

# **Regional Awareness Raising Workshop on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in Asia**

**Beijing, China**



**19-21 April 2010**

The Regional Awareness Raising Workshop on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions for the Asian region will be held from 19 to 21 April 2010 in Beijing, China for Asia. The workshop which aims at offering a holistic approach to the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions is designed to foster synergies in the implementation of the Conventions at the national and regional levels. Similar Workshops have already taken place in in South Africa (Oct. 2009) and South America (Nov. 2009). Three additional workshops covering the remaining regions are planned to be held in 2010..

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**Background:**

Since 2006, Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions have supported the enhancement of synergies and linkages among the three multilateral environmental agreements in specific areas where common issues arise. In this regard, the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions adopted a series of decisions that led in 2008-2009 to the adoption of a set of recommendations to promote cooperation and collaboration among the three conventions at the national, regional and international level (Basel Convention decision IX/10, Rotterdam Convention decision RC-4/11, Stockholm Convention decision SC-4/34).

As part of the implementation of those recommendations, the simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the three Conventions (ex-COPs) was held in Bali on 22-24 February 2010 back-to-back with the 11<sup>th</sup> special session of the UNEP Governing Council. In accordance with the omnibus decision adopted at the meeting, the Secretariats are continuing their efforts to implement their joint programme to support Parties with the implementation of the synergies decisions.

In this context, a regional awareness raising workshop on enhancing cooperation and coordination between the three Conventions is to be held for Asia on 19-21 April in Beijing, China in cooperation with the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific (BCCC-China). The workshop aims at enhancing coordination and cooperation in the view of strengthening implementation of the three Conventions at the regional and national levels by offering a forum to Parties to share their good practices as well as to explore opportunities to further develop synergies when implementing the three Conventions.

**Workshop objectives:**

The workshop aims at offering a holistic approach to the implementation of the three Conventions. A strong emphasis will be put on the implementation of Conventions at national and regional level in order to share good practices of coordination which facilitate joint-implementation. Considerations will also be given to technical and financial assistance opportunities in implementing the Conventions.

**Expected results:**

- Participants will become aware of the process under way to further promote cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and its possible implications at the regional and national levels;

- Participants will have a better understanding of the status of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in the region as well as the national priorities identified by Parties to fulfill their obligations;
- Participants will share information and experience on existing coordination mechanisms at national level as well as identify the areas where further coordination might be required;
- Participants will be more familiar with the technical and financial opportunities to implement in a coordinated way the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in the region.

**Target Audience:**

The training workshop will target official contact points; including Basel Convention’s Focal Points, Rotterdam Convention’s Designated National Authorities and Stockholm Conventions’ Official Contact Points from each of the following countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Other key stakeholders, such as non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations, are also welcome to participate in the meeting.

**Timing and Venue**

The regional workshop for Asia will take place from 19 to 21 April 2010 in Beijing, China and will be organized in collaboration with the Stockholm Convention Regional Centre for capacity building and Transfer of Technology in Beijing.

The **meeting venue** is located in:

Sino-Italian Environment and Energy Building (SIEEB), Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, China, Tel: 86-10-62794351, Fax: 86-10-62772048, website: [www.bcrc.cn](http://www.bcrc.cn)

A block booking for all participants has been made at:

Wenjin Hotel, Tsinghua Science Park, Haidian District, Beijing, China, Tel: +8610 62525566, Website: [www.wenjin.com.cn](http://www.wenjin.com.cn)

Further detailed information on the meeting can be found in the information note to participants.

**Workshops documents:**

Workshop Programme  
Registration Form