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Seventh Meeting of The Waigani Convention

Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands
 26th September 2014

Agenda item 4.2: SCPRC-3 Meeting Report

AGENDA ITEM 1: Official Opening

1. The Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and the Waigani Conventions in the South Pacific Region integrated within the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SCPRC 3) met in Apia, Samoa on 17th June 2014.

2. The Meeting was attended by the three SRPRC-2 sub-regional representatives: Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) for Micronesia, Papua New Guinea (PNG) for Melanesia and Samoa for Polynesia, with observers from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu and representatives from the China Basel Convention Regional Centre in attendance. A list of participants is attached at Annex 1.

3. The SCPRC-2 Chair (Samoa) in declaring the meeting opened welcomed the representatives from the region and the BCRC Regional Centre delegates.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Organisational Matters

4. The SCPRC-2 Chair briefly explained the Agenda Item 2, and invited the Secretariat to provide guidance to rules of procedure. The Secretariat introduced the rules of procedure for the SCPRC-3.

(a) Rules of Procedure

5. The Secretariat informed the Meeting that under Article VII of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Basel and Waigani Secretariat on behalf of their COPs provides for the establishment of a Steering Committee to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work. It was further explained that the MOU establishing the Pacific Regional Centre (PRC) does not prescribe for rules of procedure for the SCPRC.

6. The Secretariat therefore proposed to adopt on an interim basis and so far as they are appropriate, the rules of procedure of the Waigani Convention as they apply to a properly constituted subsidiary body of that Convention until the SCPRC has had the opportunity to fully consider the matter.

7. The meeting agreed to adopt the proposed rules of procedures which were the ones adopted at the First Conference of the Parties (COP1) in that *mutatis mutandis* would be applied to any subsidiary bodies to the Conference of the Parties (Rule 1) [refer to SRPRC-3.WP.2]

(b) Organisation of work

8. English was the working language of the meeting and working documents were available only in English. The Secretariat tabled the Agenda and reminded the meeting that the SRPRC-3 is the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre with responsibility for provision of recommendations which are forwarded to the COP for decision.

(c) Election of Officers

9. The Secretariat drew the attention of the Meeting to the Rules of Procedure on the nomination and selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The immediate past Chair (Samoa) opened the floor for nominations of the SCPRC-3 Chair and Vice-Chair which was then followed by nomination of and election of three sub-regional representatives. Australia and New Zealand were not in attendance.

10. The Secretariat explained the procedures of the election as per the COP 1 decision, and advised that representatives could not be elected on behalf of Australia and New Zealand in their absence.

11. The sub-regional representative for Melanesia enquired whether the country representative elected had to be from a country that was a party to both the Basel and Waigani Convention. The Secretariat clarified that there were no such provision.

12. Fiji was duly elected Chair of the SCPRC-3 for the next 4 years, with Kiribati as the Vice Chair.

13. PNG for Melanesia, FSM for Micronesia and the Cook Islands for Polynesia were elected as sub-regional representatives on the Committee.

14. The Chair in assuming his responsibilities, thanked the outgoing Chair for her Chairmanship, and all Parties for their trust in electing him as Chair. He further sought the cooperation and partnership of all countries in this regards.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Adoption of the Agenda

15. The Chair invited the sub-regional members to assume their roles, and invited all members to endorse the Agenda for SCPRC-3.

16. The agenda adopted by the Meeting is attached as Annex 2 of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Report on Work Done

17. The Secretariat, in summary, advised that the reports provided were as presented at the STAC 4 meeting and briefly summarized the Reports on the status of decisions taken since COP-6 (WC SCPRC-3 - WP.04/Att.1) as well as the status of actions taken to implement the 2012-2013 Business Plan (WC SCPRC-3 - WP.04/Att.2).

18. The Meeting was invited to note the reports of the Secretariat and to provide feedback where necessary.

19. The sub-regional representative for Melanesia enquired in regards to annual country reports, whether an excel format containing relevant information regarding the management of hazardous wastes in her country was acceptable, to which the Secretariat advised that the only acceptable format was the COP approved forms that were provided on the website (i.e. the Waigani or Basel reporting format).

20. The Secretariat further advised that reporting required quantification of waste volumes by waste types as per the provided list as outlined in the Reporting Forms.

21. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia enquired whether imported hazardous items were also covered under the Waigani Convention. The Secretariat in response, advised that the Waigani Convention only covered (Hazardous) Waste, whilst the Rotterdam covered imported hazardous substances. The Secretariat further added that countries needed to be cautious of the differences between the two conventions to prevent any form of illegal trafficking.

22. The sub-regional representative for Polynesia enquired on the term of reporting, and whether it could be undertaken retrospectively. He further advised that he was currently collating outstanding reports from 2003 to 2014.

23. The Secretariat advised that the reporting was required on an annual (calendar year) basis and further advised that the Cook Islands had previously submitted reports for 2005. The sub-regional representative for Melanesia reiterated on the intervention made at the STAC4, that her country needed assistance from the Secretariat on the development of the national annual report. She also advised that in order to collate a comprehensive report, it had to ensure that all relevant government departments including Customs were fully aware of national obligations under the Conventions and to fully understand all reporting requirements.

24. The Secretariat further advised that countries would be well advised to establish MOUs between their relevant agencies within their countries such as between the lead agency (usually the Environment Department) and Customs for example to facilitate effective reporting and data collection.

25. The Meeting was invited to note the report of the Secretariat. This was proposed by the sub-regional representative for Polynesia and seconded by sub-regional representative for Micronesia.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Report on co-operation with other institutions

26. In introducing WC SCPRC-3WP.5/Att.1, the Secretariat reminded the meeting the Secretariat had been working closely with our traditional regional and international institutions in progressing the work in hazardous chemicals and wastes. The Secretariat further advised on current work connected with the Minamata Convention, and additional work in collaboration with CROP agencies and the regional academic institutions. The recent MOU signed with the BCRC Beijing, China, was high-lighted.

27. Representatives from the BCRC China were invited to make a presentation on the activities and priorities of the institution (Attached).

28. The sub-regional representative for Polynesia enquired as to the potential for a study award in association with the University. The BCRC-China representative advised that BCRC had a policy to support students in technical fields and the university had scholarships available for this purpose. He further advised that the BCRC-China would be happy to facilitate applications from the Pacific region but advised that the final decision on the selection of the students rested with the University.

29. The Secretariat enquired whether the BCRC centre delivered courses in both Chinese and English, to which the BCRC representatives, in response advised that courses were delivered in both languages and in specific focus areas.

30. The sub-regional representative for Melanesia sought advice on the option available for short courses of study and work attachments in specific areas of interest at the Centre. The BCRC-China centre advised that this was an option and the Chinese government could potentially provide support for this purpose.

31. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia acknowledged the presentation by the BCRC representatives and enquired as to whether the BCRC-China could provide this training at the national level and if it had any preference for the mode of collaboration and course delivery. He further enquired if similar collaboration carried out under the existing SPREP/BCRC MOU was replicated in the Asia-Pacific region? The BCRC-China representative clarified that their potential assistance included advice on the implementation of international Conventions in the region. The BCRC-China reiterated that the MOU with SPREP would allow them to increase their collaborative activities in the region. The BCRC advised that the MOU was the only one currently in existence.

32. The Secretariat further advised that whilst the MOU with the BCRC China had been signed, work was ongoing to finalize mechanisms to ensure effective collaboration. The Secretariat welcomed and encouraged direct contact between countries and the BCRC-China, but requested that SPREP be included in any correspondence.

33. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia requested if similar assistance provided to Vanuatu in terms of advice and assistance to become a Signatory to the Minamata Convention could also be provided to them as a matter of priority by the Secretariat.

34. Noting of the Report was moved by sub-regional representative for Micronesia and seconded by sub-regional representative for Melanesia.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Business Plan of the Pacific Regional Centre 2014-2015

35. The Secretariat provided an overview of the formulation of and progress towards the implementation of the Centre Work Programme for the 2014-2015 period (attached in Annex 3).

36. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia in making reference to an earlier explanation by the Secretariat on the post-SIDS 2014 Meeting implementation strategy, requested clarification on the revision/development of the next regional waste management strategy. The Secretariat advised that the two strategies were different but related; this regional waste strategy would bring together all the current regional hazardous and solid waste management strategies for the region under one regional strategic document while the post-SIDS Meeting 2014 implementation strategy would be the global strategy that would be developed to implement the issues discussed and agreed on during the SIDS Meeting in Apia in September, 2014.

37. The Secretariat further advised that this regional strategy will be consistent with relevant global and regional strategies derived through other fora including the 2014 SIDS meeting.

38. The meeting was then invited to consider and endorse the Work Program and Budget as contained in the 2014-2015 Business Plan.

39. Moved by sub-regional representative for Micronesia and seconded by the sub-regional representative for Polynesia, the 2014-2015 Business Plan was duly endorsed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Steering Committee (SCPRC)

40. In introducing the paper on the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Steering Committee, the Secretariat advised the meeting that at the Conference of the Parties at its Sixth Meeting in one of its decisions under the agenda item on "*Future Arrangements for the SCPRC and the STAC*", the SPREP Secretariat was *directed* to seek and act on advice from Member countries on how best to maximise involvement in the Technical and Steering Committees associated with the Waigani Convention and Basel Regional Centre.

41. The working paper evaluating how the Steering Committee has performed over the years as per its terms of reference was presented to the Meeting for its consideration. The Secretariat making reference to the STAC-4 meeting and issues raised in the COP-6, advised the meeting that the STAC and the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre were not very well supported by the parties. It added that circulars for the two meetings were sent out in 2010 and 2012 for meetings, but the responses were poor and resulted in the meetings in 2010 not having a quorum and the cancellation of the meetings in 2012.

42. The Secretariat clarified that the two committees were set up to help with the implementation of the two Conventions. It further explained that parties needed to re-look at how these two conventions can be implemented effectively and reiterated the need for support to this effect through improvement of the functions of the STAC and the SCPRC. It advised that based on the terms of reference of the committee, the Steering Committee had been largely ineffective in doing its job but encouraged the meeting that it was something to note, and use as a basis to start improving and making the SCPRC more effective in the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Convention. The meeting acknowledged that the SCPRC (and the STAC) were currently ineffective and needed to be improved.

43. The Chair then invited the meeting to discuss the report and provide the new direction in which the SCPRC is to perform and manage the affairs of the implementation of the Waigani Convention as per its TOR. He further advised that as per the COP-6 decision, there was a need for the committee to direct the Secretariat on what needs to be done to progress this matter.

44. In response, the sub-regional representative for Micronesia requested clarification on how regional priorities were being determined for the region and indicated that improved Convention understanding, National reporting and improved data accessibility were all regional priorities.

45. The Secretariat acknowledged and noted the priorities presented and indicated that they were either components of the current Business Plan or would now be included. The Secretariat advised that the issue with data inaccessibility was one that was common across the region and that individually countries had problems in gathering data to form the basis of their national reports. It further advised that these were fully captured in the Business Plan, and look forward to countries putting in their submissions for assistance.

46. The sub-regional representative for Melanesia highlighted the need for database development to store national hazardous waste information to help overcome the problem of data inaccessibility and requested the Secretariat's assistance. The Secretariat noted that a database was being developed under an existing SAICM project and this could be potentially expanded and adapted to accommodate other data.

47. The sub-regional representative for Melanesia further enquired as to the non-presence of experts in this meeting and the possibility of getting other experts as in the past. The Secretariat advised that the Committee was intended to be made up of technical experts from within the region who had extensive experience in the area of hazardous waste management, and who were to develop the business plan for the PRC based on the priorities of the parties and provide concurrent technical expertise. Attendance of additional experts to the meeting was subject to financial availability. The meeting was further advised that these experts were to be nominated by the parties.

48. The Chair queried as to what options could be undertaken so that we could address such gaps for the committee. The Secretariat in response advised that all necessary information and documentation pertaining to the membership of the Committee were on the Convention website and parties were encouraged to visit the website and take note of them.

49. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia sought further discussion on what priority actions were needed to improve the functioning of the Steering Committee which he noted was also a problem in the operations of the STAC. He suggested that development of an improved Terms of Reference for the Chairperson of the Steering Committee might improve functionality. The Secretariat advised that the primary role of the Steering Committee was in development of the Centre Business Plan but it also had an important role in the overseeing and guiding of the Secretariat and the Regional Centre in the implementation of the Business Plan.

50. The Chair reminded the meeting that the responsibility of the operations of the Steering Committee was with the parties and not the Secretariat.

51. The sub-regional representative for Polynesia suggested that combining the Steering Committee with the STAC might be an option to consider for the future. The Secretariat advised that there were two different meetings held due to two different reporting structures, with the Centre being the Implementing arm of both the Basel and Waigani Conventions.

52. The Secretariat further advised that the merging of the two committees was unlikely to be possible as the STAC had no connection with the Basel Convention, whereas the Steering committee coordinated work for the implementation of both the Waigani and Basel Conventions.

53. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia advised that it would be useful to have a diagram to help members visualize how the SCPRC, STAC, and COP were interrelated. This was provided by the Secretariat together with a diagram illustrating the conflicting timelines for meetings and the Business Plans associated with the Waigani and Basel Conventions.

54. The Chair in acknowledging the conflicting timelines suggested that the SCPRC should be held early in 2015 to allow the 2016-2017 business plan to be provided to both the Basel and Waigani COPs later in 2015 in order for the timelines for implementation to be synchronised with the Basel Convention cycle. This suggestion was left to the Committee to deliberate on and make a decision to be sent to the Waigani COP in September.

55. In reference to the TOR 6 of the Steering Committee, the sub-regional representative for Melanesia in acknowledging the explanation provided by the Secretariat on availability of the experts on the Committee, enquired if there was a possibility to find similar avenues in future meetings that additional experts in areas that were lacking in the committee to provide some guidance be made available.

56. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia in supporting the intervention by his Melanesian counterpart related to the challenges faced by the Steering Committee. He added that one of the unique challenges that parties from the region faced when attending regional and global Convention meetings, was when regions were invited to sit in working groups/technical committees. He added that the Pacific region tended to lose out on valuable input due to lack of expertise in the teams that were attending. He further proposed if the Secretariat could assist in attending these meetings and coordinating the regional issues and assisting PICs in getting around these issues by providing technical advice and guidance to make appropriate interventions at these meetings.

57. The Secretariat in response advised that this was part of the reason why the STAC and SCPRC were set-up at the regional level and not merely to develop of business plans, but also to raise and discuss the pertinent needs of the countries at the regional level and to agree on regional positions regarding relevant issues covered at the global meetings. The work of the Secretariat and the Centre needed to be driven and guided by the Committee. The Secretariat further encouraged the meeting that it needed to examine the 9 TORs and work out where the needs were.

58. The sub-regional representative for Polynesia as a follow up to his earlier intervention, proposed that a possible way of improving the operations of the two committees would be to have the same person chair both committees. This was supported by the sub-regional representative for Melanesia. The Secretariat in response reiterated that these were two different meetings with two different reporting structures, with the Centre being the implementing arm of the two Conventions. The Secretariat further reiterated the objective of Agenda 7, and the decision was to be made by the Committee on how they wanted the two committees to be managed.

59. The meeting then discussed the earlier suggestion by the Chair on the timing of the next STAC and SCPRC meetings as well as that of COP-8 meeting in 2015. The meeting was informed that currently, the approval of the Business Plan for the PRC was being done in the first year of its implementation. For example, the 2014-2015 Business Plan was being discussed and approved in 2014 by both the SCPRC and STAC meetings and the COP later in the year. Ideally this should be done in 2013 so that the implementation would then be undertaken in the coming year.

60. The meeting was informed that the current conflicting cycles are being followed because of the agreement the Secretariat has with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the establishment of the PRC. Under the agreement, the Business Plan for the PRC is to be in the same timeline as that of the Work Plan of the Basel Convention. This is okay for the Basel Convention because they have their COP meeting in the year before the Business Plan is supposed to be implemented. In the case of the Waigani Convention, our COP meeting is held a year later which means that the COPs approves the Business Plan in the first year of its implementation.

61. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia then sought clarification on the timing of COP for both the Waigani and Basel Conventions and if there were any issues having the two COPs on the same year, and timing of STAC and SCPRC meetings. He further enquired whether there were cost implications should the chair of the STAC meeting make a presentation to the Waigani Convention COP in September, 2014 and the COP agreed to hold the Waigani Convention meetings again in 2015. In response in welcoming the views put forward, the Secretariat advised that there would be

minimal cost implications as this was part of the Secretariat's annual work program and budget. The Secretariat further added that with regards to the financing from the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, there has been very little resourcing in terms of funds, except for the Fiji workshop in 2011.

62. The Secretariat further advised that if the Waigani Convention COP-7 in September 2014 agreed to change the timelines, then the STAC and SCPRC meetings would have to occur before both the Basel and Waigani Convention COP meetings in 2015. This is because as per the understanding in the agreement establishing the PRC, the Steering Committee endorsed Business Plan for the PRC must be submitted to the COP meetings of both Conventions for approval. The Basel Convention COP is scheduled to be held in Geneva from the 4-15 of May 2015.

63. The meeting then agreed to recommend to the Waigani Convention COP-7 that the SCPRC-4, STAC-5 and COP-8 meetings be held in 2015 and not in 2016 as per the current 2-year cycle to enable timely development and approval of the 2016-2017 Business Plan.

64. Moved by the sub-regional representative for Micronesia and seconded by sub-regional representative for Melanesia, the decisions taken under Agenda item 7 were endorsed.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Business

65. The Secretariat introduced WC SCPRC-3 - WP.8 under Other Business. The sub-regional representative for Polynesia proposed that discussion and decisions taken under the "Other Business" agenda reflected in STAC 4 to also be reflected in this SCPRC. He informed the meeting that the matters pertaining to the improved Secretariat operations were covered in some detail in STAC-4 and suggested that the meeting take those decisions and use them as the outcomes of this meeting as well. The meeting endorsed this suggestion but invited other discussions to be entertained.

66. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia enquired whether a mechanism was developed to co-finance the activities reflected in the 2014-2015 Business Plan. The Secretariat in response advised that the Business Plan reflected activities that were fully funded but encouraged parties for co-financing and in-kind support during the implementation of these activities in their countries.

67. The sub-regional representative for Micronesia enquired whether there was any initiative in engaging with the private sector in the implementation of the previous business plans, using the management of used oil in Kiribati as an example. The Secretariat advised that the engagement with the private sector had been done in the past but would look into strengthening this in the coming years.

68. Moved by the sub-regional representative for Micronesia and seconded by sub-regional representative for Melanesia, the decisions taken under Agenda item 8 were endorsed.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Next Meeting Date

69. The Meeting agreed hold the STAC and SCPRC in 2015 subject to approval of the 2014 COP.

AGENDA ITEM 10

70. Moved by the sub-regional representative for Polynesia and seconded by sub-regional representative for Micronesia, the record of the meeting were adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Closure of Meeting

71. The Chair in his closing remarks thanked all committee members, the regional observers and the Secretariat in supporting him in the running of the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre and asked for continued support during his tenure as the Chairperson. He also thanked the representatives from the BCRC-China for taking the time to come to attend this meeting and looked forward to increased collaborative working relationship between the two Centres. He then invited the Secretariat for closing remarks.

72. The Secretariat in closing thanked all present for their participation in the meetings and reiterated that the successful and effective implementation of the activities in the Business Plan would require a joint effort between the Parties and the Secretariat.

Annex 1

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**The Pacific Regional Centre
for
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Basel and Waigani Conventions**

Business Plan 2014-2015

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Executive Summary of the Business Plan 2014-2015 for the *Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions*

This Business Plan prepared for the period 2014-2015 aims to continue the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Basel Convention to 2015, taking into account the realities and needs of developing countries in the Pacific. The activities and projects proposed uphold the lines of the previous Business Plan and build on the experience acquired while embracing the vision of the Centre, as *“the leading institution for the countries of the Pacific in the process of capacity building, strengthening and specialization toward minimizing health and environmental risks by means of integrated hazardous waste and substances management, within a framework of sustainable development”*.

The plan is formulated contemplating the need to conceptualise the projects, programmes and activities of an integrated hazardous waste and substances management scenario, paying attention to the life cycle of substances and products, hence, its execution is expected to contribute to facilitation of the implementation of the Basel, Waigani, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions as an integrated activity.

The Coordinating Centre sees itself as a strategic actor, facilitating the processes of regional and national capacity building and strengthening through training of the key national actors in environmentally sound hazardous waste and substances management, as well as the preparation and dissemination of specialized information. The execution of regional and national projects is thought to be a basic strategy for the transference of technology and successful experiences.

It is in this sense that for this period we have identified the following strategic lines of action:

- Strengthening the relationship of the *Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions* (SPREP) with the *Regional Centre with the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific* (Tsinghua University, China) to facilitate the improved control and environmentally sound management of hazardous substances and wastes in the Pacific region;
- Development and strengthening awareness programs and outreach in the field of hazardous waste by integrating the areas covered by the Convention;
- Completing on-ground programmes to minimize the risk to Pacific islanders of exposure to hazardous wastes;
- Strengthening national capacities of countries in the region to implement the obligations of the Convention through training and transfer of technology for minimizing waste generation; and
- Prompt the environmentally sound management of hazardous substances and wastes, minimizing health and the environment risks and supporting synergy in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

The budget for 2014-2015 consists of USD\$ 4,206,300, corresponding to the activities and projects whose execution during the term is considered possible.

Information on the Centre

A – Vision

Pacific island people depend on their natural environment for their sustenance and livelihoods. Vital resources and ecosystems are under ever-increasing pressure as our islands strive to address their economic aspirations and meet the needs of their growing populations. In particular, pollution and the growing volumes of solid and hazardous wastes are major threats to the environments and sustainable development of the Pacific islands. Globalisation is accelerating the transition of Pacific communities towards consumer economies, with increasing urbanisation, migration, and participation in international trade. This is resulting in an escalation in the generation of solid and liquid wastes, and these increase the risk of coastal and marine pollution. The lack of controls on imported chemicals, and the lack of capacity for managing pollutants threaten to undermine the quality and health of vulnerable ecosystems on which Pacific islanders depend.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) has been charged by the governments and administrations of the Pacific region with the protection and sustainable development of the region's environment. Management of hazardous wastes is seen by Member States as a critical component of this work, and SPREP is mandated to take action on waste management and the control of pollution. SPREP's members are American Samoa, Australia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna.

The Secretariat's focus is to improve Members' technical capacity to manage pollution, solid wastes and hazardous chemicals through provision of training, technical advice and support. SPREP also encourages the development of national and regional waste management infrastructure and innovative funding measures, and the sharing of best practices across the region in order to support environmentally sound and sustainable waste management and reduce pollution. SPREP also supports renewed efforts in educating communities through national and other targeted awareness campaigns. With the support of bilateral and multilateral partnerships, the goal is for all members to have national waste management and pollution control policies, strategies, plans and practices in place to minimize terrestrial, atmospheric and marine pollution, hazardous waste, solid waste and other land-based sources of pollution.

B – Background

The Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions for the countries in the Pacific region, established within the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), is located at Apia, Samoa. Just as the Waigani Convention was developed within the framework of Article 11 of the Basel Convention and thus shares common and overlapping objectives with it, the establishment of the Pacific Regional Centre is not only seen as a mechanism to improve SPREP's work as the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention in assisting the Parties in the region, but also as an opportunity to foster better cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in the implementation of both Conventions' objectives. The establishment of the Centre is also seen as an opportunity to extend this cooperation to other secretariats of relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including the Stockholm, Rotterdam, SAICM and IMO Conventions.

The Centre provides services for the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions to the Parties to the Basel or Waigani Conventions consenting to be served. These includes the provision of services through capacity building activities and initiatives, specific projects and the transfer of appropriate technologies for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, to achieve the fulfillment of the objectives of the Conventions. Any other non-Party States to the Basel or Waigani Conventions from the Pacific region may at any time express their consent to be served by the Centre through a written communication to the Centre, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and SPREP.

The Centre services the following countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu (See Annex I).

Recent activities undertaken by the Centre include development of a Regional asbestos management strategy (2011); development of a Regional E-waste strategy (2011); development of a Regional Healthcare Waste Management strategy (2012); securing SAICM quick-start funding for better E-waste management in 3 Pacific island countries (2012-2013); securing AFD financing for integrated regional waste oil management (2011-2014); and securing AFD financing for development of regional hazardous waste management training (2011-2014). Currently the Centre is endeavouring to secure over \$US20M in funding for the better management of hazardous wastes and uPOPs prevention through the GEF-PAS (Global Environment Facility Pacific Alliance for Sustainability) and European Union EDF10 programmes.

C – Governance

The governance of the Centre through the Conference of the Parties and the Steering Committee automatically ensures direct control of the Countries party to both the Basel and Waigani Conventions over the related activities of the Centre. The agreement establishing the Centre was officially signed between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and SPREP on the 18th December 2003, in Geneva. It is operated under the joint authority of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the Pacific region.

The Pacific Regional Centre operates under the Directorship of the Director General of SPREP and has a number of core staff that dedicate part of their time attending to the Centre's activities which assists SPREP to perform its role as the Secretariat of the Waigani and Basel Conventions. The staffing of the regional Centre is governed by the SPREP staff regulations. The activities of the Centre are carried out under the general guidance and supervision of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and SPREP who also coordinate the activities of the Centre with the relevant activities of other Basel Convention Regional Centres or of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions, as well as with international organisations, programmes and other global and regional conventions.

Subject to the agreement of the Regional Centre's Steering Committee any non-Party State to the Basel and Waigani Conventions outside the Pacific region, non-governmental organisation, entity, private sector organisation, academic institution, or other organisation may participate in the activities of the Centre. The Centre implements activities in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions and the Business Plan that is developed by the Regional Centre Steering Committee. The overall monitoring of the Center's activities against the Business Plan is the function of the Regional Centre Steering Committee. The Steering Committee advises on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work from countries served by the Centre. It is also charged

with the responsibility of developing the Business Plan of the Centre and overseeing its implementation.

The Steering Committee is composed of five (5) members nominated by the countries to be served by the Centre through a process of consultation, for a period of four (4) years with the members being experts of recognized standing and with experience in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes. The representative of SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre will participate in the meetings of the Committee *ex officio*. The members of the Committee elect by consensus the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee from among its members for a period of four (4) years. The Chairperson, in consultation with SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre, convene the ordinary meetings of the Committee at least every two years. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Chairperson, when required, in consultation with SBC and SPREP.

The current members of the Steering Committee are: Chair: Australia; New Zealand, PNG (representing the Melanesian sub-region), FSM (representing the Micronesian sub-region) and Samoa (representing the Polynesian sub-region).

The funding of the basic activities of the Centre are primarily through mechanisms set up by the Waigani financial regulations and financial mechanisms under the Basel Convention. The voluntary funding envisaged under the Basel Convention and the Waigani Convention' Financial Regulations affect the stability needed for a smooth operation of the Centre according to a longer-term workplan.

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II – The Centre and the Basel Convention

A – Performance of the core functions

The Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions work in cooperation with the countries in the region to effect the core functions of the Basel Convention Regional Centres established in decision VI/3 of the Conference of the Parties.

Although the impact of the Centre has never been formally assessed, it is estimated that the current level of support of the countries served by the Centre indicates that the activities coordinated by the

Centre are having a positive impact in the region. Among the main achievements of the Centre is the acquisition of significant funding to support improved hazardous waste management in the Pacific region; completion of on-ground projects to reduce potential impacts of hazardous waste, preparation of workshops concerning different hazardous wastes topics; and provision of hazardous waste management advice on request. The Centre also has served as a facilitator for technology transfer within the region, specifically through the preparation of technical guidelines and regional Action Plans for waste management streams such as asbestos and E-waste.

B – Opportunities for improvement

Challenges faced by the region are complex and immense, and often implementation of the Conventions by Parties of the region is often either non-existent or only partial. Essential improvements are needed across the region in terms of human resources; improved expertise and knowledge, including legal expertise; increased financial support; increased capacity to conduct trainings ('train the trainers'); improved judicial capacity; improved awareness within relevant National authorities (Ministries and their specialized department/agencies, customs officers, etc); and increased political willingness, from the relevant national authorities, to prioritise the Chemicals and Waste agenda, and therefore the Conventions implementation. In addition, a mechanism needs to be developed to sustainably co-finance the activities of the Centre including a Waigani Trust fund, a Basel Trust Fund and Basel technical Trust Fund. This will need to be formalized in project documents signed by Secretariat of the Basel Convention (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention (SPREP).

C – Cooperation with the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

The Waigani, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions are key international agreements that regulate the use and trans-boundary movement of hazardous chemicals and wastes in the Pacific. Countries signed to these conventions have undertaken to manage or track the importation and movement of hazardous chemicals and wastes in the region to ensure that they are disposed of properly and not dumped in the region. However, country officials are often untrained in these procedures, which place the Pacific region at risk. To improve this situation, SPREP coordinated a 5 day training workshop in Fiji in 2011 that provided 30 participants from 15 member countries with an improved capacity to fulfil their national obligations under the conventions. The Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and EU generously made funding and training resources available to enable Pacific island participants to attend the 5 day workshop.

D – Joint activities

Ozone depleting substances (ODS) and refrigerants contained in air conditioner and refrigerator gases are highly destructive to the earth's ozone layer which protects us from harmful radiation from the sun. Pacific island countries are progressively working towards better regulation or banning of these types of gases. In 2011, SPREP in association with UNEP, assisted Fiji to reform national legislation to provide a modern and comprehensive administrative and regulatory framework to control ODS and refrigerants in accordance with the international Montreal Convention that regulates these pollutants. This model legislation has been provided to all interested Pacific island countries as a guide to better ODS and refrigerant management. The ultimate phase-out of ODS will also result in a significant reduction in country greenhouse gas emissions.

Agriculture is an important component of Pacific island economies as well as a critical source of local foods. Unfortunately, modern farming techniques have resulted in the use of a range of pesticides to increase production, including the use of persistent pesticides such as DDT and dieldrin. Unused

stocks were often buried when these pesticides were banned for use in the 1980s. SPREP in partnership with FAO have completed surveys of suspected contaminated burial sites in Fiji, Niue, Samoa and Tonga during 2011. These surveys have indicated that residual pesticides such as DDT and dieldrin are often present, and sites in Niue, Samoa and Tonga have been prioritised for cleaned-up using funding provided by FAO and GEFPAS.

III – Regional Needs Assessment

Waste and pollution have significant impacts on the region's environment, as well as on public health, drinking water quality, fisheries, agriculture, and tourism and on the quality of life in general. Poor waste management and pollution are also major threats to sustainable development in Pacific Island Countries and Territories. Building a better regional skills base and technical capacity, and increasing awareness of waste management and pollution control issues are central to the Centre's and SPREPs role in assisting Pacific island countries and territories to manage waste and pollution to protect public health while at the same time protecting the environment and encouraging economic growth. However, economic sustainability is often perceived as the first priority, usually at the cost of the environment and social structures. While most Pacific island countries have made significant steps towards protecting the environment, much remains to be done. There are also a number of legacies of the past that are to be addressed, and one of those legacies is the result of mismanagement of chemicals and hazardous wastes.

In recent times, a significant amount of work in the area of waste management has been undertaken in the region. The following regional plans have been put in place to address the various components of the waste stream and are now being implemented. These include:

- The Pacific Ocean Pollution Prevention Programme (PACPOL); 2010-2014
- The Pacific Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy; 2010-2015
- Regional Asbestos Management Plan (2011)
- Regional E-waste Management Plan (2012)
- Regional Healthcare Waste Management Plan (2012)
- National Solid Waste Management Strategies

There is currently no regional plan for dealing with hazardous waste at both the regional and national levels but there are many activities that are being undertaken to manage hazardous waste. These projects have often highlighted the barriers and priorities of issues that were pertinent to the management of these types of wastes. These include:

- A. Barriers to improved management of chemicals and hazardous wastes:
- Lack of knowledge of chemicals and hazardous wastes issues
 - Lack of targeted and user-friendly information on chemicals and hazardous wastes issues
 - Lack of adequately trained personnel and the need for much more institutional strengthening
 - Lack of in country trainers
 - Lack of coverage of new emerging issues in existing educational curricula
 - Poor systems in countries for chemical handling, storage and use, and information management
 - Lack of data on fate and transportation of chemicals and hazardous wastes in the region
 - Lack of appropriate legislation in some countries
 - Lack of knowledge on alternatives to certain toxic chemicals
 - Lack of established control systems for managing chemicals and hazardous wastes including import information

- An absence of appropriate disposal facilities and is expensive to move them to another country for disposal purposes
- PICs still learning about the requirements of regional and international MEAs such as Waigani, Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and the procedures therein

B. Priority needs and issues for chemical and hazardous waste management

- Education, Training, Community Awareness and Participation
- Chemical management systems, Technology, Information and Research
- Adequate funding and improved cooperate funding arrangements
- Appropriate legislation development and drafting training
- Compilation of expertise list in the region
- Relevant capacity building activities through need specific training
- Activities to support the reduced used of hazardous and toxic chemicals in the Pacific including the promotion of cleaner production and integrated pest management

Due to its infancy, many of the countries are only now beginning to put in place Action Plans to address many of these barriers and issues. The countries have also recognised the benefits of taking a synergistic approach to chemical and hazardous waste management by integrating the relevant MEAs and frameworks such as Waigani, Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions.

IV – Proposed activities

The Pacific Regional Centre Business Plan for 2014-2015 will continue work commenced in 2012/2013 and concentrate on the following Strategic Focus Areas:

A – Maintenance of the Centre and staff training activities

Website updates. SPREP will update the website Notification and Movement Forms as well as the annual reporting forms so that PICs can complete them on line.

Insurance Options for Waigani Movements. SPREP to develop a list of potential insurance brokers for the transportation of E-waste as well as other forms of hazardous wastes.

B – Activities for the implementation of the Strategic Framework and other COP-10 decisions

Attendance to COPs. Recognising the need to have a voice in the conventions, PICs will address this issue. Most PICs are eligible for funding from the Secretariats to attend convention COPs. This is essential that PICs are attending the COPs to adequately ensure that PICs issues are adequately addressed.

Technical Assistance. Noting the assistance available to PICs by the Secretariats, PICs will address this issue and make a conscious effort to request for technical assistance from SPREP and UNEP.

National Development Plans. Recognising the available bilateral funding opportunities directed at country priorities, PICs will ensure the inclusion of hazardous chemicals and waste in their National Development Plans.

Funding on-ground improvements.

Project: Assessment of E-waste stockpiles and generation rates in the Pacific

Countries: 7 Pacific island countries
Time frame: 24 months (2013-2014)

Project: Regional used oil recycling
Countries: Region wide
Time frame: 2 years (2013-2015)

Project: Regional Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific
Countries: 3 Pacific island countries
Time frame: 24 months (2013-2015)

Project: Management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)
Countries: Region wide
Time frame: 5 years (2013-2017)

Project: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff and other stakeholders on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions
Countries: Region wide
Time frame: 2 years (2013-2015)

Project: Management of medical wastes in the Pacific
Countries: Region wide
Time frame: 3 years (2013-2016)

C – Synergies activities (optional)

Funding Opportunities. Noting the various funding opportunities available for PICs for implementation of these conventions, PICs will address this issue. The potential funding opportunities are: GEF Stockholm (\$400K), NIP Updates (\$250K), GEF 5 Chemical window (recommend proposals less than \$1M), and bilateral funding opportunities. The Secretariats will assist wherever possible with country proposals upon request.

D – Other capacity building activities (optional)

Capacity Building – Train the trainer. Noting one of the objective of the training workshop – “*To improve knowledge of International and Regional conventions dealing with hazardous chemicals and wastes and their impact on pollution minimization and management*” PICs will address capacity building at the national level through train-the-trainer program with technical assistance from the Secretariats.

Legislation Development. Recognising that most PICs do not have appropriate legislation that addresses hazardous chemicals and waste, PICs request SPREP & UNEP to assist them in domesticating Tonga and Samoa legislations. This will ensure adequate border control through the customs authority and port state control mechanisms. None of the PICs currently have this PSC and border control mechanism in place.

V – Financial information

A – Main sources of funding

- European Union (Confirmed)
- Global Environment Facility (Confirmed)
- AFD (Confirmed)
- FAO (unconfirmed)
- UNEP (Confirmed)

B – Key partners and stakeholders

- FAO
- UNEP
- Parties in the region
- Secretariat of the Basel Convention
- Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
- Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention
- Regional training institutions such as the University of the South Pacific

C – Proposed budget for activities (2014-2015)

BCRC estimate budget for the year 2014-2015:

<u>ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2014/2015</u>			
<u>INCOMES (ESTIMATE)</u>	2014	2015	Total
Partner funds (countries)	0	0	0
From Basel Convention (Technical Cooperation Trust Fund)	0	0	0
From other MEAs	0	0	0
From donors	3,015,000	1,151,300	4,166,300
SPREP	20,000	20,000	40,000
Total Incomes	3,035,000	1,171,300	4,206,300
<u>EXPENDITURES (ESTIMATE)</u>			
<u>CORE</u>			
Personnel			
Subcontracts			
Travel and Subsistence	0	0	0
Training/Learning			
Equipment, supplies and premises			
General operating expenses (telephone, internet, electricity, etc)			
<u>PROJECTS</u>			
Regional E-waste Management	1,000,000	163,300	1,163,300
Regional Asbestos Management	1,000,000	114,000	1,114,000
Regional Medical Waste Management	141,000	141,000	282,000
Regional Waste Oil Management	94,000	94,000	188,000
Used Pesticide Container Management	250,000	250,000	500,000
Contaminated Site Remediation	250,000	250,000	500,000
<u>WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Regional Convention Training	100,000	100,000	200,000
Regional Laboratory Chemicals Training	100,000		100,000
Regional Chemical Strategy Training	100,000		100,000
Total Expenditures	3,035,000	1,171,300	4,206,300

Annex I

List of focal points and endorsement

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