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Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**

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Tentative schedule of work of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Note by the Secretariat

The annexes to the present note contain a tentative schedule of work for 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). The tentative schedule of work, which was agreed to by the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions at their joint meeting on 5 November 2024, is provisional and could be subject to changes before or during the two weeks of the meetings.¹ The present note, including its annexes, has not been formally edited.

* UNEP/CHW.17/1.

** UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/1

*** UNEP/POPS/COP.12/1.

¹ 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 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties¹

	Mon, 28 April 2025	Tue, 29 April 2025	Wed, 30 April 2025	Thu, 1 May 2025	Fri, 2 May 2025	Sat, 3 May 2025
Morning session 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>BC Item 1: Opening of the meeting BC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</p>	<p>Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p>	<p>Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p>	<p>Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p>	<p>Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i></p>	No formal meetings
	<p>RC Item 1: Opening of the meeting RC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</p>	<p>Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 4 (cont.) (f) Financial resources;</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-12: Item 5 (cont.) (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use (cont.): (iii) Polychlorinated biphenyls; (b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production; (d) Implementation plans; (h) Reporting pursuant to Article 15;</p>	<p>High-level segment</p>	<p>Session of BC COP-17: Item 4 (cont.) (a) Strategic issues: (i) Strategic framework; (ii) Improving the functioning of the PIC procedure; (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (iii) National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic; (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (i) Technical guidelines (cont.) (except POPs wastes);² (v) Further consideration of plastic waste;</p>	
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	<p>Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 3: Organizational matters (b) Organization of work; (a) Election of officers; (c) Credentials;⁴</p>	<p>RC Item 5 Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (f) Financial resources; SC Item 5 (cont.) (g) Financial resources and mechanisms; BC Item 4 (c) (cont.) (i) Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention; RC Item 5 (cont.) (d) Compliance; SC Item 5 (cont.) (j) Compliance;³</p>	<p>Item 4: Rules of procedure.</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-12: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i></p>	<p>Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Adoption of the reports on credentials.</i></p>	No formal meetings
	<p>Session of SC COP-12: Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (e) Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention;</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-12: Item 5 (cont.) (j) Compliance (cont.); (i) Effectiveness evaluation; (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (i) Exemptions; (iv) Brominated diphenyl ethers; (ii) DDT;</p>	<p>Opening of the high-level segment</p>	<p>Item 10: Other matters (cont.)</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-12: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 11: Adoption of the report.</p>	
	<p>Session of BC COP-17: Item 4 (cont.) (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (ii) Providing further legal clarity;⁵ (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (i) Technical guidelines (cont.) (except POPs wastes);</p>		<p>Ministerial round-tables</p>	<p>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 9; RC Item 10; SC Item 10: Other matters (admission of observers).</p>	<p>Session of BC COP-17: Item 4 (cont.) (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (i) Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention (cont.);</p>	

¹ Items listed in the draft tentative schedule are from the provisional agendas of the meetings (UNEP/CHW.17/1; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/1; UNEP/POPS/COP.12/1).

² To take up the remaining technical guidelines whose consideration could not be completed on Monday, 28 April 2025.

³ Consideration of the agenda items on compliance in joint session would be limited to an introduction by the Secretariat of the agenda items, as well as a report by each respective Chair on the work of the Basel and Rotterdam convention committees. Discussions and conclusions on the way forward would take place during the convention-specific sessions later in the weeks.

⁴ 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, 2 May 2025. Any updates to the credentials report may be considered by the respective Conference of the Parties in the afternoon of Thursday, 8 May 2025.

⁵ This includes the revised amendment proposals for Annex IV and the draft recommendations on the review of Annexes I and III developed by the expert working group on the review of Annexes.

	Sun, 4 May 2025	Mon, 5 May 2025	Tue, 6 May 2025	Wed, 7 May 2025	Thu, 8 May 2025	Fri, 9 May 2025
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 RC COP-12: Item 5 (cont.) (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention;	Session of BC COP-17: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 4 (cont.) (g) Work programme of the OEWG for 2026–2027. Item 9: Other matters (cont.).	Session of BC COP-17: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 4 (cont.) (d) Technical assistance RC Item 5 (cont.) (e) Technical assistance; SC Item 5 (cont.) (f) Technical assistance; BC Item 6; RC Item 7; SC Item 7: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (c) Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes;	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 6; RC Item 7; SC Item 7 (cont.) (d) From science to action. (a) Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange; (b) Mainstreaming gender; BC Item 8; RC Item 9; SC Item 9: Venue and date of the next COPs.	Session of RC COP-12: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of RC COP-12: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 11: Adoption of the report.
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	Session of BC COP-17: Item 4 (cont.) (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (iv) Proposal by the Russian Federation to amend paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention; (e) Basel Convention Partnership Programme; (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (i) Classification and hazard characterization of wastes; (iii) National reporting; (iv) Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents; (vi) Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX on e-waste; (vii) Waste containing nanomaterials;	Session of RC COP-12: Item 5 (cont.) (d) Compliance (cont.); (c) Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention; ⁶ (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention (cont);	Session of RC COP-12: Item 5 (cont.) (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention (cont.); (a) Status of implementation; Item 4: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties. Item 10: Other matters (cont.).	Session of BC COP-17: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 10: Adoption of the report.	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), adoption of outstanding decisions and adoption of the sections of the reports on the joint sessions of the meetings of the COPs.⁷</i>	Adoption of RC budget decision Adoption of BC budget decision Adoption of SC budget decision BC Item 11; RC Item 12; SC Item 12: Closure of the meetings

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	
High-level segment	

⁶ This includes 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.

⁷ 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, 28 April 2025, to Tuesday, 6 May 2025.

Annex II

Possible contact and other groups at the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties

The contact and other groups listed below 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.

Joint contact and other groups:

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

Stockholm Convention-specific contact and other groups:

- Group on listing of chemicals
- Group on compliance

Basel Convention-specific contact and other groups:

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

Rotterdam Convention-specific contact and other groups:

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