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UPDATE ON THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS



Main outcomes of the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2015 and progress since the meetings



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Work on the financial mechanism of the Stockholm Convention and the Integrated Approach to Financing in the biennium 2016-17

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Minamata Convention on Mercury – Implementation activities

1. Facts about MEA

Minamata Convention on Mercury

- About mercury (Hg) with a ban on new mercury mines and the phase-out of existing ones, control on air emissions, and regulation of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM).
- Opened for signature October 2013.
- 25 Parties. Will enter into force 90 days after the deposition of the 50th instrument.
- A financial mechanism with two parts:
 - GEF
 - Specific International Programme (SiP)



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1. Facts about MEA

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

- To eliminate/ restrict the production and use of POPs.
- Signed in 2001 and effective from May 2004.
- 152 Parties.
- Financial mechanism (interim): GEF
- 26 chemicals (12 initial POPs + 9 + 1 + 1 + 3) in Annex A (Elimination), Annex B (Restriction), and Annex C (Unintentional production).



2. Recent Agreements

Minamata Convention

- Cooperation and coordination with the BRS secretariat in order to make full use of relevant experience and expertise.
- GEF Council to support developing countries and countries with economies in transition in undertaking enabling activities to facilitate early implementation and ratification of the Convention.
- INC to develop a draft MoU between the GEF Council and the COP of the Minamata Convention and a guidance to the GEF Council on overall strategies, policies, programme priorities, eligibility for access to and utilization of financial resources and an indicative list of categories of activities eligible for support from the GEF Trust Fund.



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3. Guidance to GEF

From INC7 - Indicative list of activities

A. Enabling activities

- Minamata Convention initial assessment (MIA) activities
- National action plans (NAP) for artisanal and small-scale gold mining

B. Activities to implement the provisions of the Convention

- relate to legally binding obligations.
- facilitate early implementation on entry into force of the Convention for a party.
- allow for reduction in mercury emissions and releases and address both the health and environmental impacts of mercury.



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2. Recent Agreements

MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE STOCKHOLM COP-7 AND UPDATE SINCE 2015 COPS

- **Amendments to the Convention:**
 - Listing of hexachlorobutadiene in Annex A, without specific exemptions
 - Listing of pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters in Annex A, with specific exemptions for production and use for utility poles and cross-arms
 - Listing of polychlorinated naphthalenes in Annex A, with specific exemptions for production and use as intermediates in production of polyfluorinated naphthalenes, and in Annex C (unintentional production)
 - Notification by the depository sent on 15 December 2015
 - Entry into force for most parties on 15 December 2016
- **Compliance:**
 - No consensus reached; to be considered further at COP-8 based on text developed at COP-7; Bureau to facilitate intersessional consultations



2. Recent Agreements

MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE STOCKHOLM COP-7

- **Financial resources and mechanisms**
 - COP adopted TORs for the assessment of funding needs and for fourth review of financial mechanism to be carried out at COP-8
 - Secretariat to identify possible elements of guidance from SC to the GEF that also address relevant priorities of BC and RC
- **National Implementation Plans**
 - Secretariat to develop new guidance on inventorying newly listed POPs

3. Guidance to GEF

Stockholm Convention and GEF

- COP 5 produced a Consolidated Guidance of the Stockholm Convention to the GEF.
- Work on the financial mechanism of the Stockholm Convention and the Integrated Approach to Financing in the biennium 2016-17, including:
 - Needs Assessment (Decision SC-7/18)
 - Effectiveness of the implementation of the MoU between the COP and the GEF Council (Decision SC-7/19)
 - 4th review of the Financial Mechanism (Decision SC-7/20)
 - Guidance to the Financial Mechanism (Decision SC-7/21)
 - Implementation of the Integrated Approach to Financing (Decisions BC-12/18, RC-7/8 and SC-7/22)



3. Guidance to GEF

Guidance to the Financial Mechanism Decision SC-7/21 (2)

- Identification of possible elements of guidance from the Stockholm Convention to the GEF that also address the relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions.
- Secretariat requested to inform the INC-7 of the Minamata Convention on mercury about the tasks above and to report back to the 2017 COPs.

Progress and Outlook

- Initiated in the second half of 2015 a process to identify these possible elements of guidance, progress report presented at the recent Minamata INC-7 meeting in Jordan.
- Report included a non-exhaustive list of cases in which GEF activities under the Stockholm Convention already address the relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions.
- Continuation of the work, in close collaboration with the GEF Secretariat, to finalize a complete list of possible elements of guidance for consideration by COP-8.



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