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Success stories and lessons learnt: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

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- ✓ **Success story: effective participation in Committees' work**
- ✓ **Lessons Learned on Practical Ways of Implementing Synergies**



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Persistent Organic Pollutants
Review Committee (POPRC)



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Chemicals Review Committee
(CRC)



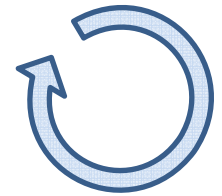
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Open Ended Working Group
(OEWG)



Synergies in science & management

- Lifecycle approach to chemicals management



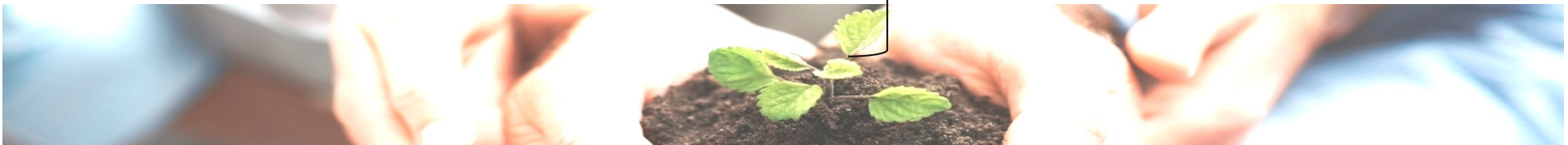
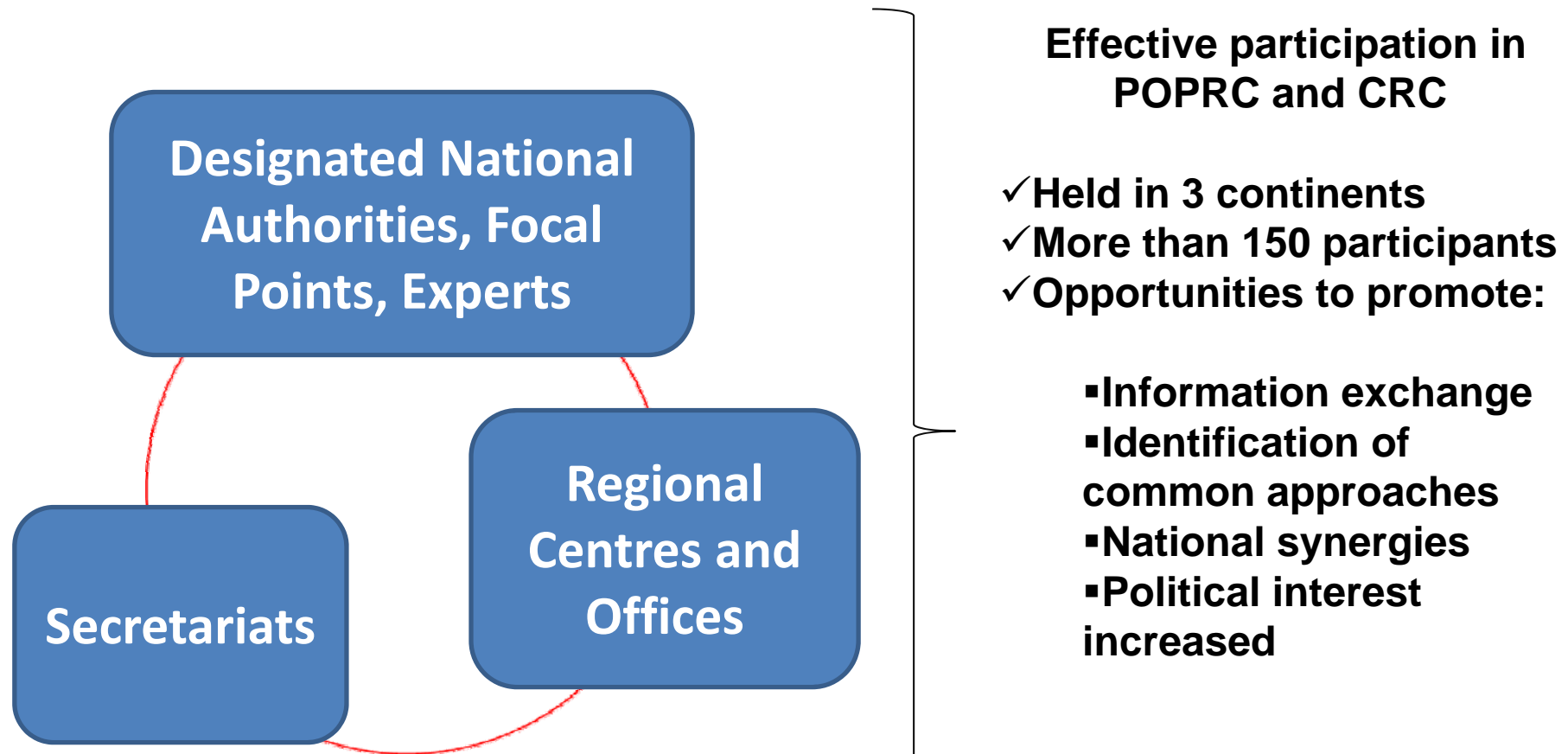
- Value of information: shared

Scientific bodies  national information

- Production
- Trade
- Use
- Alternatives
- Final regulatory decisions



Synergies in activities





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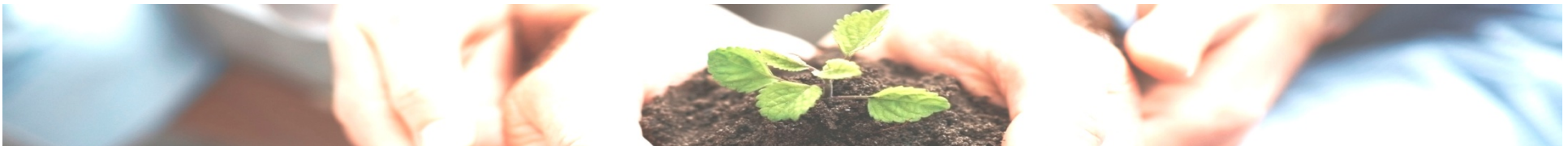
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Lessons Learned on Practical Ways of Implementing Synergies



Benefits

- Synergies can result in the following benefits:
 - **Communication-related benefits**: improved information exchange among Parties and stakeholders; raised awareness by the public;
 - **Administrative benefits**, such as minimisation of overlaps and inconsistencies in policies/programmes;
 - **Cost-related benefits**, minimizing duplicative efforts;
 - **Legitimacy-related benefits**, incl. increased public and intra-government support for allocation of resources;
 - **Health and environmental-protection benefits** through more effective risk reduction through cooperation;



Synergies – Possible levels

- Three levels of synergy development:
 - **Information exchange:** improving information flow and exchanging information among concerned government agencies on a particular issue;
 - **Coordination:** more systematic coordination of activities among various governmental agencies;
 - **Joint Actions:** activities planned and implemented jointly by concerned governmental agencies;



Information exchange systems

- Communicate on chemicals risks and risk reduction options:
 - Chemicals Information Exchange Network;
 - Pesticides Stock Management System of the Food and Agriculture Organisation;
 - Global Environment Assessment Information System (GENASIS);



The way forward

- Synergies decisions provide some directions, but many different ways to accomplish it;
- Real opportunity for countries especially for financial assistance;
- Consultative process as means of identifying financial resources;
- 2013 milestone when the results of the synergies process will be evaluated
- Extension to other MEAs?



Thank you for your attention!

