



**Basel Convention on the Control of
Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and their
Disposal**

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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**



**Stockholm Convention on
Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**Conferences of the Parties to
the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Simultaneous extraordinary meetings**

Bali, 22–24 February 2010

Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda*

**Matters for consideration or action by the
conferences of the Parties: decisions on joint activities**

**Joint activities in the area of technology transfer and
capacity-building**

Note by the secretariats

1. Paragraph 10 of the “synergies decisions”¹ requests the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, in the context of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building and taking into account the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, to initiate joint collaboration to promote the effective implementation of the decisions of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the work programmes of the three conventions in the area of technology transfer and capacity-building.
2. As discussed in document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/EXCOPS.1/2 the Executive Secretaries of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions have established an inter-secretariat thematic group on technical assistance. The inter-secretariat group has initiated joint collaboration to implement the mandate of paragraph 10 of the synergies decisions. The annex to the present note sets out a table listing the mandates for activities in the area of technology transfer and capacity building identified in

* UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/EXCOPS.1/1.

¹ Decisions IX/10 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, decision RC-4/11 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention and decision SC-4/34 of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention.

decisions of the conferences of the Parties to the three Conventions to be implemented by the secretariats in cooperation or coordination with one another. The annex is presented without formal editing.

3. The three secretariats have jointly organized a series of workshops on regional awareness-raising on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Two workshops have already been held: one for English-speaking African countries in Pretoria from 28 to 30 October 2009 and one for South American countries in Montevideo from 23 to 25 November 2009. Further regional workshops are planned for Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Africa (for French-speaking countries) and Central America and the Caribbean.

4. Furthermore, based on the work programmes of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2010–2011 and the Basel Convention’s work programme for 2009–2011, the secretariats have identified the following to be included in their joint activities programme in the area of technology transfer and capacity-building: Further needs identification for technical assistance and guidance materials for implementation of the Conventions; training on cross-cutting guidance/guidelines under the Conventions; training activities to facilitate the development of national and regional programmes and resource mobilization; strengthening reporting capacity under the Conventions; activities to promote effective participation in the technical and scientific bodies of the Conventions; and activities to promote the implementation of the synergies decisions at the national and regional level, such as support for the development of synergies projects.

5. The joint delivery of cross-cutting activities in the area of technology transfer and capacity-building is expected to generate numerous benefits for Parties. Among other things, it would be expected:

- (a) To establish linkages between focal points and stakeholders;
- (b) To coordinate and streamline national implementation efforts;
- (c) To multiply the coverage of Parties receiving technical assistance;
- (d) To promote the extension of the advantages of one convention to the others;

6. At the same time joint delivery of cross-cutting activities can be expected:

- (a) To streamline the current work programmes of the conventions;
- (b) To optimize resources;
- (c) To achieve targeted and coordinated interventions that meet the identified needs of Parties,
- (d) To increase the reach of the Conventions through training-the-trainer programmes.

Annex

MANDATE FROM:	AREA	DECISION	COOPERATION	MANDATE
CLEARING HOUSE				
Stockholm Convention	Clearing House	Decision 4/21 Clearing House Mechanism (par. 4)	Basel and Rotterdam Conventions	Requests the Secretariat to prepare, in cooperation with the secretariats of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, a revised workplan for the activities of the clearing-house mechanism, covering all three conventions, to be presented for consideration at the simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in February 2010;
GUIDANCE				
Basel Convention	Guidelines	Decision VIII/16 Technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants (pars. 4 and 11)	Stockholm Convention	Also requests the Secretariat to submit the present decision and the technical guidelines to the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants at its third meeting through the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and invites the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to consider them; Welcomes the fact that the bodies of the Stockholm Convention are considering best available techniques and best environmental practices with respect to unintentionally produced persistent organic pollutants, including the more recent technologies for destruction and irreversible transformation listed in the general technical guidelines, and invites experts of the Basel Convention to contribute to that work
Stockholm Convention	PCBs	Decision SC-4/5 Polychlorinated Byphenils (paragraph 2)	Basel Convention	Invites the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal to join the network on an equal footing in the spirit of decisions SC-4/34 on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
Basel Convention	Best Available techniques and Best environmental practices	Decision IX/16: Persistent organic pollutants	Stockholm Convention	Invites the appropriate bodies of the Stockholm Convention, at the time that a further revision of the revised guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices is prepared: (a)To involve experts of the Basel Convention in work related to waste-related matters; (b)To encourage improved national coordination on such waste-related matters; (c)To take into account, in relation to waste-related matters, the technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants (d)To encourage experts of the Basel Convention to contribute to waste-related guidance produced by the Stockholm Convention;

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REGIONAL CENTRES				
Basel Convention	Regional centres	Decision VIII/4 Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres	Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	Committed to improving cooperation and coordination between the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and other relevant instruments and programmes through the work of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres and recognizing the need for coordination between the Secretariat and the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres in that regard,
WASTES				
Stockholm Convention	POPs Wastes	Decision SC-4/8 Wastes (par. 3)	Basel Convention	<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, to continue activities in other regions to support developing countries and countries with economies in transition in their efforts to manage persistent organic pollutant wastes and polychlorinated biphenyls in an environmentally sound manner;
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE				
Rotterdam Convention	Technical assistance	Decision RC-4/9 National and regional delivery of technical assistance (paragraph 2)		Requests the secretariat to support the activities contained in the programme for regional and national delivery of technical assistance under the Rotterdam Convention, set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/17 and Corr.1, as available resources allow and in accordance with decision RC-4/12 on financing and budget for the triennium 2009–2011.
Rotterdam Convention	Technical assistance	Decision RC-4/9 National and regional delivery of technical assistance (paragraph 4)	Basel and Stockholm Conventions	Requests the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next ordinary meeting on the experience gained in the regional and national delivery of technical assistance, taking into account among other things the activities of donors and implementing organizations, information exchange on technical assistance activities and opportunities for joint activities with the secretariats of the Basel Convention, the Stockholm Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management;

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Stockholm Convention	Technical assistance	Decision SC-4/22 Guidance on technical assistance		<i>Requests</i> the Secretariat to continue to implement its technical assistance programme upon request while making full use of regional centres as an integral part of its work to facilitate technical assistance and the promotion of transfer of technology, taking into account the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-1/15, in addition to the priorities and needs identified in the report on the priorities identified by Parties in their implementation plans ^[1] and the report on the assessment of funding needs of Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition; ^[2]
ENHANCING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION				
Basel , Rotterdam Convention and Stockholm Conventions	Synergies	BC-IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Section I.A. paragraph 3	Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	<i>Recommends</i> that Parties, when implementing the three conventions, including through capacity-building and technical assistance, ensure close cooperation and coordination among relevant sectors, ministries or programmes at the national level with respect to, among other things, the following: (a)Protection of human health and the environment from the harmful impacts or adverse effects of hazardous chemicals and wastes; (b)Prevention of accidents and emergency response in case of accidents; (c)Combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes; (d) Information generation and access; (e)Technology transfer and transfer of know-how; (f) Preparation of national positions for meetings of the Conferences of the Parties and other bodies of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions; (g)Development cooperation;
Basel , Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	synergies	BC-IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Section I.C.paragraph 17)	Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	<i>Requests</i> the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to initiate pilot projects on the coordinated use of regional centres, such projects to be undertaken by the regional centres and build on lessons learned;

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Basel , Rotterdam Convention and Stockholm Conventions	Synergies	BC- IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Section II.A.paragraph 1(b))	Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	Requests the Secretariats of Basel and Stockholm to develop joint capacity-building activities to assist Parties in coordinated data and information collection and management at the national level, including quality control, to enable them to fulfil their reporting obligations;
Basel Convention		Bali Declaration on Waste Management for Human Health and Livelihood (par. 7)		We will further promote international, regional and inter-agency cooperation, coordination and planning, including among the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, to facilitate capacity-building, information sharing and technology transfer in tackling hazardous waste issues, including through the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building;