



## Status of Chemicals and Waste MEAs in Pacific ACP Countries

### Ratification/implementation status

Country	Basel	Stockholm	Rotterdam	Waigani	Minamata	Vienna	Montreal Protocol
Cook Islands	P	P	P	P		P	P
Fiji		P		P		P	P
FSM	P	P		P		P	P
Kiribati	P	P		P		P	P
Nauru	P	P		S		P	P
Niue		P		P		P	P
Palau	P	P		S	S	P	P
PNG	P	P		P		P	P
RMI	P	P	P			P	P
Samoa	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Solomon Islands		P		P		P	P
Tonga	P	P	P	P		P	P
Tuvalu		P		P		P	P
Vanuatu		P		P		P	P

P – Party; S – Signatory.

### Thematic Session Questions

#### **Is the chemicals and waste agenda a priority for the region and why?**

- Agreed as a strategic priority for both SPREP and UN Environment
- All national plans identify chemicals and waste as a national priority
- Good engagement by Pacific states with waste and chemicals MEAs
- Established new regional Clean Pacific partnerships through the cleaner Pacific Roundtable
- Strong NGO, Private Sector and Community engagement
- Voluntary Commitment on marine Litter tabled at Oceans Conference
- Country and donor by-in illustrated by substantial increase in funding, EDF11 PAC waste + and JPRISM 2 = 35 million over 5 years, bilateral aid from Australia New Zealand and EU total 11-12 million (which is being looked at to leverage GEF resources)

#### **Should the ACP MEAs programme continue to focus on this thematic area? Yes**

#### **What has happened in that field of work that could be attributable to the ACP MEAs programme?**

- Increased awareness of MEAs
- National legislation review and identification of gaps
- Mainstreaming into national policies and plans
- Strengthening of EIA process and capacity
- Strengthened reporting - Regional SOE reporting template and approach
- New Funding – 3 GEF projects - POPs, Minamata and databases
- Building up critical mass of national demand for action and environmental indicators, monitoring and reporting

**How could impacts of the programme be built on and clearly profit beneficiary countries?**

- Some of the capacity building activities need to be done on on-going basis and we could work with training institutions to see if they can integrate and run in long term
- Need to strengthen enforcement – police, prosecution, judges etc
- Look at how we can work with industry/sector groups to promote environmental safeguards as way to promote waste and chemicals management including codes of practice and standards, especially of customs officers
- Explore feasibility sustainable financing approaches that could be adopted

**How could the activities be re-designed to deliver the foreseen support for ACP Member States?**

- Focus on national activities but prioritise those that can be replicated
- Have incentive once pilots completed to encourage those who want to replicate
- Establish long term technical support in key areas such as legal drafting, environmental economics and monitoring
- More activities that promote cross sector coordination and integration – use of synergistic approaches that are already in place through the BRS Conventions
- Chemicals and waste MEAs implementation in the ACP regions: Trends and status.
- Increase Pacific membership in MEAs - (only 4 members in region for Rotterdam and only 1 for the Minamata Convention) – this can be done through conducting awareness raising workshops which can be facilitated through the Pacific Regional Centre
- Build on the political will (Cook, Tonga and Samoa) to address issues like paraquat and Asbestos at the regional level - Waigani Convention is an example
- Enhance the links between EDF11 generated data and MEA reporting