

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Geneva, 28 September 2009

**Clearing-house Mechanism for Information
on POPs. Role of Regional Centres.**

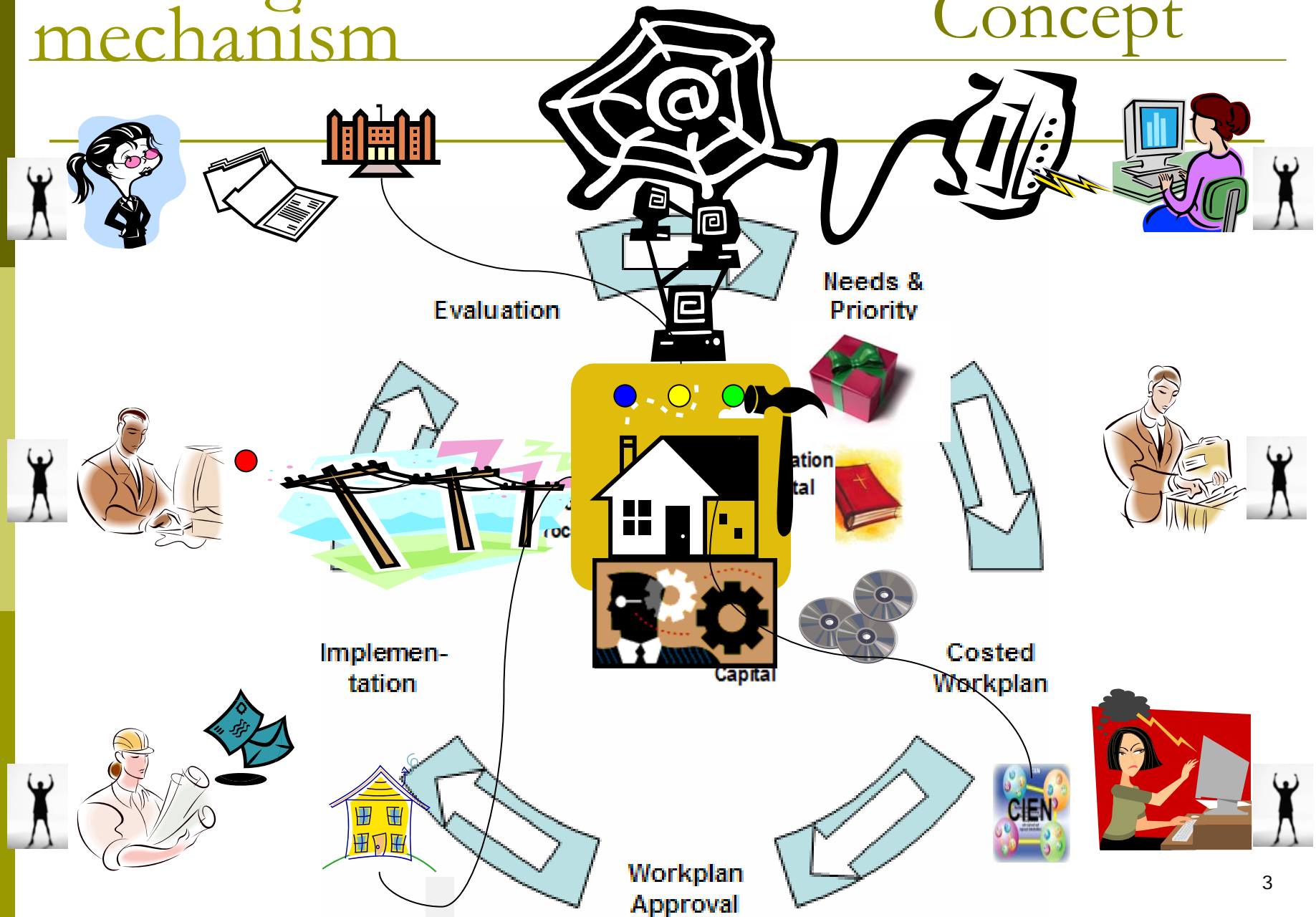
POPs Clearing-house mechanism -Mandate

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.**

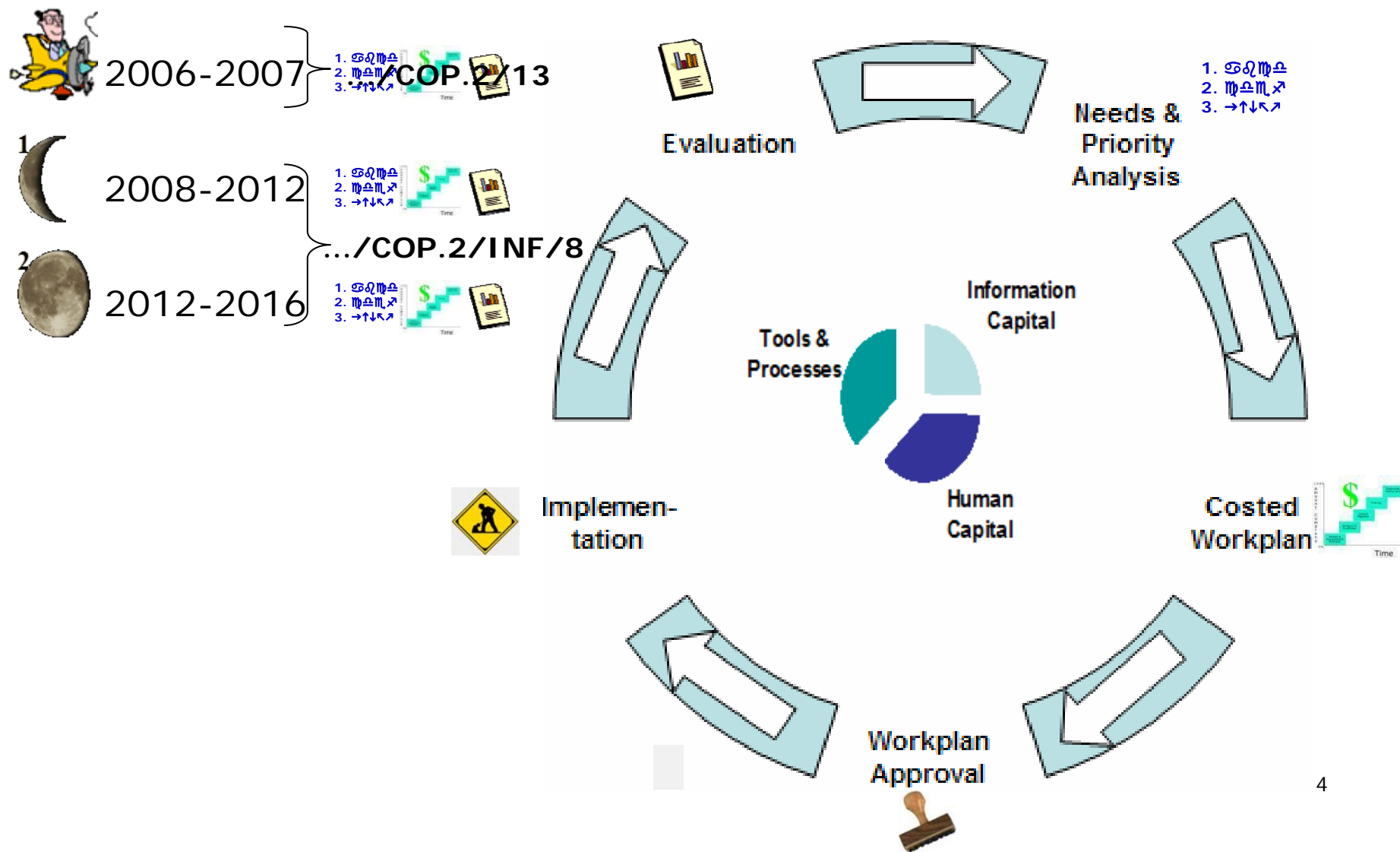
Clearing-house mechanism

Concept



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Concept and management approach



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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

- 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.

Clearing-house mechanism Mandates from COP4

Architecture, tools and infrastructure

- ❑ Regional centres, Governments and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to develop their own clearing-house mechanism nodes
- ❑ Develop a guidance document for consideration at COP5, covering information-sharing protocols, standards and possible classification systems, etc.
- ❑ Build on existing initiatives such as the CIEN
- ❑ Develop a clearing-house mechanism toolkit

Clearing-house mechanism Mandates from COP4

Information Scope

- ❑ Extend the scope of information content to cover chemicals and wastes management throughout their life cycles, and the implementation of the Rotterdam and Basel Conventions
- ❑ Set up specialized clearing-house mechanism nodes to cover specific aspects of convention implementation, e.g. monitoring information or specialize in public awareness and education, etc.
- ❑ Inventory of national and regional clearing-house mechanism nodes, along with information on their expertise and specialties

Clearing-house mechanism Mandates from COP4

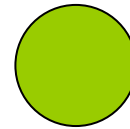
Networking

- ❑ Increase collaboration by linking to existing networks and initiatives
- ❑ Identify roles, responsibilities and available expertise of each national/regional partner in regard to information exchange
- ❑ Platform to facilitate building an online community (social networking web technologies)
- ❑ The Secretariat will develop a training and capacity-building programme



Documents

Contacts



Contacts

Events



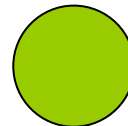
1. Define the standards
2. Develop Guidance Document
3. Pilot tests
4. ToolKits
5. Training

Events



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Projects



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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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THANK YOU!