



Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

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**Clearing-house Mechanism for Information
on POPs, its web site and tools**



Stockholm Convention on POPs

- ❑ It is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from POPs
- ❑ Adopted on 22 May 2001 in Stockholm, entered into force on 17 May 2004
- ❑ It has 152 Signatories and 165 Parties
- ❑ Has a financial mechanism
- ❑ Has an article on information exchange

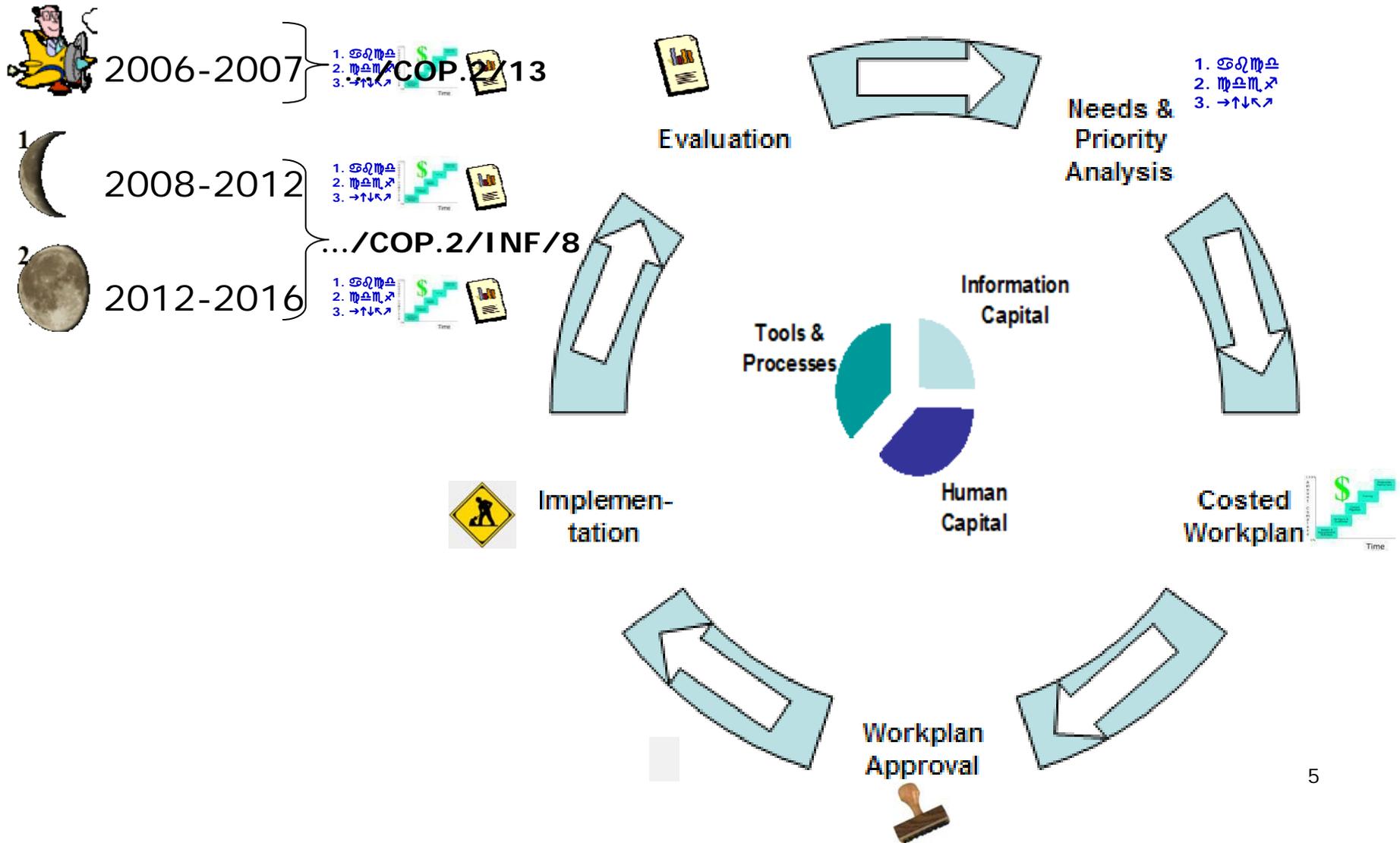


POPs Clearing-house mechanism -Mandate

Paragraph 4 of article 9

The Secretariat shall serve as a clearing-house mechanism for information on Persistent Organic Pollutants, including information provided by Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

POPs Clearing-house mechanism Concept and management approach



POPs Clearing-house mechanism

Goals

- ❑ Establishment of **infrastructure** and **procedures** to facilitate identification, integration and exchange of information and the creation of a **global knowledge base on POPs** (Tools & Facility)
- ❑ Establishment of the clearing-house mechanism **global network** of information providers, users and institutions, having the common needs of sharing information and expertise on POPs (Network/Community)

Clearing-house mechanism Mandates from COP3

- **SC-3/10: Information exchange**
- ***Recommends* that the Secretariat, Parties and other interested stakeholders use the draft strategic plan for the further development of information exchange activities and projects pursuant to Article 9 of the Convention, taking into account the fact that the strategic plan is implemented through projects which are approved separately;**
- ***Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a proposal for discussion by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting on the possible role of the clearing-house mechanism at the national and regional levels, taking into account the terms of reference for regional and subregional centres, relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties and the goal of promoting synergies with the Rotterdam and Basel Conventions.**

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Tools & Facility

- **Interactive Web** site to support the development of the “POPs information exchange network/community”
- Multi-purpose **Contacts Database**
- **Document Management System**
- **Correspondence Tracking** and Messaging System
- **Private sub-webs** for user groups to manage their internal information before sharing it with the rest of the community

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The POPs Community/Network

- ❑ Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;
- ❑ Secretariat and Conference Services;
- ❑ Parties to the Convention (official contact points and national focal points);
- ❑ States non-Parties (official contact points);
- ❑ Environmental non-governmental organizations;
- ❑ Industry and private sector associations;
- ❑ UNEP and multilateral environmental agreements
- ❑ United Nations bodies and specialized agencies;
- ❑ Funding agencies and mechanisms and other donors;
- ❑ Researchers, universities and related initiatives;
- ❑ Regional centres and other persistent organic pollutant information centres.

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DOTNETNUKE™

community • content • collaboration

- Open Source Solution

- ❑ **User-Friendly**
- ❑ **Feature-Rich**
- ❑ **Supported**
- ❑ **Multi-lingual**
- ❑ **Compatible**
- ❑ **Modular**
- ❑ **Extensible**
- ❑ **Recommended by UNEP**
- ❑ **Allows phase implementation**

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Evaluation, performance indicators



Volume



Integration



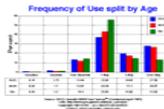
Responsiveness



Tools & Facility



Quality



Use



Value added



User surveys



Web site statistics

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Summary

Concept

- ❑ Decentralized CHM
- ❑ Secretariat as host
- ❑ Information Exchange Network with diverse information sources and user groups
- ❑ Targeted information products and services
- ❑ Internet based
- ❑ Linked to existing initiatives

Management

- ❑ Phased approach
- ❑ Based on needs and priorities
- ❑ Each phase workplan approved by parties
- ❑ Evaluation after each phase
- ❑ Pre-established performance indicators

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More information

- ❑ **www.pops.int**
- ❑ **[UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/9](http://www.unep.org/pops/cop3/inf9/)**
- ❑ **[UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/10](http://www.unep.org/pops/cop3/inf10/)**
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