

Convention: BC

Supporting Parties in the implementation of the Strategic Framework and the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative (CLI)

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Activity 14(BC) of the Programme of Work 2014-2015, as adopted by the decision BC-11/26.

Decision BC-11/1 Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention.

Decision BC-11/2 Report on progress on the implementation of the strategic framework.

Decision BC-11/7 National Reporting

Decision BC-11/10 National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

Decision BC-11/11 Technical Assistance.

Decision BC-11/14 Implementation of decision V/32 on the enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention Cartagena Declaration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted a decision on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention, consisting of seven sections.

This activity will support Parties to the Basel Convention who need assistance to implement the recommendations of the included in decision BC-10/1 on the Country-led Initiative, the implementation of the strategic framework, in combating illegal traffic more effectively. This activity will assist developing countries that are facing specific challenges with regard to prohibiting the import of hazardous wastes and building capacity to develop legal frameworks and report to the secretariat.

In addition in decision BC-11/2 the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to continue to cooperate closely with the Parties, the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres and other stakeholders to support the development and implementation of the activities set out in the strategic framework, strengthen institutional and legal frameworks, and enforce the convention. This activity will support training and capacity building activities to support the implementation of these decisions.

Parties also requested the Secretariat in decision BC-11/10 to organize enforcement training activities, in collaboration with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, the secretariats of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other international organizations, agencies or programmes, to assist parties to develop national legislation and other measures to implement and enforce the Convention and to prevent and punish illegal traffic.

Furthermore, decision BC-11/7 requires the Secretariat to provide training to developing countries and other countries that are in need of assistance to meet their reporting obligations by organizing workshops and other relevant training activities in cooperation with the Basel Convention regional centres or by other appropriate means. This activity will also support parties in meeting this obligation under the Basel Convention on reporting (transmission of information) under the Article 13 of the Convention by providing guidance to parties on the use of the newly developed electronic system for reporting, information collection (including guidance on building national inventories on HWs, etc) and reporting.

Finally, by its decision V/32, the Conference of Parties decided on an interim basis to enlarge the scope of the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund of the Basel Convention to assist Contracting Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition in cases of emergency and compensation for damage resulting from incidents arising from transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal. The emergency mechanism allows the Secretariat, upon request, to use the funds to assist a Party in case of an incident occurring during a transboundary movement of hazardous wastes or other wastes covered by the Basel Convention. The proposed activity will support parties in meeting their obligations relevant to the prevention of incidents and enhancing the preparedness of countries to deal with emergencies caused by transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal as stipulated in Decision BC-11/14.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

1. Regional/sub-regional workshops to support Parties in the effective implementation of the Basel Convention addressing the following issues (4 workshops):

- Developing and implementing national hazardous waste management strategies and plans
- Developing and strengthening national legislation and other measures to implement and enforce the Basel Convention and to prevent and punish illegal traffic;

- Addressing specific challenges of Parties with regard the implementation of the Basel Convention, including measures for protection themselves from unwanted imports of wastes;
 - Assisting Parties in meeting their national reporting obligations, including improving the comparability of the data on the transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes, introducing to the new electronic reporting system and providing guidance on collecting information for reporting; and
 - Raising awareness of parties on the scope, accessibility and procedures of the emergency mechanism.
- 2. Facilitation, upon request from parties, in cooperation with the Regional Centres and key partners, of the development and submission of project proposals to donors on issues such as:**
- Developing and implementing strategies and activities to support the Strategic Framework and CLI;
 - Developing and strengthening of the legal systems, enforcement and competent authorities, including by improving cooperation and coordination among entities working at the national level to prevent and combat illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes;
 - Inclusion of waste and hazardous waste management issues into development strategies and plans;
- 3. Webinars, online consultations and teleconferences**
- A series of online activities would be organized, in support of the workshops and other activities and aiming to address a broader than the audience of the workshops as these would include law and policy makers, including legislative and administrative authorities from Basel Convention Parties as well as civil society and industry.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Number of parties which developed or revised their national hazardous waste management strategies and plans in support of the Strategic Framework and the CLI;
- Parties are able to collect information on the generation, management and disposal of hazardous and other wastes in support of the Strategic Framework and the CLI;
- Waste and hazardous waste issues are integrated into their national development plans or strategies in support for the Strategic Framework and the CLI in a number of parties;
- National legislation for the implementation of the Basel Convention at national level is developed or strengthened in a number of parties;
- Coordination among entities working at the national level to prevent and combat illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes is approved;
- Parties are adequately familiar with the newly developed electronic system of reporting;
- Parties are aware on the importance of data quality and comprehensiveness contained in national reports so that it meets the data requirement of Implementation and Compliance Committee;
- Parties are aware of the emergency mechanism and how to access the funding under the mechanism.

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015

10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1100	Professional Staff	96,660
1200	Consultants (3 consultant for at 20,000 USD and 1 consultant at 7,000 USD)	67,000
1600	Travel on Official Business (four staff travel at 5,000 USD with regard to four workshops; one staff travel for the national meeting)	25,000
20	SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT	
2200	Sub-contracts (costs for four workshops)	360,000
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	Meetings and Conferences (costs for one meeting)	5,000
52	MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT	
5200	Awareness raising/printing/translation	30,000

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015	
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	583,660
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	75,875
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	659,535