

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

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Training of potential chairs and negotiators for meetings of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

6–8 February 2023, Geneva

Programme



Day I

Opening

8:30

Registration of participants

Welcome and opening remarks

Mr. Carlos Martin-Novella, Deputy Executive Secretary, BRS Secretariat

Introduction and objectives of the training workshop

Ms. Anne Daniel, International Environmental Lawyer and Lead Trainer

Ms. Andrea Lechner, BRS Secretariat

Tour de Table

All Participants

Morning

session

9:00-12:00

Introduction: Overview of the BRS architecture

Refresher on key institutions of BRS Conventions and actors at BRS meetings:

This session will provide a refresher on roles and mandates, governing and subsidiary bodies, conduct of business, and functions and services of the Secretariat in supporting Presidents/Chairs of meetings.

Andrea Lechner, Alain Wittig, BRS Secretariat

Coffee

	<h2>Session I: Basic Principles of Meeting Operations for Chairs and Negotiators</h2>
	<p>Panel discussion I: Basic principles of meeting operations relevant to chairs and negotiators: basic principles, procedural aspects and substantive aspects</p> <p><i>This panel will canvass a range of basic chairing and negotiating principles and provide an opportunity to participants to identify qualities that they value in a good chair.</i></p> <p>Facilitator/lead trainer: Anne Daniel Regional experts: Ms. Angela Rivera, Mr. David Kapindula, Ms. Magda Gosk</p> <p><i>What makes a good chair?</i> All participants</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
Afternoon session 13:30-18:00	<p>Making interventions Anne Daniel</p> <p>Simulation Exercise I: Plenary interventions leading into contact group discussion</p> <p><i>In this exercise, each participant will have an opportunity to make a brief plenary intervention on the topic they will be negotiating in Simulation Exercise 2.</i></p> <p>Coffee</p>
Afternoon session 13:30-18:00	<p>Simulation Exercise 2: Practising Contact Group chairing and negotiating</p> <p>Introduction to the exercise</p> <p>Establishment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Group 1: Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee Contact Group 2: Cooperation between BRS and other International Organizations Contact Group 3: Regional Delivery for Implementation of the BRS Conventions
Afternoon session 13:30-18:00	<p>Wrap-up and assessment of the first day Anne Daniel</p>



Day 2

Session II: Managing Contact Group Discussions

Panel Discussion 2: Management of and Participation in Contact Group Discussions

A panel of regional experts will discuss managing different types of contact groups and sub-groups; management of contact group discussions, including preparation, managing textual debates, creation of sub-groups, reporting, completing the work; negotiating text in contact groups.

Anne Daniel, facilitator and lead trainer; Magda Gosk, David Kapindula, Angela Rivera, regional experts

Questions and observations: all participants

Coffee

Simulation Exercise 3: Management of and Participation in Contact Group Discussions

The contact groups will begin negotiations on a new text, building on the expert advice on managing contact group discussions, as well as the basic principles.

Contact Group 1: Basel Convention (plastic waste)

Contact Group 2: Rotterdam Convention (enhancing effectiveness of the Convention)

Contact Group 3: Stockholm Convention (PCBs)

Morning
session
9:00-12:00

12:00-13:30

Lunch

Simulation Exercise 3 (cont): Management of and Participation in Contact Group Discussions

Coffee

Simulation Exercise 3 (cont): Management of and Participation in Contact Group Discussions

Wrap-up and assessment of the second day

Anne Daniel

Afternoon
session
13:30-18:00



Day 3

Morning session 9:00-12:30	Session III: Chairing and Negotiating In Online and Hybrid Settings
	Understanding the nuances of online and hybrid settings <i>This session will highlight the processes and practicalities of chairing and negotiating in online and hybrid settings.</i> UNITAR Coffee
	Understanding the nuances of online and hybrid settings (cont'd)
	12:30-14:00 Lunch
Afternoon session 14:00-17:30	Session IV: Difficult Situations encountered by Chairs and Negotiators
	Panel 3: Responding to difficult situations <i>Regional experts and the BRS Secretariat: open discussion on challenging situations, such as points of order, that can arise in a meeting.</i> Questions: All Coffee
	Closing session
	Evaluation Secretariat and all participants
	Take home messages Anne Daniel and all participants
	Conclusions and closure Anne Daniel and Secretariat