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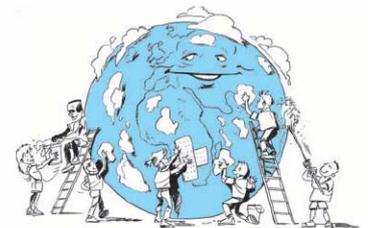
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

In its Article 12, the Stockholm Convention recognizes that the provision of technical assistance to developing countries and to countries with economies in transition is crucial to ensure the successful implementation of the Convention by all Parties.

In light of the above, the Conference of the Parties has adopted guidance on technical assistance, and endorsed eight regional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology. For further information on the Stockholm Convention Centres and what they can do, please visit: www.pops.int.

As part of its mandate, the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention has set up a programme for the provision of technical assistance to Parties. The programme takes into account the priorities identified by Parties in their national implementation plans, relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties as well as direct requests for assistance from Parties.



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AREAS OF TRAINING FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011

- Complying with the new requirements related to the **nine new POPs**
- Reviewing / updating **national implementation plans**
- **Accessing and mobilizing financial resources** to implement the Convention
- Increasing **information exchange** including raising awareness on reporting requirements and on the clearing-house mechanism
- Implementing the **Global Monitoring Plan**
- Promoting the environmentally sound management of POPs waste
- **Enhancing synergies** to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions at the national and regional levels;

Approaches to the delivery of the Secretariat's technical assistance programme:

- Awareness raising and face-to-face training workshops, where interactive training methodologies are applied (such as working group exercises) and national and/or regional case studies are exchanged amongst participants
- Direct support from Secretariat to Party, through internet-based tele- and video conferences on request
- Online and interactive training tools, e.g. e-learning, tailored teleconferences
- Academic courses
- Project proposal development
- Publications and guidance documents development



CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES ON NEW POPs

In light of the amendments adopted by the Conference of the Parties which add nine new persistent organic pollutants to Annexes A, B or C of the Convention and which will enter into force on 26 August 2010, the Secretariat is undertaking a series of capacity-building activities aimed at raising awareness and assist Parties in implementing their new obligations under the Convention.

Among these are a series of regional workshops and projects. The regional workshops on the new POPs and the process for reviewing and updating national implementation plans (NIPs) were initiated in 2009 late and are expected to be concluded by the end of 2010. Their main objective is to raise awareness on the nine new POPs (e.g. properties, past and current uses, etc.), the implications of their inclusion as it relates to obligations of Parties, and on the process of reviewing and updating NIPs.

The workshops offer an opportunity for participants to enhance their understanding of the issues pertaining to the nine new POPs through the exchange of experiences as well as simulation exercises on the process of reviewing and updating NIPs. Participants are invited to use available guidance documents and guidelines.

The national projects aim at raising awareness on the risks and problems related to new POPs and at identifying available options for their sound management in order to offer a solid foundation to decision-makers and other national stakeholders to take informed decisions regarding a future risk management strategy on new POPs, including the ratification of the amendments to the Convention.



Participants at the Barcelona workshop

Regional workshops on new POPs and the process of reviewing NIPs:

- The Mediterranean and French-speaking Africa (Barcelona, Spain, 2-4 December 2009)
- Arabic-speaking countries (Kuwait City, Kuwait, 14-16 December 2009)
- The Caribbean (Panama, 25-28 January 2010)
- Latin America (Sao Paulo, Brazil, 18-21 May 2010)

REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS ON BEST AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES (BAT) AND BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES (BEP)

The capacity-building workshops on the implementation of Article 5 and the practical use of guidelines on BAT and BEP are designed to enhance national capacities to effectively use the guidelines on BAT&BEP in order to minimize and, where feasible, ultimately, eliminate unintentional releases of POPs.

The workshops provide a forum for countries to share their concrete experiences in implementing BAT&BEP and offer hand-on sessions where participants are invited to address concrete situations of unintentional releases of POPs through the use of the guidelines.

As a general principle most of the workshops are co-organized by the Stockholm Convention Regional Centres, thus providing an opportunity for participants to benefit from the technical expertise and experience of the Regional Centres as well as to acquaint and avail themselves with the services offered by the Centres.

The round of workshops on this topic was initiated in 2009 and is expected to be concluded by the end of 2010. Follow-up activities are currently being planned. For further information, please visit our homepage.



Participants visiting CETESB facilities during the workshop

Regional workshops on BAT and BEP:

- Latin America (Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2-4 February 2009)
- French-speaking Africa (Dakar, Senegal, 23-25 March 2009)
- English-speaking Africa (Nairobi- Kenya, 15-19 June 2009)
- Asia (Beijing, China, 16-20 November 2009)
- CEE (Bucharest, Romania, 2-5 November 2009)
- The Caribbean (Panama City, Panama 28 January 2010)

SYNERGIES ACTIVITIES



BASEL CONVENTION



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION



STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

The Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions are phasing in a joint programme to support Parties in their implementation of the decisions on Cooperation and Coordination among the three Conventions (Stockholm COP decision SC-4/34).

This programme includes regional and national pilot projects implemented in collaboration with the Basel and Stockholm Convention Regional Centres as well as regional workshops. Lessons learned and best practices emerging from the projects will be replicated in other countries and regions.

Currently two series of workshops aimed at implementing the decision on enhanced cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. The first series of workshops aim at offering a holistic approach to the implementation of the three Conventions. A strong emphasis is placed on the implementation of the Conventions at national and regional level, by promoting the sharing of good coordination practices to facilitate joint-implementation.

The key objectives are:

- Promoting information exchange on models and good practices of coordination mechanisms
- Identifying areas where further coordination at the national and regional levels might be required
- Raising awareness on technical and financial opportunities for a coordinated implementation of the Conventions
- Providing training on resource mobilization for implementation of Convention obligations

The second series of workshops focus on the effective participation of Parties, experts and stakeholders in the Rotterdam Convention Chemical Review Committee (CRC) and the Stockholm Convention POPs Review Committee (POPRC). It aims at enhancing participants' understanding of the review processes and identification of issues and information relevant to the Committees' work.

Regional workshops on enhancing cooperation and coordination for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions:

- English-speaking Africa (South Africa, 28-30 October 2009)
- South America (Uruguay, 23-25 Nov 09)
- Asia (China, 19-21 April 10)



Joint workshops to support effective participation in the Rotterdam Convention Chemicals Review Committee and the Stockholm Convention POPs Review Committee have been organized in :

- English-speaking Africa (Cairo, Egypt, 17-19 November 2009)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 8-10 June 2010)

REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS ON PCBs AND POPs WASTES

The series of training workshops on the environmentally sound management of PCBs and POPs wastes have been designed to enhance the capacity of Parties to implement the concepts, principles and standards set out in the Basel Convention technical guidelines on POPs wastes. The interactive training tool developed by the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on the guidelines is used as support material during the training.

Experiences and lessons learned are also exchanged among Parties and relevant stakeholders on matters such as:

- Inventory, maintenance, storage, transportation of PCBs and POPs wastes
- PCBs and POPs wastes disposal options
- Opportunities to access technical and financial assistance in addressing PCBs and POPs wastes

Regional workshops on PCBs and wastes:

- The Caribbean (Kingston, Jamaica, 2-5 February 2009)
- South America (Lima, Peru, 2-5 March 2009)
- English-speaking Africa (Nairobi, Kenya, 15-19 June 2009)
- Asia (Beijing, China, 16-20 November 2009);
- Central and Eastern Europe (Bratislava, Slovakia, 1-4 December 2009)
- French-speaking Africa (Bamako, Mali, 8-11 March 2010)
- Middle East (Kuwait City, Kuwait, 17-21 October 2010)
- Central America (*Tentatively December 2010*)

SUMMER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY AND ECOTOXICOLOGY

In order to provide training and capacity building to experts from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition that are involved in the monitoring of persistent organic pollutants, a Summer School is being organized by the Stockholm Convention regional center in Brno, Czech Republic in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and other relevant institutions.

The programme is designed to provide capacity building to support the implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan on POPs, with a focus on good laboratory practices and GC/MS training.

The 6th Summer School of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology will be held from 28 June to 4 July 2010 at RECETOX, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, and the field observatory Košetice.



Participants attending the 5th Summer School in June 2009

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2010

Title	Date	Venue	Targeted audience
Joint regional workshop to support effective participation in the Rotterdam Convention Chemicals Review Committee and the Stockholm Convention POPs Review Committee	8-10 June	Mexico City, Mexico	Focal points, DNAs, relevant stakeholders, and selected past and current CRC and POPRC members from Latin America and the Caribbean
Training programme on strengthening of country capacities to implement an Integrated Vector Management (IVM) programme toward reducing the reliance on DDT in selected countries in Africa	7-11 June	Nairobi, Kenya	Representatives from the Ministries of Health and Environment from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia
Regional capacity-building workshop on new POPs, the process for reviewing and updating National Implementation Plans and reporting under Article 15	15-18 June	Brno, Czech Republic	Official contact points in Central and Eastern Europe
	9-12 August	Abuja, Nigeria	OCPs, FPs from English-speaking Africa
	14-17 September	To be decided	OCPs, FPs from Asia and the Pacific
	Last quarter 2010	To be decided	OCPs and FPs from French-speaking Africa/Arabic-speaking countries
6th Summer School of environmental chemistry and ecotoxicology	28 June-4 July	Brno, Czech Republic	Experts involved in POPs monitoring from developing countries and countries with economies in transition
National workshop on new POPs	1-2 July	Beijing, China	National stakeholders
Regional synergies workshops on enhancing cooperation and coordination for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	20-22 September	Cairo, Egypt	OCPs, DNAs, FPs from Arabic-speaking countries
	18-20 October	Dakar, Senegal	OCPs, DNAs, FPs from French-speaking Africa
	8-10 November	Bratislava, Slovakia	OCPs, DNAs, FPs from CEE
Joint workshop for Stockholm and Basel Conventions Regional Centres	27-30 September	Barcelona, Spain	Regional Centres
Regional awareness raising workshop on the guidelines on BAT and BEP and the environmentally sound management of PCBs and POPs wastes	17-21 October	Kuwait City, Kuwait	OCPs from Arabic-speaking countries

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.

For further information on the activities organized by the Secretariat please visit us at www.pops.int. To request assistance, please send a message to: TA@pops.int

