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COMMUNICATION

CELEBRATING GENDER PIONEERS FOR A FUTURE DETOXIFIED

On the occasion of the 2017 Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (2017 COPs), as part of its activities on gender, the Secretariat wishes to promote gender mainstreaming and showcase the leadership of women and men in governments, Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centres, civil society, academia and the private sector, who are contributing to these important efforts. Awards to celebrate “**Gender Pioneers for a Future Detoxified**” will recognize ten women and men for their achievements in advancing gender equality and mainstreaming gender issues in the area of chemicals and wastes.

All Parties and Signatories to the Conventions, Regional Centres, IGOs, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector are cordially invited to submit to the Secretariat nominations of those colleagues who make efforts to champion the issue of gender in their work and/or workplace, particularly in the field of chemicals and waste. All nominations received will be strictly confidential. Please use the form attached to this communication to submit your nomination.

The Secretariat will convene a Selection Committee comprised of representatives from developed and developing country Parties, an intergovernmental organization and a civil society organization. The Committee will be responsible for reviewing all submissions received against the eligibility criteria. The Secretariat will inform recipients of the “Gender Pioneers for a Future Detoxified” awards by 7 April 2017.

An awards ceremony will take place during the 2017 COPs in Geneva, Switzerland.

Please submit your nominations to the Secretariat (email: Song.Yun@brsmeas.org) by **31 March 2017**. Please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Tatiana Terekhova (email: tatiana.terekhova@brsmeas.org) and Ms. Susan Wingfield (susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org) should you have any questions.



Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm Conventions
Geneva, 8 March 2017

- Enc.: Celebrating Gender Pioneers for a Future Detoxified information sheet and nomination form
- To: Focal points and Competent Authorities of Parties and Signatories to the Basel Convention
 Official Contact Points of Parties and Signatories to the Rotterdam Convention
 Designated National Authorities of Parties and Signatories to the Rotterdam Convention
 Official Contact Points of Parties and Signatories to the Stockholm Convention
 National Focal Points of Parties and Signatories to the Stockholm Convention
 Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres
 Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity building and the transfer of technology
 Observers to the 2015 Conferences of the Parties of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- Cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva
 Permanent Missions to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome

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Introduction

Bringing gender issues to the forefront of the chemicals and waste agenda is key as women, men, boys and girls are exposed to harmful substances in different ways and to varying degrees depending on where they work and live. In addition to gender differences in exposure to hazardous substances, there are also differences in physiological susceptibility between men and women, girls and boys. Children are particularly susceptible to the negative health impacts of chemicals. For example, mercury and lead exposure in utero and early in life can result in mental retardation, seizures, vision and hearing loss, and delayed development¹.

The Gender Action Plan of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions was developed by the Secretariat to promote gender equality as an integral part of the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including Secretariat activities and gender mainstreaming in its programme of work and activities. The Gender Action Plan supports Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG 5) on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls.

The Awards

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A ceremony will be held at the side-event on *Lessons and best practices integrating gender into implementation: Case studies from Nigeria and Indonesia and new data from the Environment and Gender Information (EGI) platform* during the 2017 COPs in Geneva, Switzerland.

Eligibility criteria

Please support the Secretariat’s initiative by nominating those colleagues who make efforts to champion the issue of gender in their work and/or workplace, particularly in the field of chemicals and waste. All nominations received will be strictly confidential.

If you have a colleague who, for example:

- Mainstreams the issue of gender by valuing the diversity among both men and women in his/her work and/or workplace;
- Demonstrates commitment to the advancement of gender equality in his/her work and/or workplace;
- Ensures gender equality/participation in decision-making; or
- Assesses the different implications for women and men of any planned policy action, including legislation and programmes.

...we would like to hear from you!

Nominations

- Nominations are encouraged from all Parties and BRS stakeholders from all over the world. Nominations can be submitted by anyone who wishes to nominate a colleague. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must be received by the Secretariat (email: Song.Yun@brsmeas.org) by **31 March 2017**.
- We invite you to nominate your candidate by completing the attached Nomination Form. All nominations received will be strictly confidential.

¹ EEA (2013) *ibid*.

Selection process

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Next steps

The Secretariat encourages all BRS stakeholders to submit a nomination. Help us make a positive step in showcasing your country's or organization's talent and help to achieve SDG 5!

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Nomination Form

Name of nominee:	
Organization of nominee:	
Position of nominee:	
E-mail of nominee:	
What three words describe this nominee:	1.
	2.
	3.
Answer questions (max. 250 words each): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is the nominee advancing gender equality or mainstreaming gender issues in the area of chemicals and wastes?• How does he/she inspire others?• How has he/she demonstrated exceptional leadership?	
Your name:	
Your organization:	
Your e-mail:	

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