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Breakfast: World soil Day 2017 Celebration

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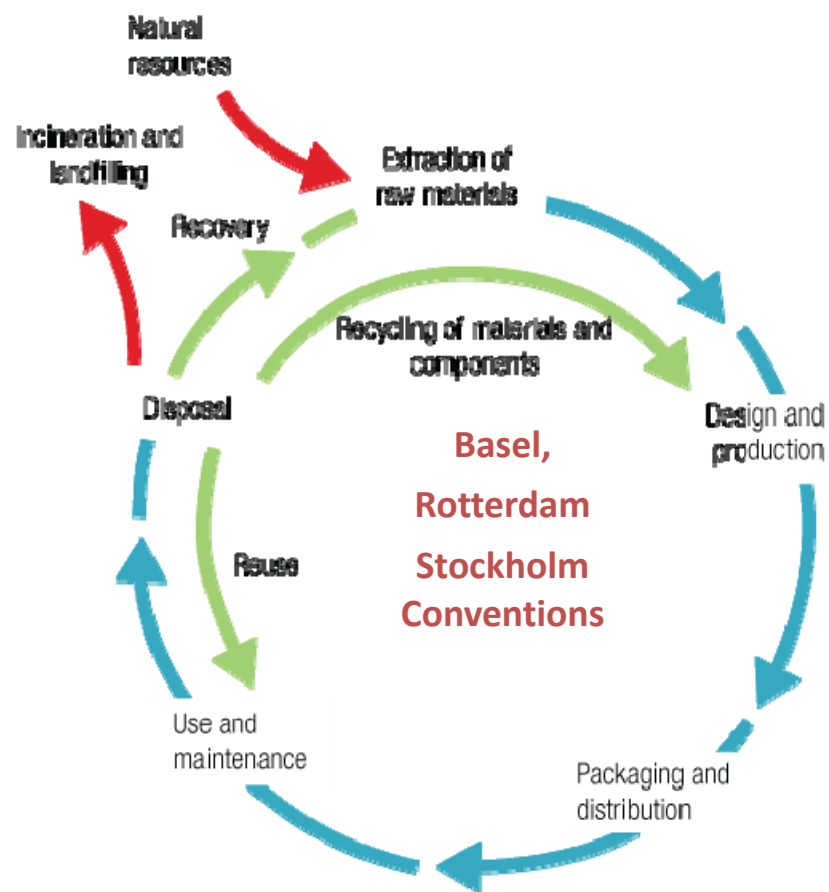


Releases of hazardous chemicals resulting from their production and use and the unsound disposal of wastes constitute one of the main sources of soil pollution.

A photograph of various fruits including watermelons, cantaloupes, and lemons, with a semi-transparent circular overlay containing text.

There is also a direct link
between the quality and
safety of the food we eat
and the level of soil
pollutants.

The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions



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Ongoing activities under the Basel Convention

- Partnership on household wastes
- Development of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of various wastes, such as mercury and persistent organic pollutants, and on disposal operations such as landfilling and incineration
- Toolkit on environmentally sound management



Household wastes - new partnership under the Basel Convention

The Rotterdam Convention

Promotes information exchange
for decision making




Activities under the Stockholm Convention

Guidance for:

- Inventory and phase out of POPs
- best available techniques and best environmental practices to minimize POPs releases from production and use stages and contaminated sites.
- Development and update of national implementation plans to eliminate POPs





Preventing soil pollution from POPs

- POPs are persistent in soil and bioaccumulate
- Soil pollution from POPs affect safety of food and human health

Effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention

39%

- Parties to the Convention indicated they have identified contaminated sites

18%

- Parties reported having voluntarily undertaken remediation activities



The Sustainable Development Goals

12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment



Global Symposium on Soil Pollution

2-4 May 2018

Save the date





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