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## Preparation for COP-4

Regional workshop for fostering the implementation of the  
Stockholm Convention in the Pacific

06 – 08 April 2009, Nadi, Fiji

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## Organisational matters

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## Schedule for COP4

- **Venue:**
  - Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
- **Schedule:**
  - 4-8 May 2009, back to back with ICCM and the World Health Assembly
  - 2 last days will be high level segment
  - 1 preparatory day on 3 May for registration (2-6pm), bureau meeting (2-3pm) and regional groups meetings (3-6pm)

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## Regional meetings on 3 May

- **Travel arrangements for funded participants allow for their participation in regional meetings**
- **Secretariat makes rooms available**
- **Organized by the regions themselves**
- **Need to consider election of bureau and POPs Review Committee members nominations**
- **Regional groups are also expected to meet over the week**



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## COP Bureau

- **Current Bureau:**
  - Mr. S.E.M. Djibo Leïty Ka, President (Senegal)
  - Mr. Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda)
  - Mr. Yue Ruisheng (China)
  - Ms. Katarina Sebkova (Czech Republic)
  - Mr. Nassereddin Heidari (Islamic Republic of Iran)
  - Mr. Atle Berndt Fretheim (Norway)
  - Ms. Liudmila Marduhaeva (Republic of Moldova)
  - Mr. John Roberts (UK)
  - Mr. Fernando Lugris (Uruguay)
  - Mr. David Kapindula (Zambia)
- **Elections at the beginning of meeting: New President will take office immediately, new Vice-Presidents do not take office until the close of the meeting**

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## Documents for COP4

- Invitation letters sent in mid-January
- Budget documents distributed 4 February
- All other meeting document distributed by 16 March
- Some information document will be posted on the Stockholm Convention website ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)) when available

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## Funding for eligible participants

- US\$ 750,000 budgeted
- About US\$ 400,000 available or pledged
- Some other donors have indicated possible support
- We are funding participants has money becomes available

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## Credentials

- 108 of the 162 Parties to the Stockholm Convention need to be present at the COP in order for it to take decisions
- 121 Parties are currently registered
- Parties need to come to the meeting with proper credentials in original and signed by the head of State, head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Faxed or emailed copies of the credentials can be submitted to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting in order to pre-check

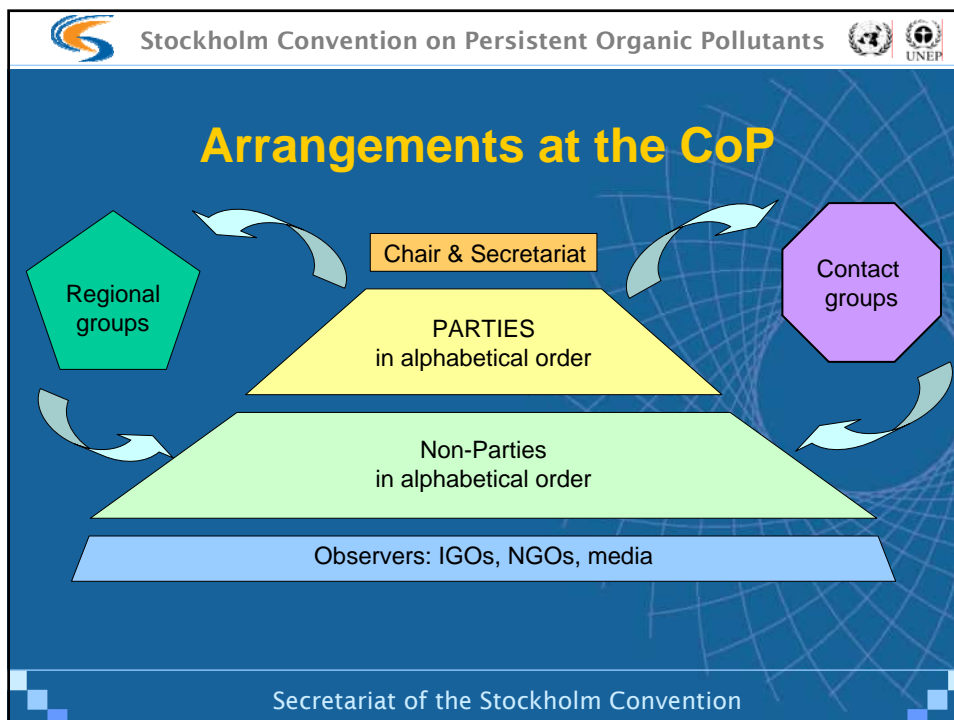
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## Organization of work

- All issues will be discussed in and decided upon in plenary – most decisions to be adopted during the high-level segment
- Budget group and other contact, drafting or friends-of-the-chair groups will be established as necessary
- Committee of the Whole may be established if the meeting decides that it is necessary

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## High-level segment (Thursday)

- **Ministers/Vice Ministers Briefing (9:30-10:00)**
- **Opening plenary (10:00-13:00)**
  - Opening speeches, statements by ministers/vice ministers, adopt decisions
- **Lunchtime events**
  - Side events and press conference
- **Afternoon plenary (15:00-18:00)**
  - Speeches by delegation heads
- **High-level roundtable discussions (15:30-18:00)**


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## High-level segment (Thursday evening)

- **Reception hosted by the Swiss Government (18:15)**
- **Working dinner for Ministers and Vice Ministers (19:30)**
  - Key messages coming from the roundtable discussions will be considered and any other outstanding issues of the COP



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## High-level segment (Friday)

- **Morning plenary (10:00-13:00)**
  - Presentation of key messages from roundtables presented, speeches by heads of delegations, adoption of decisions
- **Lunch time events**
  - Side events
- **Afternoon plenary (15:00-18:00)**
  - Adoption of any remaining decision, venue for the next meeting and adoption of report


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## Key issues at COP-4

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## Some issues at COP4

- DDT
- Specific exemptions
- PCBs Elimination Club
- Reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production
- POPRC
- Regional centers
- The financial mechanism
- Effectiveness evaluation
- Synergies
- Budget and programme of work

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## Specific exemptions

- Decide upon requests for **extension** of specific exemptions
  - **India** for **DDT** for the production and use of DDT as an intermediate in the production of dicofol
- Review and consider **extending the expiration date** of the review process for entries in the Register of Specific Exemptions

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## DDT

- Evaluation of the **continued need for DDT** for disease vector control
- **DDT Business Plan** to promote a global partnership to develop alternatives to DDT
  - COP request to prepare business plan
  - Stakeholders meeting held in November 2008 in Geneva to discuss the draft business plan
  - Revised version of the business plan will be presented to the COP-4 for **endorsement**

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## PCBs Elimination Club (PEC)

- **Proposal** by the Secretariat in order to support countries to reach objectives of the Convention
- **Obstacles** faced
- **Mandate:**
  - **Equal partnership**
  - Promote **collaboration** and **information exchange on ESM of PCBs** and its equipment
  - Assist Parties to fulfill **obligations of the Stockholm Convention**



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## Membership

- **Multistakeholder involvement:**
  - governments, industry, holders of PCBs, donors, IGOs, experts, NGOs
- **Structure:**
  - Advisory Group to provide oversight
  - Thematic Groups for particular issues
  - Secretariat to facilitate implementation
  - Access to PCBs related expertise
  - Goodwill for owners of PCBs and PCBs equipment
  - Increased access to financial support for achieving Convention goals



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## Benefits

- Annual awards for outstanding contributions and achievements
- Page on Convention website dedicated to information exchange
- Collaborative meetings between members on a regional basis
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## Reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production

- **BAT/BEP**
  - Take note of report on information collected on the use of the guidelines on BAT/ BEP
  - Decide on **continuation of awareness-raising and technical assistance activities** by the Secretariat
  - Request Secretariat to propose to COP-5 a **procedure for updating the guidelines**
- **Tool Kit**
  - Take note of review and update of Tool Kit
  - Consider continued **review and update**



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## POPs Review Committee

- **Listing of new chemicals**
  - Decide on listing of 9 chemicals proposed for listing by the POPRC
- **Rotation of membership of the POPRC**
  - Replace 17 members whose terms of office expire on 4 May 2010
- **Decide on amendments to**
  - Terms of reference (submission of documents)
  - Procedures of dealing with conflicts of interest (declaration forms)
- **Decide on continuation of effective participation programme**

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## Listing of new chemicals

- Parties need to be **prepared** for discussion
  - Analyse recommendations and impacts
  - Identify exemption requirements
  - Coordinate position on a regional level
  - Compose national delegations
- Possible formation of **contact groups**
  - Participate in contact groups
  - Various simultaneous contact groups → regional representatives in each group

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## Listing of new chemicals

- Decision making
  - possibility of **voting**
  - Submit the **credentials** of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretariat
  - Be ready for **decision making** on listing of new chemicals:
    - Annexes
    - New parts to the Annexes
    - Exemptions
    - Additional risk reduction measures
    - Etc.

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**Article 21, 22**

## Adoption and amendment of annexes

Text of the proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Parties at least **6 months** before the COP meeting (i.e. November 2008 for COP4)

- **Adoption:** by consensus of the COP or by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote
- **Entry into force:** one year after adoption

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## Opt-out and opt-in

- **Opt-out (Non-acceptance):** Parties not accepting adoption should inform depositary within one year → **Article 22**
- **Opt-in (if declared upon ratification):** A country upon becoming a Party can declare desire to have entry into force of any amendment only when it notifies the depositary of ratification of that amendment → **Article 25**

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### Rotation of membership of the POPRC


Term of office expires	2008	2010	2012
African States	(4) Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Mauritius	(4) Burkina Faso, Morocco, Sierra Leone, South Africa	(4) Chad, Ghana, Mauritius, Togo
Asian and Pacific States	(4) Fiji, Philippines, Qatar, Yemen	(4) China, Japan, Jordan, Thailand	(4) Cambodia, India, Republic of Korea, Syria
Central and Eastern European States	(1) Slovenia	(2) Armenia, Czech Republic	(1) Bulgaria
Latin American and Caribbean States	(2) Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay	(3) Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico	(2) Chile, Honduras
Western European and other States	(3) Norway, Spain, United Kingdom	(4) Australia, Canada, Germany, Sweden	(3) France, Portugal, Switzerland

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### Regional Centres

- **Endorsement** of the nominated Stockholm Convention centres based on:
  - Expertise in the technical assistance and technology transfer
  - Compliance with the terms of reference of regional and subregional centre
  - Performance evaluation against set criteria
- **Guidance** to particular centre for specific task



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## Financial mechanism

- **Review** of the financial mechanism and the interim arrangements
  - How efficient is the GEF
  - Availability and requirements for additional mechanism
- **National priorities** from the NIPs as direction for GEF and for the 5<sup>th</sup> replenishment
- Expansion of other **GEF areas** to cover chemicals
  - Other funding sources
  - Needs assessment

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## Effectiveness evaluation

- **Global monitoring programme**
  - Initial data are available, additional data is being collected that can be used as baseline
- **Elements for effectiveness evaluation**
  - Data are incomplete to complete
- **Possible action**
  - Support on-going monitoring to ensure data are available for future evaluations
  - Adopt arrangements to finalise the baseline and for the first evaluation



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## Synergies

- Consider adoption of the recommendations made by the **ad hoc Joint Working Group** on enhanced cooperation between the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions
- **Recommendations** already adopted by
  - Basel Convention in June 2008
  - Rotterdam Convention in October 2009

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## Budget proposal 2010-2011

- **New “results-based” format with activity details including staff and non-staff costs for both the general and voluntary trust funds** (introduced at Basel and Rotterdam COPs)
- **“Old format” of the budget included for comparison reasons**
- **Used then UN scale of assessment for 2009 adopted on 22 December 2006 (A/RES/61/237)**



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## **Basis for developing the proposed budget**

- Correspond to country needs in the implementation of the Convention
- Consistent with recommendation from ADJWG (cooperation and coordination among Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions)
- Showing standard costs for staff salaries, actual expenditure and/or estimated costs


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## **Proposed budget is presented in three different scenarios:**

1. Executive Secretary's assessment
2. 10% increase from 2008-2009 level
3. Maintaining at 2008-2009 level

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## Details of the scenarios

### Executive Secretary's assessment (+17%):

- Operational budget: US\$ 12,755,548 for the biennium
- Includes all decisions made during the period as well as requests received from Parties
- Request for three new programme officer posts at P-3 level for: Effectiveness Evaluation/Partnership/Existing POPs; Capacity-assistance; and New POPs
- Special trust fund: US\$ 7,469,300 estimated for activities over the biennium

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## Details of the scenarios (cont')



### 10% increase from 2008-2009 budget:

- Operational budget: US\$ 11,989,636
- Continuation with existing activities
- Reduced capacity to further develop the effectiveness evaluation and PCB programmes
- Includes activities for new POPs and capacity building/technical assistance
- Request for two new programme officer posts at P-3 level; for Capacity-assistance and New POPs
- Special trust fund: US\$ 7,234,300 estimated for activities over the biennium

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## Details of the scenarios (cont')

### 0% increase from 2008-2009 budget:

- Operational budget: US\$ 10,972,745 for the biennium
- Continuation with existing activities
- Reduced capacity to further develop the effectiveness evaluation, PCBs, new POPs and capacity building/technical assistance programmes
- No request for new programme officer posts
- Special trust fund: US\$ 5,298,570 estimated for activities over the biennium

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## Emerging issues

- Establishing an industrial chemical programme
- Developing **linkages**:
  - Climate change
  - Biodiversity
  - Desertification
  - Food security

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