**Information on elections of officers and subsidiary body members to take place during the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2015**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. **Introduction**
2. In accordance with the respective rules of procedures for meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions[[1]](#footnote-1), the offices of President and Rapporteur of the conferences of the parties shall normally be subject to rotation among the five United Nations regional groups.
3. During their meetings held respectively on 14-15 May 2014, 22-23 May 2014, and 4-5 June 2014, the bureaux of the conferences of the parties to the Stockholm, Basel and Rotterdam conventions considered an information package on the elections to take place during the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in May 2015[[2]](#footnote-2).
4. During its meeting, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention noted that given the past practice of regional rotation for the election of officers under the Basel and Stockholm conventions, the next presidents of the conferences of the parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions could be expected to both come from among the Africa regional group. The Bureau members noted that regions could consider agreeing on altering the rotation to avoid having two presidents from the same region at a given time.
5. **Implementation**
6. To assist discussions on this issue at the joint bureaux meeting, a proposal for synchronising the regional rotations of presidents and rapporteurs of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the 2015 meetings as well as future meetings, is set out in annex I to the present note. The proposal would involve Africa and Asia and the Pacific regions swapping the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention for its 2017 and 2019 meetings and the two regions swapping the Rapporteur office of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention for its 2019 and 2021 meetings. Once these adjustments have been made regional rotation would be able to continue indefinitely without facing the issue of having multiple presidents or rapporteurs from the same region at a given time for the three conferences of the parties.
7. To assist regions in identifying nominees for bureau and subsidiary body members, annex II to the present note contains an overview table of all the elections expected to take place during the meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2015. Bureau members for each region will also be provided with worksheets to be used in filling out the names of the nominees in advance of the 2015 meetings of the conferences of the parties.
8. For further background, annex III to the present note provides a list of presidents and rapporteurs of the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions since their first meetings.
9. **Proposed action**
10. The bureaux may wish to:

(a) Consider and agree to the proposal for synchronising the regional rotation of presidents and rapporteurs of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, set out in annex I to the present note;

(b) Take note of the information set out in annex II to the present note and make use of this information in consultations within their regions regarding bureau and subsidiary body membership elections to take place at the meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2015.

Annex I: Proposal for synchronizing the regional rotations of presidents and rapporteurs of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

“Status quo” scenario

A possible rotation of presidents and rapporteurs of the conferences of the parties to the three conventions is set out below, based on past regional rotations, without prejudice to the possible hosting of a meeting of the conferences of the parties by a party to the conventions. Yellow highlights show where future presidents of the conferences of the parties at a given time could be expected to come from the same region, e.g. presidents of the conferences of the parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions for the meetings in 2017 and 2019 and every ten years thereafter.

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| Officers for the meetings of: | Presidents | | | Rapporteurs | | |
| Basel Convention | Rotterdam Convention | Stockholm Convention | Basel Convention | Rotterdam Convention | Stockholm Convention |
| *2015 COPs*  *(current offices)* | *Central and Eastern European States* | *Asia and the Pacific States* | *Western European and Other States* | *Western European and Other States* | *Western European and Other States* | *Latin American and Caribbean States* |
| 2017 COPs | African States | Western European and Other States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States |
| 2019 COPs | Asian and the Pacific States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | African States |
| 2021 COPs | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States |
| 2023 COPs | Western European and Other States | Central and Eastern European States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States |
| 2025 COPs | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States | Western European and Other States | Western European and Other States | Latin American and Caribbean States |
| 2027 COPs | African States | Western European and Other States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States |
| 2029 COPs | Asian and the Pacific States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | African States |
| 2031 COPs | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States |
| 2033 COPs | Western European and Other States | Central and Eastern European States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States |

“Synchronized” scenario

With a view to avoiding a scenario where future presidents of the conferences of the parties at a given time could be expected to come from the same region, an option could be for the Africa regional group and the Asia and the Pacific regional group to consider swapping their turn with respect to the position of President of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention in 2017, as shown below in green.

As a consequence of this alteration, the President and Rapporteur of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention for the meeting in 2019 would be expected to come from the same region, e.g. the African region. To avoid this situation, the Africa regional group and the Asia and the Pacific regional group might consider swapping their turn with respect to the position of Rapporteur of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention in 2019, as shown below in blue.

These two alterations in the regional rotation of presidents and rapporteurs of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention would allow the synchronization of regional rotations of presidents and rapporteurs of the conferences of the parties to the three conventions in the long-term with minimal changes compared to past regional rotations, without prejudice to the possible hosting of a meeting of the conferences of the parties by a party to the conventions.

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| Officers for meetings of: | Presidents | | | Rapporteurs | | |
| Basel Convention | Rotterdam Convention | Stockholm Convention | Basel Convention | Rotterdam Convention | Stockholm Convention |
| *2015 COPs*  *(current offices)* | *Central and Eastern European States* | *Asia and the Pacific States* | *Western European and Other States* | *Western European and Other States* | *Western European and Other States* | *Latin American and Caribbean States* |
| 2017 COPs | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States |
| 2019 COPs | African States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States | Asian and the Pacific States | Central and Eastern European States | African States |
| 2021 COPs | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | African States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States |
| 2023 COPs | Western European and Other States | Central and Eastern European States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States |
| 2025 COPs | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States | Western European and Other States | Western European and Other States | Latin American and Caribbean States |
| 2027 COPs | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | Asian and the Pacific States | Western European and Other States |
| 2029 COPs | African States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States | Asian and the Pacific States | Central and Eastern European States | African States |
| 2031 COPs | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States | African States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Asian and the Pacific States |
| 2033 COPs | Western European and Other States | Central and Eastern European States | Latin American and Caribbean States | Latin American and Caribbean States | African States | Central and Eastern European States |

Annex II: Overview table of the elections to take place during the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on 4-15 May 2015

|  | |  | **Basel Convention** | | | | **Rotterdam Convention[[3]](#footnote-3)** | | **Stockholm Convention[[4]](#footnote-4)** | | | |
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|  | |  | **Bureau of the Conference of the Parties[[5]](#footnote-5)** | **Bureau of the OEWG[[6]](#footnote-6)** | **Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)** | **ENFORCE[[7]](#footnote-7)** | **Bureau of the Conference of the Parties**[[8]](#footnote-8) | **Chemical Review Committee (CRC)[[9]](#footnote-9)** | **Bureau of the Conference of the Parties[[10]](#footnote-10)** | **POPs Review Committee (POPRC)[[11]](#footnote-11)** | **DDT Expert Group** | **Effectiveness Evaluation Committee** |
| **Term of office** | | | From closure of COP-12 until closure of COP-13. Exceptionally, may be re-elected for one consecutive term. | From closure of COP-12 until closure of COP-13, Exceptionally, may be re-elected for one consecutive term. | From closure of COP-12 until closure of COP-14, can serve up to two consecutive terms. | From closure of COP-12 until closure of COP-13, elected representatives are eligible for re-election. | From closure of COP-7 until closure of COP-8, can serve up to two consecutive terms. | Begins on 1 May 2016 for a term of 4 years, can serve up to two consecutive terms. | From closure of COP-7 until closure of COP-8, can serve up to two consecutive terms. | Begins on 5 May 2014 for a term of 4 years, can serve up to two consecutive terms. | Begins in September 2015 for a term of 4 years. | From closure of COP-7 until closure of COP-8. |
| **Expertise required** | | | n/a | Technical and /or with legal/implementation expertise | Expertise relating to the subject matter of the Convention in areas including scientific, technical, socio-economic and/or legal fields | n/a | n/a | Experts in chemicals management | n/a | Experts in chemical assessment or management | Expertise in assessment of scientific, technical, environmental or economic information on the production and use of DDT and its alternatives for disease vector control | Expertise in environmental and health monitoring and evaluation, compliance, reporting and national implementation, or financial or technical assistance. |
| **Regions** | **Africa** | | 2 officers | 1 officer | 2 members | 2 members | 1 officer | 4 members | 2 officers | 4 members | 2 members | 2 members |
| **Asia and Pacific** | | 2 officers | 1 officer | 2 members | 2 members | 1 officer | 4 members | 2 officers | 4 members | 2 members | 2 members |
| **Central and Eastern Europe** | | 2 officers | 1 officer | 2 members | 2 members | 1 officer | 1 member | 2 officers | 1 member | 2 members | 2 members |
| **Latin America and Caribbean** | | 2 officers | 1 officer | 2 members | 2 members | 1 officer | 2 members | 2 officers | 2 members | 2 members | 2 members |
| **Western Europe and other States** | | 2 officers | 1 officer | 2 members | 2 members | 1 officer | 3 members | 2 officers | 3 members | 2 members | 2 members |

Annex III: Offices of the presidents and rapporteurs of the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions since their first meetings

**Table 1: Offices of the President and Rapporteur of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention since its first meeting**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | *First meeting* | *Second meeting* | *Third meeting* | *Fourth meeting* | *Fifth*  *meeting* | *Sixth meeting* | *Seventh meeting* | *Eighth meeting* | *Ninth meeting* | *Tenth meeting* | *Eleventh meeting* | *Twelfth meeting* |
| **President** | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Uruguay) | **Western European and other States**  (Australia) | **African States**  (Senegal) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (Malaysia) | **Western European and other States**  (Switzerland) | **Central and Eastern European States**  (Romania) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Uruguay) | **African States**  (Kenya) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (Indonesia) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Colombia) | **Western European and other States**  (Switzerland) | **Central and Eastern European States**  (Poland) |
| **Rapporteur** | **Central and Eastern European States**  (Poland) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (El Salvador) | **Western European and other States**  (Netherlands) | **African States**  (Mauritius) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (India) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Peru) | **Western European and other States**  (Australia) | **Central and Eastern European States**  (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) | **African States**  (United Republic of Tanzania) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (Bahrain) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Dominican Republic) | **Western European and other States**  (Switzerland\*)  \* Appointed by the COP-12 Bureau |

**Table 2: Offices of the President and Rapporteur of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention since its first meeting**

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|  | *First meeting* | *Second meeting* | *Third meeting* | *Fourth meeting* | *Fifth meeting* | *Sixth meeting* | *Seventh meeting* |
| **President** | **Western European and other States**  (Switzerland) | **Western European and other States**  (Switzerland) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (China) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Argentina) | **African States**  (South Africa) | **Central and Eastern European States**  (Poland) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (Jordan) |
| **Rapporteur** | **Asian and Pacific States**  (Jordan) | **African States**  (Ethiopia) | **Central and Eastern European States**  (Lithuania) | **African States**  (Mali) | **Western European and other States**  (Finland) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Ecuador) | **Western European and other States**  (France) |

Table 3: Offices of the President and Rapporteur of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention since its first meeting

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *First meeting* | *Second meeting* | *Third meeting* | *Fourth meeting* | *Fifth meeting* | *Sixth meeting* | *Seventh meeting* |
| **President** | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Uruguay) | **Western European and other States**  (New Zealand) | **African States**  (Senegal) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (Islamic Republic of Iran) | **Central and Eastern European States**  (Czech Republic) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Chile) | **Western European and other States**  (Sweden) |
| **Rapporteur** | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Barbados) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Barbados) | **Western European and other States**  (The Netherlands) | **African States**  (Zambia) | **Asian and Pacific States**  (India) | **Central and Eastern European States**  (Czech Republic) | **Latin American and Caribbean States**  (Ecuador\*)  \* Appointed by the COP-7 Bureau |

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1. Rule 21.1 under the Basel Convention, Rule 22.3 under the Rotterdam Convention and Rule 22.2 under the Stockholm Convention. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Document 6 of the three individual bureaux meetings available at: <http://www.basel.int/?tabid=3702>; <http://www.pic.int/?tabid=3681>; <http://chm.pops.int/?tabid=3690>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Should the Rotterdam Convention COP-7 adopt the procedures and mechanisms on non-compliance, the COP would need to elect the members of the compliance committee. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Should the Stockholm Convention COP-7 adopt the procedures and mechanisms on non-compliance, the COP would need to elect the members of the compliance committee. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Based on past regional rotation, and without prejudice to a decision by the Basel Convention COP-12 on the location of COP-13, the next COP President could be expected to be elected from among African States and the Rapporteur from among Central and Eastern European States. However, to avoid having the presidents of the conferences of the parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions at their meetings in 2017 come from the same region, i.e. the African region; the Africa regional group and Asia and the Pacific regional group could consider swapping their turn with respect to the position of President of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, as outlined in annex I to the present document. The next COP President would thus be expected to be elected from among Asian and Pacific States. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Since COP-8, the practice has been for the COP to elect the officers of the OEWG. The Basel Convention COP-12 will consider a report by OEWG-9 including recommendations on possible options for future institutional arrangements, which might modify the current OEWG membership. If the current membership arrangements are retained, given the past practice of regional rotation, the co-chairs of the Bureau of the OEWG for 2016–2017 could be expected to be elected from among Western European and other States, Latin American and Caribbean States, or Asian and Pacific States, and the Rapporteur from African States. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. The two members per region in the ENFORCE should include one representative of parties and one representative of Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. For the purposes of regional rotation, the next COP President could be expected to be elected from among Western European and other States and the Rapporteur from among Asian and Pacific States. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. The COP is also expected to elect the Chair of the CRC, identified on an interim basis by CRC-9. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. For the purposes of regional rotation, the next COP President could be expected to be elected from among African States and the Rapporteur from among Western European and other States. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. The COP is also expected to elect the Chair of the POPRC, identified on an interim basis by POPRC-9. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)