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# **Eighth Meeting of The Waigani Convention**

Eighth 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)

Apia, Samoa 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### Agenda item 4: Presentation of Reports by the Secretariat of work undertaken since COP-6

### **Purpose:**

- 1. To present for noting by the Meeting the Report of work undertaken by the Secretariat since the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 2014 as reflected in:
  - the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-5),
  - (ii) the Report of the Fourth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Center for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (SCPRC-4).
  - (iii) Project related activities
- 2. To present for consideration and endorsement by the Meeting the STAC-5 Report.
- To present for consideration and ratification by the Meeting the SCPRC-4 Report. 3.

## **Background:**

- Since the Seventh Conference of the Parties in Majuro, RMI in September 2014, a number of significant activities pertaining to the implementation of the Convention took place in the Convention area. These activities were project related activities as well as scheduled meetings under the Convention Business Plan.
- 5. The three activities listed are part of the on-going work on the implementation of the Convention in our region and carried out both at the national and regional level
- 6. The details of all these activities are outlined in the information papers as part of this agenda item.

#### Recommendation

- 7. The Meeting is therefore invited to:
  - note the work undertaken since the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
  - endorse and approve the STAC-4 Report (WC COP-8/WP.4.1);
  - consider and ratify the SCPRC-3 Report (WC COP-8/WP4.2); and
  - **note** the activity reports as presented in WC COP-8/WP4.3.