

## **Information package on the elections to take place during the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. This information package is intended to assist regions in nominating the required candidates to be considered for election as officers or members of a subsidiary body at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, which will take place from 29 April to 10 May 2019. The document is organized around the following information:

(a) The number of officers and members to be elected under the Stockholm Convention by body and region in table 1 including information on required qualifications and supporting documents to accompany a nomination;

(b) The countries/regions that took up the offices of President and Rapporteur during the ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention since its first meeting in table 2;

(c) A summary of the rotation of the membership of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee in table 3;

(d) An overview of all the elections to take place during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2019 in table 4.

2. In accordance with rule 5.3 (e) of the financial rules of the Stockholm Convention, and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-8/27, no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties or a member of any subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties, provided, however, that this shall not apply to Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing States or to any Party that has agreed on and is respecting a schedule of payments in accordance with the financial rules. Information on arrears in assessed contributions to the General Trust Fund of the Stockholm Convention, as at 30 April 2018, is contained in document 5 on financial matters under the Stockholm Convention.

3. Reference is also made to decision SC-8/23: Mainstreaming gender whereby the Conference of the Parties, among other things, recognized that, notwithstanding the efforts of Parties and the Secretariat to promote gender equality, efforts are still needed to ensure that women and men from all Parties are equally involved in the implementation of the three conventions and are represented in their bodies and processes and thus inform and participate in decision-making on gender-responsive hazardous chemicals and wastes policies.

4. With a view to facilitating decision making during the Conference of the Parties, regions would be invited to consult in advance of and during the regional preparatory meetings on their candidates to be considered for election as officers or members of a subsidiary body at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

**Table 1: Number of officers and members to be elected under the Stockholm Convention by body and by region<sup>1</sup>**

		<b>Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP)</b>	<b>POPs Review Committee (POPRC)</b>	<b>DDT expert group</b>
<b>Officers/members to be elected</b>		10 officers: 1 President, 9 Vice-Presidents including one acting as Rapporteur	14 members	10 members
<b>Term of office</b>		From closure of COP-9 until closure of COP-10, can serve up to two consecutive terms	Begins on 5 May 2020 for a term of 4 years, can serve up to two consecutive terms	Begins on 1 September 2019 for a term of 4 years
<b>Qualifications required</b>		n/a	Expertise 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
<b>Regions</b>	<b>African States</b>	2 officers	4 members	2 members
	<b>Asian and Pacific States</b>	2 officers	4 members	2 members
	<b>Central and Eastern European States</b>	2 officers	1 member	2 members
	<b>Latin American and Caribbean States</b>	2 officers	2 members	2 members
	<b>Western European and other States</b>	2 officers	3 members	2 members
<b>Additional information</b>		For the purposes of regional rotation, the next COP President could be expected to be elected from among Central and Eastern European States and the Rapporteur from among Asian and Pacific States	The Chair of the POPRC (Ms. Estefania Moreira) was elected by COP-7 and the term of office of Ms. Moreira expires on 4 May 2020. COP-9 will need to elect a new Chair.  Parties within each region should identify, through consultations, those Parties that are to nominate members of the Committee and submit the names of experts along with supporting documents, namely a curriculum vitae and the completed form for declaration of conflicts of interests. The form for declaration of conflicts of interest is set out in annex II to decision SC-4/20.	When selecting Parties, due consideration should be given to malaria endemic countries, where applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Should the Stockholm Convention COP-9 adopt the procedures and mechanisms on compliance, the COP would need to elect the members of the compliance committee.

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

	<i>First meeting</i>	<i>Second meeting</i>	<i>Third meeting</i>	<i>Fourth meeting</i>	<i>Fifth meeting</i>	<i>Sixth meeting</i>	<i>Seventh meeting</i>	<i>Eighth meeting</i>	<i>Ninth meeting</i>
<b>President</b>	<b>Latin American and Caribbean States</b> (Uruguay)	<b>Western European and other States</b> (New Zealand)	<b>African States</b> (Senegal)	<b>Asian and Pacific States</b> (Islamic Republic of Iran)	<b>Central and Eastern European States</b> (Czech Republic)	<b>Latin American and Caribbean States</b> (Chile)	<b>Western European and other States</b> (Sweden)	<b>African States</b> (Ghana)	<b>Asian and Pacific States</b> (Jordan)
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Latin American and Caribbean States</b> (Barbados)	<b>Latin American and Caribbean States</b> (Barbados)	<b>Western European and other States</b> (The Netherlands)	<b>African States</b> (Zambia)	<b>Asian and Pacific States</b> (India)	<b>Central and Eastern European States</b> (Czech Republic)	<b>Latin American and Caribbean States</b> (Ecuador)	<b>Western European and other States</b> (Australia)	<b>African States</b> (Ethiopia)

**Table 3: Summary of the rotation of the membership of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee**

	5 May 2005–4 May 2008 (POPRC-1–POPRC-2)	5 May 2005–4 May 2010 (POPRC-1–POPRC-5)	5 May 2008–4 May 2012 (POPRC-4–POPRC-7)	5 May 2010–4 May 2014 (POPRC-6–POPRC-9)	5 May 2012–4 May 2016 (POPRC-8–POPRC-11)	5 May 2014–4 May 2018 (POPRC-10–POPRC-13)	5 May 2016–4 May 2020 (POPRC-12–POPRC-15)	5 May 2018–4 May 2022 (POPRC-14–POPRC-17)
<i>African group</i>	Mr. Abderaman Abderaman (Chad) Mr. Kouamé Kouadio (Côte d'Ivoire) Mr. Mohammed Ali Mohammed (Ethiopia) Mr. Mohammad Aslam Yadallee (Mauritius)	Mr. Désiré Ouedragogo (Burkina Faso) Ms. Farah Bouqartacha (Morocco) Mr. Thomas Yormah (Sierra Leone) Mr. Henk Bouwman (South Africa)	Mr. Abderaman Mahamat Abderaman (Chad) Mr. John Pwamang (Ghana) Mr. Mohammad Aslam Yadallee (Mauritius) Mr. Sanda Komla (Togo)	Mr. Raouf Okasha <sup>2</sup> (Egypt) Ms. Stella Mojekwu (Nigeria) Ms. Fransisca Katagira (United Republic of Tanzania) Mr. Samuel Banda (Zambia)	Mr. Aoudou Joswa (Cameroon) Ms. Caroline Wamai (Kenya) Ms. Haritiana Rakotoarisetra (Madagascar) Mr. Azhari Abdelbagi <sup>3</sup> (Sudan)	Mr. Hubert Binga (Gabon) Ms. Mantoa Sekota (Lesotho) Mr. Sidi Ould Aloueimine (Mauritania) Mr. Ousmane Sow (Senegal)	Ms. Caroline Wamai (Kenya) Mr. Adama Tolofoudye (Mali) Mr. Thabile Ndllovu (Swaziland) Mr. Youssef Zidi (Tunisia)	Mr. Sam Adu-Kumi (Ghana) Ms. Mantoa Makoena Clementina Sekota (Lesotho) Ms. Amal Lemsioui (Morocco) Mr. Nadjo N'Ladon (Togo)
<i>Asian and Pacific group</i>	Mr. Jope Davetanivalu <sup>4</sup> (Fiji) Mr. Dario Sabularse (Philippines) Ms. Hala Saif Al-Easa (Qatar) Mr. Ali El-Shekeil (Yemen)	Mr. Jianxin Hu (China) Mr. Masaru Kitano (Japan) Mr. Mohamad Khashashneh <sup>5</sup> (Jordan) Mr. Jarupong Boon-long (Thailand)	Mr. Ken Choviran (Cambodia) Ms. Chhanda Chowdhury <sup>6</sup> (India) Ms. Kyunghee Choi <sup>7</sup> (Republic of Korea) Mr. Fouad Elok (Syrian Arab Republic)	Mr. Jianxin Hu (China) Mr. Masaru Kitano (Japan) Mr. Mohamad Khashashneh (Jordan) Mr. Jarupong Boon-long (Thailand)	Mr. Ram Niwas Jindal <sup>8</sup> (India) Mr. Agus Haryono (Indonesia) Mr. Abdul Nabi Abdullah AL-Ghadban <sup>9</sup> (Kuwait) Ms. Kyunghee Choi <sup>5</sup> (Republic of Korea)	Mr. Seyed Jamaledin Shahtaheri (Islamic Republic of Iran) Mr. Said Ali Issa Al Alzadjali (Oman) Mr. Zaigham Abbas (Pakistan) <sup>10</sup> Mr. Jayakody Sumith (Sri Lanka)	Mr. Jianxin Hu (China) Mr. Agus Haryono (Indonesia) Mr. Mineo Takatsuki (Japan) Mr. Rameshwar Adhikari (Nepal)	Mr. Manoj Kumar Gangeya (India) Mr. Amir Nasser Ahmadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) Mr. Tahir Hussain <sup>11</sup> (Pakistan) Mr. Anass Ali Saeed Al-Nedhary (Yemen)

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Raouf Okasha (Egypt) was nominated by his Government to replace Ms. Fatma Abou El Shouk from the ninth meeting of the Committee. Ms. Fatma Abou El Shouk (Egypt) was nominated by her Government to replace Mr. Mohamed Ismail Ibrahim el Sehamy from the sixth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Azhari Abdelbagi (Sudan) was the Vice-Chair of the Committee at its tenth and eleventh meetings.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Jope Rinabobo Davetanivalu (Fiji) was nominated by his Government to replace Ms. Razia Zariff from the third meeting of the Committee.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Mohamad Khashashneh (Jordan) was nominated by his Government to replace Mr. Ziad Abu Kaddourah from the third meeting of the Committee.

<sup>6</sup> Ms. Chhanda Chowdhury (India) was nominated by her Government to replace Mr. Gopal K. Pandey from the sixth meeting of the Committee. Mr. Gopal K. Pandey (India) was nominated by his Government to replace Ms. Indrani Chandrasekharan from the fourth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>7</sup> Ms. Kyunghee Choi (Republic of Korea) was the Vice-Chair of the Committee at its fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth meetings.

<sup>8</sup> Mr. Ramniwas Jindal (India) was nominated by his Government to replace Ms. Chhanda Chowdhury from the eighth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Abdul Nabi Abdullah AL-Ghadban (Kuwait) was nominated by his Government to replace Ms. Lulwa Ali from the ninth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. Zaigham Abbas (Pakistan) was the Vice-Chair of the Committee at its twelfth meeting.

<sup>11</sup> Mr. Tahir Hussain (Pakistan) was nominated by his Government to replace Mr. Zaigham Abbas from the thirteenth meeting of the Committee.

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<i>Central and Eastern European group</i>	Ms. Evelin Fabjan (Slovenia)	Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia) Mr. Ivan Holoubek (Czech Republic)	Ms. Tsvetanka Dimcheva <sup>12</sup> (Bulgaria)	Mr. Ivan Holoubek (Czech Republic) Ms. Svitlana Sukhorebra (Ukraine)	Mr. Trajče Stafilov (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	Ms. Tamara Kukharchyk (Belarus) Mr. Pavel Čupr (Czech Republic)	Ms. Anna Graczyk (Poland)	Ms. Tamara Kukharchyk (Belarus) Ms. Svitlana Sukhorebra (Ukraine)
<i>Latin American and Caribbean group</i>	Mr. Wayne Rajkumar (Trinidad and Tobago) Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez <sup>13</sup> (Uruguay)	Ms. Camila Arruda Boechat <sup>14</sup> (Brazil) Mr. Alfredo Cueva (Ecuador) Mr. Mario Yarto (Mexico)	Mr. Ricardo Barra (Chile) Mr. Pablo Ricardo Rodríguez Rubio <sup>15</sup> (Honduras)	Ms. Norma Sbarbati Nudelman (Argentina) Mr. José Álvaro Rodríguez (Colombia) Ms. Floria Roa Gutiérrez (Costa Rica)	Ms. Estefânia Gastaldello Moreira <sup>16</sup> (Brazil) Mr. Jorge Alvarez Alvarez <sup>17</sup> (Cuba)	Ms. Consuelo Meneses (Ecuador) Mr. Marcus Richards (Saint Vincent and Grenadines) Mr. Armando Diaz Cortes (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)	Ms. Estefânia Gastaldello Moreira (Brazil) Ms. Helen Jacobs (Jamaica)	Mr. Luis G. Romero Esquivel (Costa Rica) Ms. Vilma Morales Quillama (Peru) Ms. Victorine Augustine Pinas (Suriname)
<i>Western European and others group</i>	Ms. Liselott Säll <sup>18</sup> (Norway) Mr. Jose Tarazona (Spain) Ms. Leena Yla-Mononen (United Kingdom)	Mr. Ian Rae (Australia) Mr. Robert Chénier (Canada) Mr. Reiner Arndt <sup>19</sup> (Germany) Ms. Maria Delvin <sup>20</sup> (Sweden)	Mr. Sylvain Bintein (France) Ms. Bettina Hitzfeld (Switzerland) Ms. Maria Manuela Araújo Pereira <sup>21</sup> (Portugal)	Mr. Robert Chénier (Canada) Mr. Timo Seppälä (Finland) Mr. Reiner Arndt <sup>12</sup> (Germany) Mr. Peter Dawson (New Zealand)	Mr. Sylvain Bintein (France) Mr. Martien Janssen (Netherlands) Ms. Liselott Säll (Norway)	Mr. Jack Holland (Australia) Ms. Ingrid Hauzenberger (Austria) Ms. Michelle Kivi (Canada) Ms. Maria Delvin <sup>22</sup> (Sweden)	Ms. Katinka van der Jagt (Luxembourg) Mr. Andreas Buser <sup>23</sup> (Switzerland) Mr. Martien Janssen (Netherlands)	Ms. Ingrid Hauzenberger (Austria) Mr. Jean-François Ferry (Canada) Ms. Rikke Donchil Holmberg (Denmark) Mr. Peter Alistair Dawson (New Zealand)

<sup>12</sup> Ms. Tsvetanka Dimcheva (Bulgaria) was nominated by her Government to replace Mr. Ivan Dombalov from the seventh meeting of the Committee.

<sup>13</sup> Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez (Uruguay) was the Vice-Chair of the Committee at its first, second and third meetings.

<sup>14</sup> Ms. Camila Arruda Boechat (Brazil) was nominated by her Government to replace Ms. Sérgia de Souza Oliveira from the fourth meeting of the Committee. Ms. Amarilis de Vicente Finageiv Neder (Brazil) was nominated by her Government to replace Ms. Adriana Maximiano from the third meeting of the Committee.

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Pablo Ricardo Rodríguez Rubio (Honduras) was nominated by his Government to replace Ms. Mirtha Ferrary from the sixth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>16</sup> Ms. Estefania Moreira (Brazil) was the Chair of the Committee at its tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth meetings. Ms. Moreira was unable to attend the Committee's thirteenth meeting and Ms. Delvin (Sweden), elected as Vice Chair in replacement of Mr. Abbas (Pakistan) who was unable to complete his term, served as the Chair of the Committee's thirteenth meeting in the absence of Ms. Moreira.

<sup>17</sup> Mr. Jorge Alvarez Alvarez (Cuba) was nominated by his Government to replace Mr. Mr. Mario Abó Balanza from the ninth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>18</sup> Ms. Liselott Säll (Norway) was nominated by her Government to replace Ms. Janneche Utne Skaare from the third meeting of the Committee.

<sup>19</sup> Mr. Reiner Arndt (Germany) was the Chair of the Committee at its first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth meetings.

<sup>20</sup> Ms. Maria Delvin (Sweden) was nominated by her Government to replace Mr. Bo Wahlström from the fourth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>21</sup> Ms. Maria Manuela Araújo Pereira (Portugal) was nominated by her Government to replace Ms. Conceição Alvim-Ferraz from the sixth meeting of the Committee.

<sup>22</sup> Ms. Maria Delvin (Sweden) was the Vice-Chair of the Committee's thirteenth meeting, in replacement of Mr. Abbas (Pakistan) who was unable to complete his term. Ms. Delvin served as the Chair of the Committee's thirteenth meeting in the absence of Ms. Moreira who was unable to attend the Committee's thirteenth meeting.

<sup>23</sup> Mr. Andreas Buser (Switzerland) was nominated by his Government to replace Ms. Sarah Maillefer.

**Table 4: Overview table of all the elections to take place during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2019**

	Basel Convention				Rotterdam Convention <sup>24</sup>		Stockholm Convention <sup>25</sup>		
	Bureau of the Conference of the Parties <sup>26</sup>	Bureau of the Open-ended Working Group <sup>27</sup>	Implementation and Compliance Committee	ENFORCE	Bureau of the Conference of the Parties <sup>28</sup>	Chemical Review Committee <sup>29</sup>	Bureau of the Conference of the Parties <sup>30</sup>	POPs Review Committee <sup>31</sup>	DDT Expert Group
Term of office	From closure of COP-14 until closure of COP-15, exceptionally, may be re-elected for one consecutive term	From closure of COP-14 until closure of COP-15, exceptionally, may be re-elected for one consecutive term	From closure of COP-14 until closure of COP-16, can serve up to two consecutive terms	From closure of COP-14 until closure of COP-15, elected representatives are eligible for re-election	From closure of COP-9 until closure of COP-10, can serve up to two consecutive terms	Begins on 1 May 2020 for a term of 4 years, can serve up to two consecutive terms	From closure of COP-9 until closure of COP-10, can serve up to two consecutive terms	Begins on 5 May 2020 for a term of 4 years, can serve up to two consecutive terms	Begins on 1 September 2019 for a term of four years
Qualifications 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

<sup>24</sup> Should the Rotterdam Convention COP-9 adopt the procedures and mechanisms on compliance, the COP would need to elect the members of the compliance committee.

<sup>25</sup> Should the Stockholm Convention COP-9 adopt the procedures and mechanisms on compliance, the COP would need to elect the members of the compliance committee.

<sup>26</sup> For the purposes of regional rotation, the next Basel COP President could be expected to be elected from among Latin American and Caribbean States and the Rapporteur from among African States.

<sup>27</sup> Since COP-8, the practice has been for the COP to elect the officers of the OEWG. Given the past practice of regional rotation, the co-chairs of the Bureau of the OEWG for the biennium 2020–2021 could be expected to be elected from among African States, Latin American and Caribbean States or Western European and other States, and the Rapporteur from Central and Eastern European States or Western European and other States.

<sup>28</sup> For the purposes of regional rotation, the next Rotterdam COP President could be expected to be elected from among African States and the Rapporteur from among Latin American and Caribbean States.

<sup>29</sup> In accordance with decision RC-8/1, CRC-13 identified an interim Chair (Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi) for CRC-14. The Rotterdam Convention COP-9 will need to consider the election of a CRC Chair.

<sup>30</sup> For the purposes of regional rotation, the next Stockholm COP President could be expected to be elected from among Central and Eastern European States and the Rapporteur from among Asian and Pacific States.

<sup>31</sup> The Chair of the POPRC (Ms. Estefania Moreira) was elected by COP-7 and the term of office of Ms. Moreira expires on 4 May 2020. The Stockholm Convention COP-9 will need to elect a new Chair.

		Basel Convention				Rotterdam Convention <sup>24</sup>		Stockholm Convention <sup>25</sup>		
		Bureau of the Conference of the Parties <sup>26</sup>	Bureau of the Open-ended Working Group <sup>27</sup>	Implementation and Compliance Committee	ENFORCE	Bureau of the Conference of the Parties <sup>28</sup>	Chemical Review Committee <sup>29</sup>	Bureau of the Conference of the Parties <sup>30</sup>	POPs Review Committee <sup>31</sup>	DDT Expert Group
<b>Officers / members to be elected</b>		10 officers: 1 President, 9 Vice-Presidents including one acting as Rapporteur	5 officers: 2 Co-Chairs (1 legal, 1 technical), 2 Vice-Chairs (1 legal, 1 technical), and 1 Rapporteur	10 members	9 members: 5 Party representatives, 4 regional centres (BCRC) representatives	5 officers: 1 President, 4 Vice-Presidents including one acting as Rapporteur	14 members <sup>32</sup>	10 officers: 1 President, 9 Vice-Presidents including one acting as Rapporteur	14 members <sup>33</sup>	10 members <sup>34</sup>
<b>Regions</b>	<b>Africa</b>	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members	2 members
	<b>Asia and Pacific</b>	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	4 members	2 officers	4 members	2 members
	<b>Central and Eastern Europe</b>	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	1 member	2 officers	1 member	2 members
	<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	2 members (1 Party, 1 BCRC)	1 officer	2 members	2 officers	2 members	2 members
	<b>Western Europe and other States</b>	2 officers	1 officer	2 members	1 member (1 Party)	1 officer	3 members	2 officers	3 members	2 members

<sup>32</sup> The Parties of each region may wish to select, through regional consultations, those Parties that are to nominate experts as candidates for membership on the Committee. The selected Parties would then need to submit the names of their nominated experts, along with their curricula vitae and completed declaration of interests forms, to the Secretariat, in accordance with decision RC-1/7.

<sup>33</sup> Parties within each region should identify, through consultations, those Parties that are to nominate members of the Committee and submit the names of experts along with supporting documents, namely a curriculum vitae and the completed form for declaration of conflicts of interest is set out in annex II to decision SC-4/20.

<sup>34</sup> When selecting Parties, due consideration should be given to malaria endemic countries, where applicable.