

Workshop on “From science to action, for the implementation of the BRS conventions and guidance on the environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals”

12 to 14, Buenos Aires

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Objectives:

- 1) To explore how to improve the accessibility to and availability of scientific and technical information relevant to the BRS conventions and national capacity to review and assess scientific and technical information for decision-making and implementation of the conventions;
- 2) To support Parties in science-based decision-making for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions through enhanced science-policy-industry interactions;
- 3) To guide Parties in identifying sectors using industrial POPs, collecting information on POPs including those contained in products and on labelling, and identifying alternatives to the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention, as concrete examples of science-policy-industry interactions.



Tentative Programme:

Wednesday, 12 April 2023

Time	Item	Speakers
8:30–9:15	Welcome & Registration	
9:15–10:00	Opening and Round of introduction Mentimeter - Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leila Devia, CRBAS ▪ Sandra Marcela Mayol, INTI ▪ Sergio Federovisky, MAyDS ▪ María Eugenia Di Paola, UNDP ▪ Kei Ohno, Secretaría BRS
10:00–10:30	Understanding and improving the science-policy interface and “From Science to Action” under the BRS conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agustín Harte, BRS Secretariat
10:30–11:00	Making the case – view of the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jorge Etcharrán, MAyDS,
11:00–11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	Making the case – view of the Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sofia Lobo, LARCF
12:00 – 12:30	Making the case – view of the Science sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karina Miglioranza and Julio Fuchs, SETAC Argentina
12:30 – 13:00	Regional Centre and INTI work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leila Devia, CRBAS-Argentina ▪ Jimena Etcheverry, INTI
13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00–15:30	Key considerations for strengthening the science-policy interface on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zhanyun Wang, expert (online) ▪ Ricardo Barra, expert
15:30–16:30	Industrial chemicals listed under the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and actions required by Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kei Ohno, BRS
16:30–17:00	Substituting POPs and avoiding regrettable substitution – science-based assessment of alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roland Weber, expert
17:00 – 18:00	Panel discussion	All participants
18:00 – 19:00	<i>Reception</i>	

Thursday, 13 April 2023

Time	Item	Speakers
9:15 – 10:00	A snapshot of recent UNEP chemicals related scientific reports to inform action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Averous-Monnery, UNEP (online)
10:00–10:25	The work of IPEN in the GRULAC region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara Brosché, IPEN (online)
10:25 - 10:50	Toxic chemicals and health - gender perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sascha Gabizon, Women engage for a common future (online)
10:50 – 11:10	Critical aspects of environmental health for informed decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lilian Corra, expert
11:00–11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30–12:30	Country presentations: NIPs and NAPs development – challenges and opportunities for strengthening science-policy-industry interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia Brazil Uruguay
12:30-13:00	Guidance for identifying sectors using industrial POPs, collecting information on POPs including those contained in products and on labelling for the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timo Seppälä, expert
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00 – 14:45	The POPs problem in the Circular Economy: E-waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candela Nassi, MAYDS
14:45 – 15:30	Clean material cycles for circular economy: Learning from the challenges with PBDEs, need of urgent control of chlorinated paraffins and many more challenges ahead...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roland Weber, Expert
15:30 – 16:00	The POPs Global Monitoring Program (GMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alejandra Torres, LATU (online)
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30–17:00	Phasing out AFFF – lessons learned in the Arctic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timo Seppälä, Expert
17:00–17:30	Other guidance available under the BRS conventions to support the environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals and waste – identify further needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agustin Harte, BRS Secretariat
17:30 – 18:00	Panel discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants

Friday, 14 April 2023

Time	Item	Speakers
9:00 – 10:00	UNEP developed tools to strengthen data integration to support Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans updating and reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mihaela Paun, UNEP (online)
10:00 – 10:30	Update from UNEP on Science-Policy Panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nalini Sharma, UNEP (online)
10:30 – 11:00	"The need of a Science-Policy exchange on POPs contamination risks and food safety"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roland Weber, expert
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 12:15	Mainstreaming POPs into policy – country experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Argentina ▪ Chile ▪ Ecuador
12:00 – 13:00	Chemicals proposed for listing under the Stockholm Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kei Ohno, BRS Secretariat
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Activity: roadmap to strengthen science-policy-industry interactions for the implementation of the BRS conventions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRBAS
15:30 – 16:00	Recap of the workshop activities, conclusions, and further actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing panel.