

Convention: BC

Legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention: work programme of the Implementation and Compliance Committee

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

- Programme of Work Activity 32: Legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention
- Decision BC-11/8: Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention
- Decision BC-11/26: Financing and budget for the biennium 2014–2015

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention aim at ensuring that the Convention operates on a sound legal basis. The legal and policy activities set out in activity BC 32 fall under four categories:

1. Work programme of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)
2. Implementation fund
3. Strategic Framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention 2012-2021
4. Translation of information notified pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions), 4(1) (import prohibitions) and 13 (2) (transmission of information)

This concept note focuses on the Work programme of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC). The ICC was specifically established to assist parties to comply with their obligations under the Convention and to facilitate, promote, monitor and aim to secure the implementation of and compliance with the obligations under the Convention. The work programme of the Committee is adopted by the Conference of the Parties and reflects parties' shared view of the activities to be undertaken to promote the implementation of and compliance with the Convention. The provision of financial contributions is invited in order to enable the Committee to implement the activities of its work programme, as adopted by COP-11 in annex II to its Decision BC-11/8: Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

The activities to be funded are those listed in the work programme of the ICC and falling within its mandate to "Review general issues of compliance and implementation under the Convention". As specified in Annex II to decision BC-11/8, these activities include:

1. National reporting: Classify and, as appropriate, publish parties' individual compliance performance with regard to their annual national reporting obligations for 2011, 2012 and 2013 as available; Finalize the development of guidance on the development of inventories; Analyse whether additional guidance or tools should be developed for the purpose of developing and maintaining inventories; and Continue the Committee's dialogue with other multilateral environmental agreement compliance bodies;
2. National legislation: Continue the development of strategies to promote full legislative implementation of the Basel Convention among its parties; and Consider an expansion of the checklist for the legislator;
3. Illegal traffic: Finalize the development of guidance on the take-back provision;
4. Insurance, bond, guarantee: Compile information on how parties are implementing paragraph 11 of article 6 of the Convention, including through national legislation, and consider the development of guidance on how to implement this provision;
5. Control system: Finalize the updating of the guide to the control system for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting; and develop an interactive tool that could take the form of a searchable database in order to make available to all parties the information needed to complete the forms for the notification and movement documents and other relevant associated information;
6. Manual for the implementation of the Basel Convention: Review and update the manual for the implementation of the Basel Convention in a way to ensure consistency between the manual and the guide to the control system.
7. In addition, funding is sought for 35% of a General Service staff post to undertake the supporting activities associated with the work programme of the ICC.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- The implementation of the work programme of the ICC under its general review mandate is expected to improve Parties' overall implementation and compliance with the Basel Convention.

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015

10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1300	General Support Staff	100,503
20	SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT	
2200	Sub-contracts	
2208	Work programme of the ICC	120,000
	DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	220,503
	Programme Support Costs 13% ¹	28,666
	TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	249,169

¹ Adapt if donor requires different programme support costs