

Striving for a
World Free of
POPs

Luchando por un mundo sin COPs

Relever les défis d'un avenir exempt de POPs

Избавим мир от СОЗ

نكافح من أجل عالم خالي من الملوثات العضوية الدائمة

竭力争取一个无持久性有机污染物的世界

2011

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The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants is a global treaty that aims at protecting human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants. It was adopted at a Conference of Plenipotentiaries on 22 May 2001 in Stockholm, Sweden and entered into force on 17 May 2004. As of November 2010, the Convention had 172 Parties (171 countries and the European Union).

Persistent organic pollutants, also known as "POPs", are particularly toxic chemicals that bioaccumulate, travel long distances and persist in the environment. 21 POPs are currently covered by the Stockholm Convention. These chemicals are pesticides, industrial chemicals or unintentional byproducts of industrial and other processes. Some are largely used (for example in flame retardants, electronic equipment, electric transformers). POPs are everywhere: in our bodies, in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil we walk on and the food we eat. Let us start this New Year by being more aware of this hidden danger and by renewing our efforts to create a POPs-free future.

Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention



POPs are either pesticides, industrial chemicals or unintentional by-products of human activities

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	New Year's Day 1	2
New Year's Day (observed) 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



POPs are persistent: they last for years or even decades

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Seventh meeting of the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention Rome, Italy 28 March - 1 April 2011	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	Good Friday 22	23	24
Easter Monday 25 Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention Geneva, Switzerland 25 - 29 April 2011	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 19th session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development New York, USA 2 - 13 May 2011	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



POPs can cause cancer, immune-system, nervous-system or liver damage, endocrine disruption or other reproductive problems in both animals and humans

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1	Ascension Day 2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Whit Monday 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention Geneva, Switzerland 20 - 24 June 2011 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



POPs are not visible to the human eye but their effects can be seen everywhere

July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Swiss National Day 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Eid Al-Fitr 31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11



POPs build up along the food chain, thus those at the top of it are most exposed

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	Jeûne Genevois 8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Seventh meeting of the POPs Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention Geneva, Switzerland 10-14 October 2011	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention Cartagena, Colombia 17 - 21 October 2011	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



The involvement of all stakeholders is required to address the issue of ridding the world of POPs

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Eid al-Adha 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11



The road ahead to a world free of POPs is a long one but the first steps of the journey are well underway

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	Christmas Day (observed) 23	24	Christmas Day 25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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