

Protocol of the Russian-Norwegian expert meeting on chemicals and waste Conventions, 28-29 May 2020 (online)

Participants

List of participants, Russian delegates

Name, title	Workplace	Role and area of responsibility
Ms Maya Kolosentceva, Head of section	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation	Co-lead of joint group of pollution prevention and control
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Mr Evgeny Tretyakov, Senior adviser	Novosibirsk Institute of Organic Chemistry, Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Russian Federation	Stockholm Convention, member of ACAP Expert Group on POPs and Mercury, National focal point
Mr Alexander Romanov, Senior adviser	Scientific Research Institute for Atmospheric Air Protection JSC (SRI Atmosphere JSC)	Stockholm Convention 2019-2021 COP Bureau member, member of the Russian delegation to Minamata Convention INC/COP, member of ACAP Expert Group on POPs and Mercury
Ms Ekaterina Demicheva, Senior adviser	RUSATOM- GREENWAY	Director of Development, POP waste, waste management, POP waste disposal
Mr Sergey Korotkov, Senior adviser	UNIDO center for international industrial cooperation in the Russian Federation	Director, Coordinator of UNIDO projects in Russian Federation
Mr Sergey Afanasenko, Senior adviser	JSC ITOMAK (manufacturing company)	Head of company, Mercury-containing waste
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List of participants, Norwegian delegates

Name, title	Workplace	Role and area of responsibility
Mr André Kammerud, Head of section	Norwegian Environment Agency, Section for the High North and Bilateral Relations	Co-lead of joint group of pollution prevention and control
Ms Trine-Lise Torgersen, Head of section (present during parts of the meeting)	Norwegian Environment Agency, Section for Section for Biocides and Declaration of Chemicals	Stockholm-, Rotterdam- and Minamata Conventions
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Ms Vanja Alling, Senior adviser (present during parts of the meeting)	Norwegian Environment Agency, Section for Waste and Contaminated soil	Contaminated soil
Ms Miriam Mekki, Senior adviser (present during parts of the meeting)	Norwegian Environment Agency, Section for Waste and Contaminated soil	Hazardous waste incineration
Mr Joel Ormala, Senior adviser (present during parts of the meeting)	Norwegian Environment Agency, Section for Section for Biocides and Declaration of Chemicals	Minamata Convention

The Russian-Norwegian expert meeting on chemicals and waste Conventions was held via the web on May 28th and 29th 2020.

Mr. André Kammerud welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed that Ms. Trine Celius has left the Norwegian Environment Agency (NEA) and that Ms. Christina Charlotte Tolfsen has taken over the role as contact person/project leader.

Each attendee from both the Russian and the Norwegian parties introduced him/herself.

Ms. Christel Moræus Olsen presented Norway's work on global chemical conventions and how Norway implements decisions from the conventions. Norway is not a part of the EU, but an independent party to the UN Conventions. It was explained how this affects Norway's work toward the Stockholm Convention and implementations of decisions on listing in the Convention in Norway.

Ms. Maya Kolosentceva presented Russian implementation work on global chemical conventions. One of the biggest challenges is changing national regulations since all changes must be approved by all Federal Executive Bodies. This leads to a long process.

Mr. Evgeny Tretyakov had a presentation on the Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in the Russian Federation. The Regional Centre is hosted by Novosibirsk Institute of Organic Chemistry, Novosibirsk, Russia (hereafter "SCRC NIOCH"). The Regional Centre works as a project partner with UNEP, UNIDO and the Arctic Council to build environmental capacities in developing countries and organizes conferences and workshops. It also provides expertise and long-term experience in finding practical solutions for environmental challenges to all interested stakeholders including national and local authorities, other Stockholm Convention Regional Centres, the secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and research organizations. NIOCH is also a national focal point since 2017.

Ms. Vanja Alling presented NEAs experience with risk assessment of PFOS and other PFAS. High levels of PFAS have been found at airports in Norway due to fire-fighting exercises. This raises concerns about the environment and local food safety, e.g. the high concentration of PFAS in fish. Cleaning strategy for airports was also presented.

Mr. Alexander Romanov presented Russia's work with mercury. Russia has signed the Minamata Convention on Mercury, but has not yet fully ratified. Among others, a pilot project on the development of Mercury inventory in Russia was presented. The results from the project show similar results to other studies conducted in other countries/areas.

Ms. Miriam Mekki had a presentation on waste incineration in Norway. The Norwegian waste management is based on political consensus on minimizing damage to people and environment caused by wastes.

Ms. Ekaterina Demicheva presented Rusatom Greenway activities on the PCBs environmentally sound management. A special facility for handling of PCB-containing wastes/equipment is placed in the Krasnoyarsk region due to high levels of generation of I-II class hazardous wastes in the region and its vicinity to major industrial centers and transportation hubs.

Mr. Sergey Korotkov presented a brief overview of the UNIDO/GEF Project "Environmentally sound management and final disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in the Russian Railways network and other owners of PCB".

Mr. Joel Ormala presented Norwegian work on mercury under the Minamata Convention and bi- and multilateral projects. He emphasised that Norway is a small country and that bilateral and international collaboration is important.

Mr. Konstantin Zhuravlev presented Russian-Sudanese cooperation in the field of demercurization. In Sudan over one million people work with gold mining, which causes health and environmental problems.

Mr. Sergey Afanasenko presented use of the centrifugal concentrator "ITOMAK" for mercury extraction from soil and solid waste.

At the end of the meeting the Russian and Norwegian parties discussed possible topics for the 2nd meeting and how/when the meeting should be organized. The following topics were suggested and agreed upon as being of interest for future meetings:

- Regulation of POPs with focus on POP-containing wastes and equipment in Norway
- Work under the Arctic council working groups including Arctic projects developed by ACAP and AMAP, their status and preliminary results
- Environmental monitoring, monitoring in the Arctic and the ongoing work with the Global Monitoring Plan of the Stockholm Convention
- Day-to-day work in connection with the Stockholm convention in Russia

Both parties agreed that the next meeting should be organized during autumn 2020, preferably after the POPRC of the Stockholm Convention and the CRC of the Rotterdam Convention. Due to the current situation with COVID-19 the parties concluded that is most realistic to plan for another web meeting. The parties also agreed to a hold briefer one-day meeting and to limit the discussion to one topic if the meeting is held as a one-day meeting via the web.

Actual date/time of the meeting will be decided by e-mail communications between the project managers. The Norwegian party encouraged the Russian party to take the initiative to propose a date/time.

It was also proposed to organize a separate meeting dedicated to mercury/the Minamata Convention.

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On behalf of the Russian delegation



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