

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2018-2019

Topic	Activities	Mandate	Priority
1. Strategic issues			
a. Strategic framework	Undertake an evaluation of the implementation of the Waigani Convention 2001-2016	Decision WC-9/[...]	High
b. Development of environmentally sound management	Establishment of an expert working group on environmentally sound management	Decision WC 9[...]	High
c. Establishing a financial mechanism for the implementation of the Waigani Convention	Put in place a financial mechanism for the implementation of the Waigani Convention	Decision WC 9/[...]	Medium
2. Scientific and technical matters			
a. Pacific-regional specific Technical guidelines	Undertake work towards a review/update of all technical guidelines that have been developed for specific waste streams in the region and also develop new ones to address new and emerging waste streams including: i. Asbestos ii. E-waste iii. Medical waste iv. Used/waste oil v. Obsolete chemicals and pesticides vi. DDT stockpiles vii. Mercury and mercury-containing waste viii. uLABs	Decision WC 9/[...]	Medium (High)
b. National Hazardous Waste Management Plans as part of the National Development Plans	Undertake work to develop National Hazardous Waste Management Plans as part of the obligations of the parties under Article 4(e) of the Convention and to align this plan with the overall National Development Plan	Decision WC 9/[...]	Medium (High)
c. National Reporting	i. Undertake work to help PIC parties to generate their annual National Reports as part of their obligations to the Convention as prescribed under Article 7. ii. Undertaking training of Customs officers in PIC parties on the matter of record keeping	Decision WC 9/[...]	High
d. Funding on-ground improvements	i. 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 (2018-2019) ii. Project: Management of mercury and mercury-containing equipment Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019) iii. Project: Management of e-waste in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)	WC 9/[...] Decision	Medium to High

	<p>iv. Project: Management of medical wastes in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>v. Project: Continued assessment and improved management of asbestos in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>vi. Project: Assessment of chemical management in 4 PICs Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>vii. Improving management of used lubricants and oils Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>viii. Project: Management of uLABs in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p>		
3. Legal, governance and enforcement matters			
a. Establishment of Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance	<p>i. Undertake work to establish the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance</p> <p>ii. Explore the manner in which the committee will operate given the very limited sources of resources</p>	WC Decision 9/[...]	High
b. Establishing national definitions of hazardous waste	Undertake work to provide guidance to the PIC parties to establish national definitions of hazardous waste in their national legislation	WC Decision 9/[...]	Medium
c. Customs offices upskilled in the Waigani Convention procedure and requirements	i. Undertake work to train Custom offices in the Convention area on the Waigani Convention procedure and the role they play in the administration of the mechanism for promoting implementation and compliance	WC Decision 9/[...]	Medium (High)
4. Regional and International cooperation and coordination			
a. Waigani Convention partnership program	i. Undertake work to review the MOU between the Pacific Regional Centre/SPREP and the BCRC-China/Tsinghua University and update the MOU	WC Decision 9/[...]	High
	ii. Consider the establishment of a partnership with the Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO)	WC Decision 9/[...]	High