AN OVERVIEW OF THE BRS CONVENTIONS

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OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION

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SYNERGY

OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

KEY PROVISIONS

SCIENCE SUPPORTING CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

NATIONAL REPORTING

INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS
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OBJECTIVE OF THE CONVENTIONS

**Basel Convention:**
• Reduce trans-boundary movement of hazardous wastes to a minimum consistent with their environmentally sound management
• Dispose of hazardous wastes as close as possible to their source of generation
• Minimize generation of hazardous wastes in terms of quantity and degree of hazard

**Rotterdam Convention:**
Promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among Parties in the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals by using the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) procedure.

**Stockholm Convention:**
• Eliminate production and use of intentionally produced POPs
• Minimize and where feasible eliminate releases of unintentionally produced POPs
• Clean-up old stockpiles and equipment containing POPs
• Support the transition to safer alternatives
• Target additional POPs for action
SCOPE OF THE CONVENTIONS
BASEL CONVENTION
ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

47 chemicals
Annex III Rotterdam Convention

23 POPS
Stockholm Convention

- Pesticides
- Industrial chemicals
- Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations
- By-products
whenever they are banned or becomes wastes
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RISK ASSESSMENT AND CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT: SCIENCE SUPPORTING POLICY MAKING
POPs Review Committee (POPRC)

- Scientific subsidiary body of the Stockholm Convention
- Undertakes review of proposals for listing of chemicals
- **Advisory role** on scientific issues related to implementation of the Convention
- 31 government designated experts, appointed by Conference of the Parties
- Meets once a year, for 1 week

Recommendations to COP
Chemicals Review Committee (CRC)

- Scientific subsidiary body of the Rotterdam Convention
- Undertakes review of proposals for listing of chemicals or severely hazardous pesticides
- **Advisory role** on scientific issues related to implementation of the Convention
- 31 government designated experts, appointed by Conference of the Parties
- Meets once a year, for 1 week
NATIONAL REPORTING

**Basel Convention**

- Parties inform the COP on issues pertaining to Art. 13 on transmission of information
- Parties submit information through the electronic reporting system

**Stockholm Convention**

- Parties report to the COP on the measures taken to implement the Convention (Art. 15)
- Parties submit their progress through the electronic reporting system
SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION

**Basel and Stockholm:** Manuals and Technical guidelines

**Rotterdam:**
- Decision Guidance Documents (DGDs)
- Import responses
- PIC Circular
- Responsibilities of importing and exporting Parties
- Export notifications
- Information to accompany export
## INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

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