

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025-2026

Topic	Activities	Mandate	Priority
1. Strategic Issues			
1.1 Strategic Framework	Implementation of the Recommendations of the Review of the Waigani Convention assigned to the STAC.	Decision WC-12/7.2	High
1.2 Ratification of the Basel, Rotterdam and Minamata Conventions	Assist non-Party countries in the ratification and accession process to the Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention and Minamata Convention.	Decision WC-12/7.2	High
1 Scientific and Technical Matters			
2.1 Pacific Regional Specific Technical Guidelines	The Secretariat to develop Regional Code of Practice on Hazardous Waste	Decision SM-31/9.3.4	Medium
	The Secretariat to develop a Pacific Regional Outlook on Hazardous Waste and Chemicals and guidance to assist Members with management of new waste streams	Decision SM-31/9.3.4	Medium
	The Secretariat to develop a Regional Action Plan on Mercury	Decision SM-31/9.3.4	Medium
	The Secretariat to adopt the technical guidelines developed by the Basel Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention (BRS) on ESM of hazardous waste	Decision SM-31/9.3.4	Medium
2.2 Electronic Approaches to Notification and Movement Documents	<p>The Secretariat to re-engage with ITI and other potential ICT partners.</p> <p>Seek alternative funding sources. Pilot an alternative digital approach if ITI led project remains stalled.</p> <p>Explore capacity-building options for digital PIC management.</p> <p>Seek to ensure alignment with existing reporting platforms.</p>	STAC10 Meeting Decision	Medium
2.2 National Hazardous Waste Management Strategies	The Secretariat to develop National Hazardous Waste Management Strategies	Decision ISLANDS project	Medium
2.3 Funding ground improvements	The Secretariat to remove and dispose stockpiles of DDT and PCB in Papua New Guinea.	Decision ISLANDS project	Medium
2 Legal Governance			
3.1 Undertake and complete the process for	The Secretariat to:		High

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entry into force of the Waigani Amendments with PIFs as the Depository	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coordinate with the Depository for support with submitting amendments to all Parties for ratification, approval or acceptance • provide support to Parties in the process of notification and depositing an instrument to PIFs as Depository in support of the Amendments 		
3 Regional and International Cooperation and Coordination			
4.1 Effective engagement of the Parties in regional and international forums such as the BRS, INC on plastics.	Parties engaged at international forums such as the BRS COPs, INC on plastics, Minamata COP, and UNEA-7 and 8 as well as the Waigani COP13 and 14.		High