Twenty Fifth SPREP Meeting of Officials
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Agenda Item 10.3: Waste Management and Pollution Control Division Overview 2015

Purpose

1. To provide an overview of major work programme activities in 2015 to improve management of solid and hazardous waste and marine pollution for the Region.

Key Areas of Work for 2015

2. **Hazardous waste management support**

   - Purchase and commission high temperature incinerators for improved healthcare waste management across 15 countries
   - Implement associated training in infection control and healthcare waste management
   - Implement regional (mobile phone) and country specific E-waste management programmes
   - Commence regional ULABs recycling programme (assisted by Basel funding)
   - Implement regional Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) management training
   - Develop a regional recyclers network (with a focus on E-waste and ULABs)
   - Implement regional asbestos management programme based on regional audit results (focussing on stabilization and export in priority countries)
   - Commence used pesticide container management programme (Tonga, Samoa and Fiji)
   - Implement training and cooperation associated with the Waigani/Basel Conventions, including cooperation with the Asia base Centre (Beijing), including Masters student placement
   - Implement regional used oil recycling programme including dioxin production investigation
   - Implement regional chemical management training (6 countries)

3. **(Marine) Pollution management support**

   - Implement a focused intervention based research programme on the management of marine plastic and its consequences
   - Provide support for management of marine invasive species
   - Provide support for country development of NATPLANS and marine pollution response strategies and planning
   - Support development of port reception facilities (including asbestos shipment requirements)
• Implement Marine pollution risk assessment (Fiji)
• Seek support for continuation of the marine pollution secondment (after completion of the AMSA secondment in 2015)
• Assess port reception facilities (including asbestos shipment requirements)
• Update PACPLAN
• Assess underground fuel storage

4. Solid Waste Management support

• Prepare regional waste to energy position/strategy
• Prepare a regional scrap metal policy/strategy
• Implement integrated solid waste management pilot project in Niue (composting and recycling)
• Implement integrated atoll waste management pilot (RMI)
• Improve waste management donor coordination through participation in the PRIF
• Recruit a Recycling Adviser in conjunction with JICA
• Review and redraft the Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy (Zero Waste)
• Continue solid waste management training for Pacific waste management workers
• Implement waste management training in the French Territories
• Collate and disseminate regional waste management activities
• Implement demonstration waste management projects across 14 countries

5. Challenges

• Regional and national waste management and pollution control improvements are critically dependent on prioritization of national in-kind support to the Secretariat to successfully complete project implementation
• Additional capacity in the areas of recycling and water quality monitoring and reporting are critically needed within the Division to ensure delivery of the SPREP Strategic Plan

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