



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Fifth 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)

Madang, Papua New Guinea
3 September 2010

Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Report by the Secretariat of work undertaken since the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Purpose

1. To present for noting by the Meeting the Report of work undertaken by the Secretariat since the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 2008 as reflected in:
 - (i) the Report of the Third Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC3) and
 - (ii) the Report of the Second 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 (SCPRC2).
2. To present for consideration and endorsement by the Meeting the STAC3 Report.
3. To present for consideration and endorsement by the Meeting the SCPRC2 Report.

Background

Third Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC3)

4. At its first meeting, the Conference of Parties to the Waigani Convention (COP1) decided to establish a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to meet as necessary subject to available resources.
5. At COP2, the Conference considered and approved the Terms of Reference for the STAC.
6. The first meeting of the STAC was held in 2004, the second in 2008 and the third in July 2010. The third meeting was inquorate and its report is presented for consideration and ratification by the Meeting.

Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Center (SCPRC2)

7. The Pacific Regional Centre was established by way of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2003 between the Secretariats of the Waigani and Basel Conventions on behalf of their respective Parties.

8. Article VII of the MOU provides for the establishment of a Steering Committee to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work form countries served by the Centre.

9. The first meeting of the SCPRC was held in 2008 and the second in 2010. The second meeting was inquorate and its report is presented for consideration and ratification by the Meeting.

Recommendation

10. The Meeting is invited:

- to **note** the work undertaken since the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
 - to **consider** and **ratify** the STAC3 Report (WP.4.1).
 - to **consider** and **ratify** the SCPRC2 Report (WP.4.2).
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