

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES 2011-2012

Since April 2011 the Secretariat has been publishing a technical assistance brochure containing the programme of activities available to Parties. The brochure provides an overview of the activities planned for each priority thematic area of the Secretariat's programme of work. The objective is to raise awareness and facilitate access to training opportunities available to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to assist them in implementing the Convention.

Among others the Secretariat is planning to provide capacity-building and training on a large number of issues ranging from assisting Parties to update and review their NIPs to facilitating access to financial resources.

In addition to national, regional and global workshops on various themes, the Secretariat is diversifying its programme of online training "Webinars" by offering national or regional webinars. In this regard, the Secretariat is pro-

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moting knowledge exchange as well as other collaborative activities with implementing entities in the field, such as Stockholm Convention Regional Centres.

For more details, please visit: www.pops.int.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY EXPERT MEETING ORGANISED BY RECETOX



Participants at the workshop

An expert meeting supported by the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences, the American Chemical Society, and the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention was organized by the Research Centre for Toxic Compounds in the Environment (RECETOX) in Brno, Czech Republic, from 22 to 24 May, 2011, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The centre, acting

also as a Regional centre of the Stockholm Convention for capacity building and transfer of technology in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, invited the leading POPs scientists from all continents together with representatives of the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, UNEP and EC to join a discussion focused on identification of the research needs in the global assessment of toxic compounds. Major achievements of ten years were acknowledged, and the new scientific and implementation challenges addressed. Participants of the workshop continue working on the declaration summarizing the outcomes of the discussion for the policy makers, stakeholders, scientific community, as well as general public. For the workshop presentations in English, please visit:

<http://www.recetox.muni.cz/index-en.php?pg=events--presentations-pops-workshop>.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON NEW POPs IN ARMENIA



Participants at the workshop

The national awareness-raising workshop on the nine new POPs and the implementation of the Stockholm Convention in Armenia was held on 26 to 27 May 2011 in Yerevan, Armenia. The workshop aimed at increasing the understanding of participants on the chemicals that have been added to the annexes of the Convention and to gather preliminary information on the presence of these new POPs in Armenia. In addition to

issues related to the nine chemicals added to the Convention in 2009, presentations at the workshop addressed the implications of the listing of endosulfan that was added to the Convention at the fifth Conference of the Parties in April 2011. Participants included representatives from various ministries and government agencies working in a broad range of areas such as agriculture, waste management, occupational health, environmental compliance and statistics.

Participants expressed the need for more awareness raising on the new POPs, in particular they highlighted brominated flame retardants and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, and for guidance on the development of inventories as well as for the sound management of articles containing these chemicals. The information gathered from participants during the workshop will serve as the starting point for an initial assessment of new POPs in Armenia that is being undertaken to facilitate the process of reviewing and updating the national implementation plan.

SCREENING OF HOMO TOXICUS



Homo toxicus movie flyer

As part of the sustainable development festival in Geneva, the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, together with the Safe Planet campaign and the Geneva Environment Network, hosted a public screening of the movie Homotoxicus on 15 May 2011.

In a hard-hitting investigation, carried out with intelligence and humour, director Carole

Poliquin has her own blood tested and explores the links between those toxic substances and some rising health problems such as cancer, allergies, hyperactivity and infertility. Her findings are disturbing and strongly challenge our way of life.

The event, which gathered a total of 80 participants, was followed by a cocktail, where people could further debate and exchange on the seriousness of the issue and ways to protect from the risks entailed by toxic substances.

To find more information about the movie, please consult: www.homotoxicus.com.

CALL FOR SUCCESS STORIES

Parties, NGOs, IGOs and other stakeholders are invited to share success stories on how the Stockholm Convention triggered positive changes in chemical management and/or sustainable development in their country/community/organization/etc.

Best stories will be selected, compiled and presented at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012.

NEWSLETTER EVALUATION: ONLINE SURVEY

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

On the first year anniversary of our newsletter, we would like to have your ideas and feedback. Please help us to improve our newsletter by filling out our online survey:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CJLFA8VZG>

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL NEEDS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONVENTION

The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which was held the last week of April in Geneva, took several decisions regarding financial and technical assistance under the Convention. A number of those decisions aim at assessing the technical and financial challenges faced by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition when implementing the Convention. In this regard, decisions SC-5/20 and SC-5/22 invite Parties to provide the following information:

Decision SC-5/20 on Guidance on technical assistance

	Developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition	Developed country Parties	All country Parties
Information to be provided	Technical assistance and technology transfer needs, and related barriers and obstacles	Technical assistance and technologies that they are available to be transferred to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, together with the barriers and obstacles to respond to developing countries needs	Agroecological knowledge, experience, strategies and practices that could be relevant as alternatives to POPs Experiences in implementing the guidance on technical assistance

The information collected will be used to report on progress in the application of the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technology to be presented for consideration at COP-6.

Decision SC-5/22 on needs assessment

	Developed country Parties	All country Parties
Information to be provided	Ways in which they can support the Convention	Funding used during the period 2010-2014 and their funding needs for 2015-2019, using the format and guidance set forth in Annex II of decision

The information collected will be used to develop an assessment of funding needs to implement the Convention for consideration at COP-6, which among other things, is expected to serve as an input for the next GEF replenishment. A second report will be prepared, reviewing the availability of financial resources additional to those provided by the GEF.

In the coming weeks, the Secretariat will send country Parties and relevant stakeholders an official communication summarizing all the requests for information required by the decisions taken at COP-5.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON PBDES EMISSIONS REDUCTION FROM E-WASTES IN CHINA



Participants at the workshop

The Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building of PBDEs Emissions Reduction from E-waste was held in Guangzhou, China on 31 May - 2 June 2011. The workshop was attended by 25 participants totally. Among them, 13 delegates nominated by the official contact point to the Stockholm Convention from 7 countries served by Stockholm Convention Regional Center for Capacity-building and the Transfer of Technology in Asia and the Pacific (SCRCAP): Cambodia, China, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines and Sri Lanka. Another 12 resource persons and

conference secretaries attended from SCRCAP/ Basel Convention Coordinating Center for Asia and the Pacific (BCRC China), Hong Kong Baptist University, Tsinghua University, Institute of Flame retardant of China, Kingfa Sci & Tech. Co. Ltd.

The regional workshop was funded by the Small Grant Programme of the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, organized by SCRCAP with the support of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China.

During the workshop, participants discussed national status of PBDEs, e-waste management and national needs; advanced technologies related to PBDEs characteristics, convention requirements, analysis method, inventory investigation methodology, development trend of flame retardant was introduced; national needs and activity priority, regional strategy framework and project proposal were also discussed. In the third day of the workshop, participants had a field visit to modified plastics manufacture plant and e-waste recycling plant.

THE 7TH SUMMER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY AND ECOTOXICOLOGY

The 7th Summer School of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology is organized by the Research Centre for Toxic Compounds in the Environment (RECETOX), a Stockholm Convention regional centre, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and other relevant institutions. The summer school will be held from 27 June to 2 July 2011 in Brno, Czech Republic and at the Košetice observatory of the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute.

This year the Summer School will have a special focus on climate change impacts on the presence of organic pollutants in the Arctic and their effects on human and environmental health. As every year, a training component is included to provide capacity building in support of the implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention, focusing on good laboratory practices and GC/MS training. More information is available at: <http://www.recetox.muni.cz>.



6th Summer school participants

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MEETINGS / WORKSHOPS

Date	Activity	Venue
20-22 June	Green Customs National Workshop	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
21-23 June	Green Customs National Workshop	Jakarta, Indonesia
27 June-3 July	7th Summer School on Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology	Brno, Czech Republic
5-8 July	Regional awareness raising workshop on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination for the Implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in French-speaking Africa	Dakar, Senegal
25-29 July	Regional workshop on joint implementation of the Waigani, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	Nadi, Fiji

WEBINARS

Topic	Date / Time (GMT) (Duration 1 hour)	Registration deadline
Updating national inventories on unintentional POPs	1 June 14.00 GMT 3 June 08.00 GMT	23 May
	15 June 14.00 GMT 17 June 08.00 GMT	6 June
Promoting synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	29 June 14.00 GMT 1 July 08.00 GMT	20 June
	6 July 14.00 GMT 8 July 08.00 GMT	27 June
Improving access to technical and scientific information in the framework of the POPRC <i>NEW!</i>	13 July 14.00 GMT 15 July 08.00 GMT	1 July
	20 July 14.00 GMT 22 July 08.00 GMT	11 July

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOPS

Registrations to participate in the workshops organised by the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention must be submitted through the **official contact points** designated by Parties for the performance of administrative functions and formal communication under the Convention or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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