50 – 16:20	Report from break out groups	Parties, observers

Item 5. General information on the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties (COPs)		
16:20 – 16:50	Organization of work, high-level segment, practical arrangements, credentials and elections of officers and members of subsidiary bodies	Presentation by the Secretariat, followed by a discussion in plenary
Item 6. Closed session		
16:50– 17:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of officers • Preparation of regional statements • Discussion on the opportunity to have technical meetings during the 2025 BRS COPs between the EU and non-EU countries from the Eastern European region to increase understanding of the national provisions implementing the Rotterdam Convention 	Parties to the Conventions only
Item 7. Closure of the regional preparatory meeting		
17:50 – 18:00	Conclusions and closure of the meeting	Bureaux members and Secretariat

The regional preparatory meetings for the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are organized thanks to the generous financial support provided by the Governments of Germany, Sweden and Switzerland, as well as the United Nations Environment Programme.
