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Monday, 11 February 2008		
8.00–9.00 Registration		
<i>Session 1: opening session</i> Keynote address, Stockholm and Basel Convention requirements	09.00–09.45	Keynote address Presentation: Obligations under the Stockholm Convention regarding the identification and elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) Presentation: Obligations under the Basel Convention regarding the handling, transport and disposal of PCBs and related matters
<i>Session 2</i> General overview of country's PCB removal efforts	09.45–10.45	Presentation: Summary of PCB status from the National Implementation Plans and the pre- Workshop surveys. Presentation: Summary of project "Preparation of National Inventories and National Plans for the Environmentally Sound Management of PCBs and PCB-containing Equipment in Central America" Discussion
10.45–11.00 Coffee break		

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<p><i>Session 3</i></p> <p>Moderated workshop session: PCB inventories and planning of PCB phase-out operations</p> <p>Outline: The session will draw upon previous PCB inventory efforts. The objective is to establish current needs in performing inventories and planning remediation efforts.</p> <p>See discussion points</p>	11.00–13.00	<p>Moderators:</p> <p>Enrique Matamoros, Professor, Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas, El Salvador</p> <p>Daniel Esquivel, Consultant for national PCB inventory under the NIP, Panama</p> <p>Patricia Sacco Calvo, Ingeniera Química, Coordinadora de Estudios Técnicos - Proyecto PNI, Paraguay</p> <p>Ana Dolores Arévalo, Coordinadora Nacional Proyecto COP's, Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Guatemala</p>
13.00–14.00 Lunch		
<p><i>Session 4</i></p> <p>Moderated workshop session: The operations phase of PCB remediation</p> <p>Outline: The session input draws on past experiences in PCB phase-out operations. Aspects related to the physical handling of PCBs will be discussed.</p> <p>See discussion points</p>	14.00–16.00	<p>Presentation: Experience with the reduction of PCBs</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Carlos Martínez, Asesor Técnico, Secretaria de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable, Argentina</p> <p>Bill Beese, Utility & International Sales Manager SD Myers, USA</p> <p>Gabriel Chifflier, Sales Manager for Latin America, VEOLIA ES, UK</p> <p>Daniel Esquivel, Consultant for national PCB inventory under the NIP, Panama</p>
16.00–16.15 Coffee break		
<p><i>Session 5</i></p> <p>PCB disposal technology presentations</p> <p>Outline: The session will feature a review of descriptions of technologies suitable for PCB disposal and the costs of remediation and disposal options.</p>	16.15–18.00	<p>Presentation: Incineration & non-incineration technologies for PCB disposal</p> <p>Presentation: PCB transformer phase-out work in the Americas</p> <p>Presentation: Use of cement kilns for PCB disposal: protocol development, BAT/BEP, evaluation, status and experience</p> <p>Discussion</p>

18:30 – 20:30 Reception (Hosted by SD Myers)

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<p><i>Session 6</i></p> <p>Moderated workshop session: Legislative and institutional requirements for effective PCB management</p> <p>This session will feature a discussion of the legislative and institutional measures necessary to ensure a sound framework when addressing PCB problems and management.</p> <p>See discussion points</p>	<p>09.00 – 10.45</p>	<p>Presentation: Development of a national legislative structure to address PCB management</p> <p>Moderators: Cristina Cortinas de Nava, President of the Queretaro Waste Management Network, Mexico Jacqueline Alvarez, Jefe, Departamento Sustancias Peligrosas, Ministerio de Vicienda, Ordenadiendo Teritorial y Medio Ambiente, Uruguay Eva Sandberg, Senior adviser in International Affairs at the International Secretariat, Swedish Chemicals Agency, Sweden</p>
10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break		
<p><i>Session 7</i></p> <p>Global Environment Facility (GEF) implementing organization and partner organization presentations</p> <p>Outline: Participants will be familiarized with PCB sector activities by other GEF implementing agencies and funding organizations.</p>	<p>11.00 – 13.00</p>	<p>Presentation by UNEP DGEF: overview of projects in PCB management and cooperation</p> <p>Presentation by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO): overview of projects in PCB management and cooperation</p> <p>Presentation by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): overview of projects in PCB management and cooperation</p> <p>Presentation by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ): overview of projects in PCB management and cooperation</p> <p>Presentation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA): overview of projects in PCB management and cooperation</p> <p>Presentation by the Organization of American States (OAS): overview of projects in PCB management and cooperation</p> <p>Discussion and close of meeting</p>