LEARNING CENTRE @ CSD-19

Conference Room B

Friday 6 May 2011

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Chemicals and Sustainable Development: Overcoming New Challenges

Sponsors: Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions; UNEP Chemicals

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Synopsis:

This learning session aims at presenting and discussing current challenging issues in the field of chemicals management. Specific emphasis will be placed on the challenges of managing industrial chemicals that are listed under the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and that are contained in products or used during manufacturing processes. The session will offer an opportunity to spotlight some of the recent developments with regards to the listing of new chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

The learning session will also have an exchange of views on the inter-linkages between chemicals and other environmental treats, through the presentation of the findings of the UNEP/AMAP report on the climate change and POPs.

Three case studies will be explored in detail covering:

- (i) Collaborative activities in the sound management of industrial chemicals;
- (ii) The co-benefits of mitigation activities for climate change and POPs emission reduction:
- (iii) The case of Endosulfan, a substance considered under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.