

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

INFORMATION SESSION ON

ACTIVITIES UNDER THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS OF RELEVANCE TO THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

FOR THE AFRICA REGION

11 OCTOBER 2018, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

The session will provide an overview of some of the work currently underway under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions that is relevant to the Minamata Convention and offers an opportunity for dialogue among the participants for cross-fertilization, sharing of experience and lessons learned across the conventions.

Times	Items
9:00 -9:10	Opening and welcome
Component 1. Activities related to Convention specific issues	
9:10 -9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Basel Convention</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical guidelines on mercury wastes; ○ Development of guidelines for ESM; ○ Providing further legal clarity; ○ Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance; ○ Household Wastes Partnership; • <i>Rotterdam Convention</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention; ○ Mercury compounds listed as pesticide in Annex III; • <i>Stockholm Convention</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Effectiveness evaluation and the Global Monitoring Plan on POPs.
9:45-10:45	Country experiences in enhancing national cooperation and coordination for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata conventions followed by an open discussion
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Component 2. Activities related to joint issues	
11:00-11:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National reporting; • Technical assistance including regional centres; • Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and waste; • From science to action.
11:25-12:25	Open discussion and knowledge sharing on the conventions, including best practices and lessons learned from implementation
12:25-12:30	Closure

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