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PROGRAMME

PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS 2017 COPS

FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, 28 TO 30 MARCH 2017

TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2017

8:00 – 9:00	<i>Registration</i>	
9:00 – 9:30	Opening and welcome	Host, Secretariat, parties, observers

Item 1. Introduction to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions 2017 COPS

9:30 – 11:00	Organization of work: schedule of work, high-level segment, practical arrangements, credentials and election of officers and members of subsidiary bodies	Secretariat, parties, observers
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	

Item 2. Regional consultations: Joint issues at the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions COPS

11:20 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the synergies arrangements International cooperation and coordination Compliance (Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm) 	Secretariat, parties, observers
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance and capacity building Regional centres (Basel and Stockholm) Financial resources Programme of work and budget 	Secretariat, parties, observers
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:20 – 18:00	Closed session among Parties for regional consultations on joint issues	Parties to the Conventions only

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2017**Item 3. Regional consultations: Stockholm Convention**

9:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing of chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention: decabromodiphenyl ether, short-chain chlorinated paraffins and hexachlorobutadiene • Effectiveness evaluation and reporting • Brominated diphenyl ethers • PCBs • Exemptions and PFOS, its salts and PFOSF 	Secretariat, parties, observers
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:20 – 12:30	Closed session among Parties for regional consultations on Stockholm Convention issues	Parties to the Conventions only

12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
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Item 4. Regional consultations: Basel Convention

14:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical guidelines on POPs wastes, e-waste and mercury wastes • Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention • Cartagena Declaration • Partnerships under the Basel Convention • Operations and work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018–2019 	Secretariat, parties, observers
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:20 – 18:00	Closed session among Parties for regional consultations on Basel Convention issues	Parties to the Conventions only
18:30	Reception offered by the Government Switzerland	All participants

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017**Item 5. Regional consultations: Rotterdam Convention**

9:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of chemicals for inclusion in Annex III to the Convention: fenthion, trichlorfon, paraquat, chrysotile asbestos, short-chain chlorinated paraffins, tributyltin compounds, carbofuran, carbosulfan • Intersessional work on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III, including proposals for amendments to the Convention submitted by African countries • Status of implementation of the Convention 	Secretariat, parties, observers
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:20 – 12:30	Closed session among Parties for regional consultations on Rotterdam Convention issues	Parties to the Conventions only

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
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Item 6. Closure of the regional preparatory meeting for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions 2017 COPs		
14:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conclusions and recommendations	Secretariat, parties, observers
16:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by the interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on recent developments under the Convention	Secretariat, parties, observers
17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closure of the meeting	Host, Secretariat, parties, observers

The regional preparatory meeting for the 2017 meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions is organized thanks to the generous support of the Government of Switzerland.
