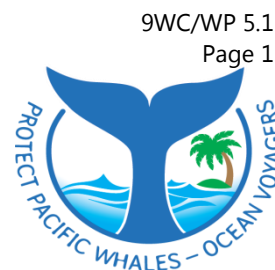




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Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South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

Apia, Samoa
15th September 2017

Agenda Item 5.1: Strategic Framework

Purpose

1. To present for the consideration by the Meeting, a proposal to develop a 10-year strategic framework that will guide and direct the work of the convention;
2. To seek the meeting's approval for the development of the framework in the next biennium.

Background

3. Since the first Conference of the Parties, the work program of the Convention has been developed biennium basis, largely driven by national and regional priorities that have been identified through the various regional mechanisms. While this process has served the region well in terms of addressing key hazardous waste management issues, the actions that have been taken have not been coordinated in a programmatic manner and can be said to be ad hoc.
4. The proposed framework will be developed in a manner that will present a long term work program beginning with the Secretariat preparing reports on the continued relevance of and progress in relation to the strategic framework for the purpose of:
 - a) A midterm evaluation of the strategic framework to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;
 - b) A final evaluation of the strategic framework to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.
5. In addition, in the development of the strategic framework, Parties will be invited to provide information relevant to the indicators to be developed by the Secretariat. These information are requested to be submitted to the Secretariat by 31 December 2018 for the year 2017 in order to create a baseline for the above-mentioned evaluations.
6. The framework will provide guidance and direction to the development of future work programmes for the Waigani Convention and the Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre.

Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited:
 - to **discuss** and **provide feedback**, to the proposal for the development of a Strategic Framework;
 - to **direct** the Secretariat on how this matter is to be implemented in the upcoming biennium (2018-2019).