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EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN POPRC

At its 7th meeting currently taking place in Geneva, the POPs Review Committee (POPRC) is considering, among other issues, recommending any further activities to be undertaken by the Secretariat to enhance an effective participation in the Committee's work.

This will complement the work undertaken by the Secretariat since 2007 to enhance stakeholders' understanding of the review process, and increase their capacity to identify and provide the information requested to review the chemicals proposed for listing. Activities have included:

- the development of guidance publications: The Handbook for effective participation in the work of the POPs Review Committee (2008) and its concise version, the Pocket Guide (2009);
- a series of workshops in 8 sub-regions between 2008-2011, including three organ-



Participants during the Stockholm/Rotterdam capacity-building workshop, Sri Lanka, January 2011

ized with the Rotterdam Convention to bring together members of the POPRC and the Chemical Review Committee;

- establishing a group on the social network website (POPs Social);

- holding several webinars on topics related to the POPRC's work.

Sign up to our Technical assistance needs assessment !

As a follow-up to Decision SC-5/20 adopted by the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its fifth meeting, we are inviting developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to provide to the Secretariat information on their technical assistance and technology transfer needs in order to implement the convention, as well as the barriers and obstacles they face in that regard.

Currently a questionnaire on this topic is being developed and it will shortly be sent out to all Official Contact Points and Permanent Missions, via the POPs Social interface. Please fill it in **by 31 December 2011**.

The above mentioned assessment on technical assistance needs will also allow us to prepare our new programme for 2013-2015.

SURINAME RATIFIES THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

On 20 September 2011, Suriname deposited its instrument of ratification, bringing the number of Parties to the Stockholm Convention to 176. The Convention will enter into effect for Suriname on 19 December 2011

(on the 90th day of the deposit of the instrument of ratification at the Depository).



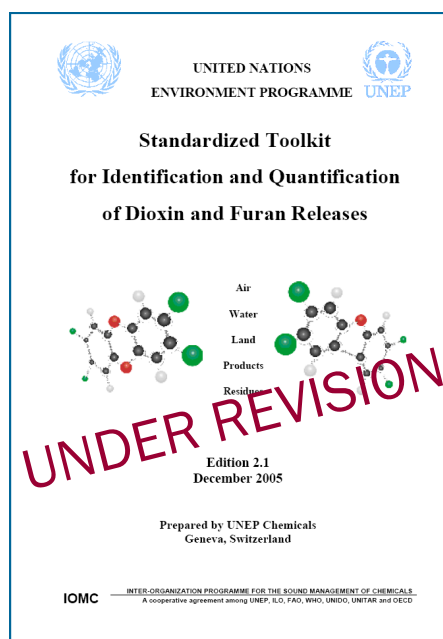
REVISIONS OF THE TOOLKIT FOR IDENTIFICATION AND QUANTIFICATION OF DIOXINS AND FURANS

At the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, the Parties have welcomed the conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit experts on the ongoing review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases. Parties were encouraged to use the Toolkit, taking into account the new and revised information published to date, when developing source inventories and release estimates under Article 5.

The Sixth Expert Meeting to further develop the Toolkit will be held from 28 to 30 November 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be attended by technical experts from the Toolkit Expert Roster, and aims at evaluating ongoing revisions of the Toolkit guidance, including general inventory guidelines and source-specific information. In particular, the progress made during the intersessional period in providing additional guidance on activity rates and classification of sources for each Toolkit source category will be discussed by the expert group, along with case studies to illustrate the process of inventory development, update and revision, and other additional or revised guidance material.

Training sessions are organized for the wider audience by the

Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention to assist Parties in updating and revising their source inventories and release estimates of dioxins and furans, and provide information on ongoing Toolkit revisions. In addition, webinars on this topic are scheduled on Tuesday 15 November 2011 and Thursday 17 November 2011.



SURVEY ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEWSLETTER



In June of this year, to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the technical assistance newsletter, the Secretariat sent its readers an online satisfaction survey. The Secretariat would like to thank the 61 readers that have kindly provided their feedback and shared their ideas for improvement through the questionnaire.

With an overall satisfaction rate of 95%, the respondents showed that they

value and enjoy reading the Technical Assistance newsletters every month. The current newsletter's design and format have also been appreciated by a majority of readers (91%).

A number of readers mentioned that they would have an interest in receiving more practical information of national experiences, as well as technical guidance on measures to be undertaken to implement the convention. To undertake this, a lot of ideas were suggested, from providing a description of innovative POPs projects to comparing management practices in countries from various regions. It was suggested to invite countries to contribute directly to the newsletter for this purpose.

Other respondents indicated their interest in receiving technical reports on the chemicals covered under the Convention. Such information could include: description of current POPs uses; available alternatives; updates on related decisions taken by the COP; as well as compliance deadlines.

To address the feedback received, the Secretariat is exploring ways of developing new content for its next issues that will continue to provide reference information on technical assistance related to the Stockholm Convention.

WORKSHOPS ON “LANDFILL MANAGEMENT” AND “CO-PROCESSING OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND WASTES UNDER BASEL & STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS IN CEMENT KILNS”

The Basel & Stockholm Conventions Regional Center in Iran recently held 2 workshops: the first one on “Landfill Management”, was organised in cooperation with Fan & Toseye Company from 2 to 3 October, while the second one on “Co-processing of Hazardous Wastes and Wastes under Basel & Stockholm Conventions in Cement Kilns” took place from 4 to 5 October.

The workshops were attended by representatives from member States and non-member States -including Maldives, Nepal and Afghanistan, as well as the Director of BCRC-SEA and the senior Professor in the School of Environment of Tsinghua University from BCRC-China. Also invited were the Deputy Mayor of Urban Services and Director of Waste Management Organizations of 14 Metropolises in Iran. Representatives from government included nominees from the Oil Ministry, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Industries and Mines. Also present were the general directors and representatives from some cement plants as well as other related organizations.

The objective of the workshops was to improve and update the knowledge of participants in the field of design, construction, operation and monitoring of landfills on one hand; and in minimization and management of hazardous wastes and



Participants during the workshop

wastes under the Basel & Stockholm Conventions on the other (the legal frame on co-processing; existing situation and boundaries; firing of hazardous wastes and wastes under Basel and Stockholm Conventions; cost saving opportunities for the cement industry; and best available practices for hazardous wastes co-processing in cement kilns). Dr. Ludwig Streff, Mr. Dieter Pfaff and Mr. Jean-Pierre Degre delivered the speeches to the audience. A site visit was also organized on the only landfill of Tehran (Kahrizak).

EVALUATION OF THE POPs WEBINARS TO GUIDE FUTURE TAILORING



Since March 2011 the Stockholm Convention Secretariat has been implementing its webinar programme; sixteen topics have been covered and at least 5 more are planned until the end of the year, with an average of 2 sessions for

each topic (to allow participation from different time zones).

We are now seeking to improve the service. To do so, we have undertaken an evaluation survey based on phone interviews with registered participants who had either participated in several sessions, or intended to do so, as well as written surveys. This has allowed us to gather participants' viewpoints on the strengths and weaknesses of the current formula, as well as to evaluate possible improvements we are seeking to implement. The main findings of the evaluation include:

- Satisfaction with the high quality and convenience of these learning tools;
- Suggestion to have practical presentations by including

more examples and case studies;

- Interest in increasing the interactivity by allowing participants to share more of their personal experiences during the discussion part of the webinars;
- Demand for new POPs as a recurrent topic;
- Preference for regional webinars covering countries sharing similar language and problems;
- Recommendation to offer webinars in languages (based on polling to assess demand).

To improve our outreach, we will now be focusing on tailoring our future sessions to address these findings, in particular by organising regional webinars on specific issues and in languages (English, French and Spanish for the time being).

In this respect, we would be interested to know which topics you might be interested in. Do not hesitate to send us your suggestions at the following address: ta@pops.int. Thank you!



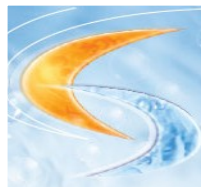
Coming up soon!

Webinar Briefing on the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the POPRC

The webinar will present the main decisions adopted at POPRC-7: the new proposals and status of risk profiles and management evaluations considered, as well as other issues.

Dates: **25 October at 4 pm** and **27 October at 10 am** Geneva-time (UTC/GMT+2 hours).

To sign up, fill out the registration form available [here](#) and send it back to TA@pops.int.



Only 5 months left to participate !

10th anniversary global art contest for children and youth

To find out more about the rules, technical guidelines and how to participate, visit our [webpage](#) or attend our related [upcoming webinars](#):

- In Spanish: 9 November at 4 pm** Geneva-time (UTC/GMT+1 hour)
- In English: 15 November at 10 am** Geneva-time (UTC/GMT+1 hour)
- In French: 16 November at 4 pm** Geneva-time (UTC/GMT+1 hour)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS / WORKSHOPS

WEBINARS

Date	Activity	Venue	Topic	Date /Time (GMT+2 until 1 Nov. then GMT +1) (Duration 1 hour)	Registration deadline
2-6 October	Workshop on Landfill management and co-processing of hazardous waste in cement kilns	Tehran, Iran	Financial mechanism: COP-5 decisions and NIP Update	18 October at 4 pm 6 December at 4 pm 8 December at 10 am	12 Oct. 28 Nov.
10-14 October	Seventh Meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention (POPRC7)	Geneva, Switzerland	Briefing on the outcomes of the seventh meeting of POPRC	25 October at 4 pm 27 October at 10 am	17 Oct.
17-21 October	Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10) to the Basel Convention	Cartagena, Colombia	POPs in articles and POPs free programme	1 November at 4 pm 3 November at 10 am	24 Oct.
31 October-5 November	Mercury intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3). Organizer: UNEP Chemicals	Nairobi, Kenya	Legal issues	8 November 4 pm 10 November 10 am	31 Oct.
21-29 November	Regional training on ESM of PCBs	Alang, Gujarat, India	The Stockholm Convention's 10th anniversary global art contest for children and youth	9 November at 4 pm (in Spanish) 15 November at 10 am (in English) 16 November at 4 pm (in French)	2 Nov. 8 Nov. 9 Nov.
23-25 November	Third PEN Advisory Committee meeting	Lyon, France			

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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