

Side-event launching the Publication: “Synergies Success Stories”

Over the past years, the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions have set up a unique process that enhances collaboration and coordination among the conventions. The decisions taken by the conferences of the Parties provide general directions on how to implement synergies at the national level. In practice, there are several ways of achieving this, which will be a major challenge for Parties over the coming years.

In order to provide inspiration to Parties, the “synergies success stories” publication has been developed by the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Division for Sustainable Development of UNDESA. It contains experience from stakeholders directly involved in implementing synergies at the national level on national coordination mechanisms, information management systems, regional cooperation and capacity building activities.

Side-event at CSD-19

11 May 2011

Lunch time (1:15-2:45 pm)

NLB Conference Room B

The side event aims at presenting the ongoing synergistic work in the areas of chemicals and wastes and showcasing practical ways of implementing the conventions in a coordinated manner.

A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

Side event programme

Opening remarks	Mr. Franz Perrez, Switzerland
Opening remarks	Mr. Tariq Banuri, DSD/UNDESA
Opening remarks	Mr. Jim Willis, Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Effective participation in the work of the Scientific Committees' of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Mr. Donald Cooper, Secretariats of the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions
The Probo Koala Programme: enhancing implementation and enforcement of the chemicals and waste conventions in Africa	Ms. Katharina Kummer Peiry, Secretariat of the Basel Convention
Green Customs Initiative	Ms. Sylvie Lemmet, Director, UNEP Division for Technology, Industry and Economics
GENASIS: an environmental expert system supporting the synergistic implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Mr. Premysl Stepanek, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic
Lessons learned	Mr. Peter Kenmore, Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention
Discussion	Audience and panel