

Philippines recognized as “BRS Practitioner” in meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions



Mr. Geri-Geronimo Sañez of the DENR (second from right) is among those recognized by the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions for their use of the skills and knowledge acquired from technical assistance activities provided by the Conventions. Other winners were from Nigeria, Jamaica, Kenya and Cote d'Ivoire.

Geneva, 13 May 2015 – Amb. Cecilia Rebong, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva, reported to the Department that the Philippines was among those recognized as a “BRS Practitioner” in the Conference of Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions, being held in Geneva from 4 to 15 May 2015.

The “BRS Practitioner” is a recognition given by the BRS Secretariat to delegates who have participated in past and present meetings of the Conferences, benefited from the technical assistance activities conducted by the Secretariat in the form of workshops, webinars and other projects, and subsequently applied the technical knowledge in their jobs.

Mr. Geri-Geronimo Sañez, Chief of Hazardous Waste Management Section of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB), received the award. He explained that the technical assistance activities had helped him revise or reformulate standards, prepare national technical guidelines and strengthen enforcement and compliance activities.

Other winners included Jamaica, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya.

The Basel Convention regulates the movements of hazardous wastes. Meanwhile, the Rotterdam Convention covers pesticides and industrial chemicals while the Stockholm Convention deals with persistent organic pollutants. END.

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