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Introduction

1. The third 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) was held on 8 September 2006 in Noumea, New Caledonia.

2. Representatives of the following Parties attended: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu. Representatives of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and United States of America attended as non-parties. The list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Conference

3. Mr Sefanaia Nawadra of the Secretariat led the Conference in a prayer.

4. The Director's opening remarks highlighted progress made in implementing the Convention since the last Conference of the Parties in 2004. The address is attached as Annex 2.

5. The Conference was formally opened by Mr Pascal Vittori, Member of the Congress of New Caledonia. He outlined the importance of the management and storage of hazardous waste, as covered by the Waigani Convention, to all Pacific island countries and territories. His address is attached as Annex 3.

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of the Conference

6. The floor was opened for nominations of officers. Niue and Kiribati were elected by acclamation as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. The Secretariat requested that the Conference record be considered by the plenary instead of convening a separate drafting committee. The Conference agreed.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

7. The agenda was adopted as proposed, and is attached as Annex 4.

Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Report by the Secretariat of work undertaken

8. The Parties considered and noted the Report of the Secretariat outlining work undertaken since the Second Conference of the Parties:

- a) in response to decisions of the Second Conference of the Parties in 2004;
- b) in fulfillment of the Waigani Convention Work Programme 2005-2006; and
- c) against the Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre.

9. The Representative of Tonga commented that Tonga has drafted national legislation in collaboration with SPREP and UNEP, with the objective of improving the handling of hazardous waste. He called on Parties who would like to do the same, to consider the lessons learnt from their experience.

10. The Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia expressed appreciation of the work undertaken by the Secretariat and commented that the key challenge will be national implementation and ownership of the mandates of the Conventions. He further clarified that he would like to hear how Parties and the Secretariat thought Parties could become more effective partners in the delivery of these strategies. He stated the particular difficulties of the Federated States of Micronesia due to its geographic location and spread.

11. The Representative of Niue requested clarification on the Secretariat's approach to national capacity building. He requested further effort to be put not just into developing human resources, but also for countries to note the development of in-country infrastructure to assist with the process of dealing with hazardous waste. He particularly noted that awareness on the waste issue had been widespread; but that without a national waste management centre a lot of this work cannot be put into practice.

12. The Secretariat clarified that, within the limits of its capacity, it had made itself available to any SPREP Member who is, or would like to be, Party to the Waigani Convention in assisting it to accede and to deal with its obligations under the Convention; and that much of the work was of a technical advisory nature. The Secretariat requested Parties to offer direction as to what assistance is needed.

13. The Secretariat saw the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (PRC) as the key to assisting Parties with technical and financial assistance – through the Basel Convention Trust Funds, capacity building, and in assisting SPREP Members who are non-parties to put in place national provisions to enable them to become parties.

14. The Secretariat clarified that the legislation drafted for Tonga was a pilot project to ease the administrative and reporting burden on countries by distilling the requirements of the four chemical conventions into one piece of national enabling legislation.

15. The Representative of Tonga commended the Secretariat on its work and informed the Conference of its progress on capacity-building work related to persistent organic pollutants.

16. The Republic of the Marshall Islands is not a party to the Waigani Convention but is a Party to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions. The Representative of the Republic of Marshall Islands noted the constraints they are facing in implementing all three Conventions. These constraints are a major contributing factor to why the RMI is currently not a Party to the Waigani Convention but it is nevertheless considering becoming a Party. She also noted the work on harmonising reporting on various Conventions and considered this a positive step.

Agenda Item 5: Designation of Competent Authorities and Focal Points

17. The Parties reviewed the list and agreed to inform the Secretariat of any changes as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 6: Reporting and Transmission of Information

18. The Cook Islands tabled its report for the 2004 calendar year.

19. The Representative of Australia stated its report would be ready once Australia had completed its report under the Basel Convention. He further suggested that Parties use their Basel Convention reports to also report on the Waigani Convention. He suggested this would reduce the reporting burden on Parties and encourage Parties to streamline their reporting into one framework. He requested that the Secretariat note that the Basel Convention provides pre-filled questionnaires where data that is not likely to change is carried over from one year to the next; this would help Parties in meeting reporting requirements.

20. The suggestion by Australia was supported by New Zealand and the Cook Islands with New Zealand planning to forward its Basel Convention report, to also serve as a report on the Waigani Convention.

21. The Secretariat reported on a recent workshop undertaken to assist National Focal Points and National Competent Authorities in undertaking their national reporting. The Secretariat agreed that the Basel Convention report can be used for the Waigani Convention.

22. The Representatives of Tonga and Kiribati thanked the Secretariat for holding the national reporting workshop. Both Tonga and Kiribati would forward their reports once completed.

Agenda Item 7: Work Programme & Budget 2007-2008

23. The Secretariat introduced the Work Programme and Budget which has two components:

- a) a core budget supporting the holding of the COP, Secretariat functions and meeting of the STAC, funded through Party contributions; and
- b) a work programme budget where funding is sought from voluntary contributions of Parties and other sources.

The Secretariat stated that its carrying out of activities is limited by the funds that are able to be secured. The show by Parties of their commitment through the meeting of obligations (such as in meeting reporting requirements and timely payment of contributions), is crucial in facilitating the Secretariat's ability to secure funds.

24. The Representative of the Cook Islands supported the comments made by the Secretariat and urged Parties to meet their national obligations. He acknowledged assistance given by Australia and moved that the Work Programme and Budget be approved.

25. The Representative of Tonga supported the sentiments voiced by the Secretariat and the Cook Islands. He supported the activities outlined in the Work Programme Budget; and outlined the situation faced in Tonga and probably other countries where environment is not a high priority. Because environmental activities take time to have an impact, it is difficult to get decision makers to allocate the necessary resources. He made the commitment that Tonga will take steps to do whatever is possible given scarce resources. Tonga will try to improve on meeting its national contributions.

26. The Representative of Niue highlighted the possible linkages with the Stockholm Convention and using these resources to augment activities to be carried out under the Waigani Convention. The issue raised by Tonga on national contributions is crucial and all Parties are requested to meet their national contributions. He urged Parties to meet their reporting obligations so the Secretariat has this information available.

27. The Representative of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (non-Party) supported the need to share information between instruments. RMI is willing, through the Secretariat, to share information from the Stockholm Convention that may be relevant to the Waigani Convention.

28. The Representative of Australia acknowledged the support for the POPs in PICs project and will convey this to his AusAID colleagues. He complimented the Secretariat on its approach to the Work Programme and Budget, in particular seeking to engage donor funding. He also raised the need to prioritise activities. Australia congratulated Tonga on its world-class work with its proposed national legislation. The development of national legislation appears to be a high priority as are training activities. Australia is willing to provide financial and technical assistance to assist in the implementation of activities under the work programme.

29. The Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia endorsed the call by Australia to prioritise activities.

30. The Secretariat clarified that the items outlined in the Work Programme and Budget were identified as priorities by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). If this Conference of the Parties can further prioritise and endorse these priorities then the Secretariat can work towards facilitating their implementation.

31. The Conference then endorsed the Work Programme Budget 2007-2008. This is attached as Annex 5.

32. The Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia requested clarification as to what funding is required from the Parties in implementing Work Programme Budget activities. The Secretariat clarified that the core funding is to fund only the cost of the COP and the Steering Committee. Activities under the Work Programme Budget are met through voluntary contributions from Parties and from donor funding.

33. The Representative of Tuvalu suggested that, when addressing capacity building, reporting be identified as a priority area - especially to those Parties that are lagging with their reporting obligations under the Convention.

Agenda Item 8: Cooperation with other institutions

34. The Secretariat informed the Conference that one of the requirements of the PRC was the selection of a Steering Committee to enable the PRC to function effectively and the Secretariat to meet its obligations under the MOU with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention.

35. The Secretariat presented a list of factors to assist and guide the Parties in selecting the Steering Committee. It reminded the Conference that a Steering Committee and related provisions and qualifications are obligations under the SPREP/Basel Convention Secretariats' MOU.

36. The Representative of the Cook Islands, supported by the Representatives of Australia and Tonga, endorsed the option that the membership be one from Australia, one from New Zealand, and one from each of the three subregions (Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia). The representative of Tonga proposed that each subregion would discuss and consult amongst themselves, and subsequently forward the name of their nominee to the Secretariat. The Representative of the Cook Islands proposed that the membership be reviewed every two years.

37. In supporting the Cook Islands' proposal, the Representative of Australia identified that the STAC could be involved in the Steering Committee to give some oversight for the Parties. He indicated that this option would reduce the costs of running and servicing a STAC as well as a Steering Committee.

38. The Secretariat clarified its understanding of the Steering Committee as being particularly focussed on the technical matters of the PRC. It reiterated that the major task of the Steering Committee was to oversee the running of the PRC and in developing the business plan for the PRC. The STAC on the other hand is an advisory committee of the whole, to the Waigani COP on all aspects of the Convention; there could be difficulties in merging the roles. It explained to Parties that the Steering Committee will include Secretariat membership from both SPREP and the Basel Convention as well as nominees from the focal points of both the Waigani and Basel Conventions. In terms of reviewing the membership of the Steering Committee, the provisions of the MOU appear not to provide for this.

39. The Representative of Australia asked the Secretariat if it would be possible for Australia to potentially nominate its STAC representative as a member of the Steering Committee. He believed that, while it is important that people are nominated in a personal capacity, those nominees must also have institutional support. He also asked that STAC meetings and Steering Committee meetings be held back-to back-to make them more efficient and collaborative.

40. The Secretariat confirmed that, if the STAC representatives satisfy the Steering Committee criteria for membership, they can be both the STAC representative and the Steering Committee representative. It was also agreed that the STAC meeting and the Steering Committee meetings to the extent possible and practicable be held back-to-back.

41. The Parties adopted the membership of the Steering Committee to be 1 nominated by Australia, 1 nominated by New Zealand, and 1 each nominated by the subregions (Micronesia, Polynesia, Melanesia). The Chair requested that these Parties carry out the consultations as soon as possible, taking the opportunity offered by the SPREP Meeting on the following week, and inform the Secretariat of their nominations by the end of October. These nominations could then be circulated to the Parties for final endorsement and implementation.

Agenda Item 8.2 Business Plan for the PRC

42. The Secretariat tabled the business plan for the PRC for consideration by Parties (with some minor amendments to the Working Paper 3WC/8.2).

43. The Representative of Australia congratulated the Secretariat on the business plan and saw it as a significant step forward in getting the support of donors for this work. Australia would be pleased to work with the PRC by providing, in kind resources on an ad-hoc basis. He requested a better effort in prioritising the activities of the business plan.

44. Australia strongly supported the Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in this work and the Representative urged the PRC to include in its work programme, ways of simplifying, streamlining and putting on line the requirements of all of the chemical related conventions. Australia would like the PRC and SPREP to investigate innovative solutions to reporting (including online reporting or regional, biennial or triennial reporting), to improve responsiveness and the ability to implement.

45. The Representative of Tonga endorsed the business plan and commended the Secretariat for its work.

46. The Conference endorsed the Business Plan of the PRC as presented. This is attached as Annex 6. The amendments to the working paper (3WC/8.2) as presented are:

- a) delete clause 15;
- b) add to clause 22: France;
- c) clause 23: Refer to Waigani not Basel Convention; delete Republic of Marshall Islands and Nauru.

Agenda Item 9: Financial statements 2004 and 2005

47. The audited Financial Statements for the Waigani Convention for the 2004 and 2005 financial years were tabled, and the Parties adopted the relevant parts of the Secretariat's audited Financial Statements for 2004 and 2005.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration and adoption of core budget for the biennium 2007-2008

48. The Representative of Australia encouraged Parties to look at having back-to-back meetings, and at merging meetings where possible with other meetings. He also urged the Secretariat to look for redistributive efficiencies that would enable the Secretariat to put more funding into support for Parties.

49. The Secretariat noted that it had heard the message about achieving economy in their execution and in carrying out work under the two conventions. These two conventions are not isolated from other work of the Secretariat under the programmatic approach.

50. The Parties:

- a) adopted the budget and contributions for the biennium 2007 – 2008 (attached as Annex 7);
- b) approved the contributions allocation towards funding the Core Budget (also attached as Annex 7); and
- c) committed collectively and individually to meet promptly all outstanding contributions.

Agenda Item 11: Other Matters

51. The Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia and of the Republic of the Marshall Islands congratulated the Secretariat on its work in preparation for the Conference and for its presentation of the Conference documents.

52. The Secretariat clarified a question on a 13% fee for UNEP within Annex IV of the budget of the business plan, that this was a flat fee charged by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention for all work of this type.

Agenda Item 12: Date and venue of the next Conference

53. The Secretariat outlined that the COP will be held in the same location and time as the 2008 SPREP Meeting. This will be confirmed once a host is confirmed for the 19th SPREP Meeting. The Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia indicated an interest in hosting the next Convention Conference.

Agenda Item 13: Adoption of the Conference Record

54. The draft record of proceedings of the Conference was discussed and adopted subject to the recorded amendments.

Agenda Item 14: Closure of the Conference

55. The Chair thanked the delegates for their contributions to the discussion and the Secretariat for its support during the Conference. In his closing remarks the Director thanked all present and stated that it was now time to take the agreed issues forward.

Annexes



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Hon. Member of the Congress of New Caledonia,
Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished representatives of contracting Parties,
Distinguished observers,
Ladies and gentlemen

I am pleased to have this privilege to welcome you all to Noumea for this the 3rd Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention.

I believe it is fair to observe that work under the Waigani Convention has proceeded at a very brisk pace since the first Conference of the Parties in 2002. The financial and administrative framework is practically complete, processes are in place and a solid start has been made to implementing the Convention - as you will see from the Secretariat's report on work undertaken over the current biennium. However a lot more work still remains to be done if we are going to effectively meet our obligations under the Convention and move it to the next level. A start was made in July this year when SPREP and the Basel Secretariat co-hosted a workshop to address the need for in-country capacity building on fundamental matters such as national definitions of waste, inventories of waste streams and national reporting.

The Convention has played and continues to play a pivotal role in the trans-boundary movement of more than 140 tons of hazardous waste from the Pacific islands region to Australia under the persistent organic pollutants in Pacific islands countries project perhaps better known as the POPs in PICs project.

The significance of this project from a waste management perspective is that a clearly defined environmental 'endpoint' is achieved in the destruction of these hazardous wastes, removing them once and for all from the environment. Furthermore, significant

health benefits are also achieved, as our island communities are no longer exposed to these hazardous chemicals.

In addition to the implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions, the POPs in PICs project has contributed to the implementation of the Stockholm Convention in the region by minimising the harm caused by POPs and the phasing out of their use.

Additionally much has been accomplished in conjunction with the Basel Convention, due in no small measure to the ability of the Waigani Convention, to draw on the experiences of the latter Convention since it practically mirrors the Basel Convention.

The Basel Secretariat's aim to service its Parties on a regional basis fits perfectly with SPREP's goal and has resulted in the establishment of a Regional Centre at SPREP headquarters for the joint implementation of both the Waigani and Basel Conventions. The Centre's work programme involves the sharing of resources in order to maximize the capacity of both secretariats to deliver services to Parties of both Conventions. Consequently, I urge countries that are Parties to neither, or only to one, should therefore consider acceding to both. This has important consequences for our island countries, for example in the removal of hazardous materials such as POPs from our countries for destruction elsewhere.

In fact this is the case in the current POPs in PICs project. There are two countries participating in the project that are not Parties to either of the two Conventions. This will have implications on the speed at which the POPs chemicals are removed from these two countries. Since they are not Parties, a bilateral agreement or arrangement, as required under Article 11 by the two Conventions, has to be put in place between these two countries as the exporting states and Australia, as the importing state to facilitate the trans-boundary movement of the hazardous waste. These will be very time-consuming and will put them behind everyone else in the project in getting rid of their hazardous waste.

At our Conference today, you will be invited to select a Steering Committee, which has the important task of overseeing the work of the Regional Centre. I have every confidence that the best team will be selected. We will present a comprehensive business plan for the Regional Centre for your endorsement, which will be the key instrument the Steering Committee will use on guiding the work of the Regional Centre.

As you all know, related to the Basel Convention are the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to which SPREP Member countries are also Parties. Consideration therefore is being given to including the work of these two latter Conventions within the Regional Centre as this would result in better coordination of work and maximize resources. The consent of all Secretariats needs to be secured, though it may be a while before these are obtained. Nevertheless this has not stopped SPREP, in partnership with UNEP, from undertaking a legislative exercise in Tonga resulting in the drafting of a bill that integrates the requirements of all four Conventions, thereby simplifying administration by reducing duplication of effort. The cumulative reporting burden generated by these Conventions is likewise minimized.

Finally, I would ask that you spare a thought regarding your contributions to the Convention. As the workload is increasing, more important decisions need to be made by Parties and actioned by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). It is your valuable contributions that enable these critical meetings to happen.

I wish you every success in your deliberations today.

Annex 3: Address by Host Country

Mr Director of SPREP,
Distinguished representatives,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of New Caledonia, allow me to welcome you to New Caledonia and to tell you how proud we are to host you here, in Noumea, in the headquarters of the Pacific Community, for these days of work and exchange.

Your work today will focus on the Waigani Convention and on the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes.

While New Caledonia is not Party to this Convention, it is easy to understand the significance of the issues you will be addressing today. Beyond our common actions for natural habitats and the environment, the protection and preservation of our environment also require the adoption of measures focusing on the transport, management and storage of wastes and, in particular, hazardous wastes.

In a region where the ocean and its resources are important elements of our shared heritage, we must recognise the risks associated with the circulation of this type of waste and take appropriate measures to minimise them.

Creating tools, training people, enacting relevant laws and sharing information are some of the options at your disposal as Parties.

International cooperation is also a tool that must be strengthened and developed in this area and I would like to acknowledge the initiative taken to strengthen links with the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal - to which France is Party - and to establish a regional centre for training and technology transfer.

The meetings to be held here from 7 to 15 September will give us the opportunity to advance our common work for the environment of the Pacific region. Today, I encourage you to pursue your efforts and your debate and wish you once again an excellent stay in New Caledonia, a successful meeting and fruitful discussions.

Thank you.



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
Third Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention

Noumea, New Caledonia
8 September 2006

Annex 4: Adopted agenda

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 - Election of Officers
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Annex 5: Work Programme Budget 2007 - 2008

Goal: The effective implementation of the Waigani Convention

Output	Outcome	Activities	Performance Measure	Timeframe	Estimated Budget (USD)
1. Development of adequate national legislation on the management of hazardous wastes	Convention implemented through national legislation	Review of national legislation; consultation with relevant stakeholders; awareness raising and drafting of national legislation	Five Parties provided with adequate national legislation on the control system for the transboundary movement and management of hazardous wastes	2007/2008	85,000
2. Training of competent authorities and focal point	Competent authorities and focal points able to implement responsibilities under the convention	Workshop on the reporting requirements of the Waigani and Basel Conventions, with reference to developing national inventories of hazardous wastes.	1. Inventories initiated in-country. 2. Parties report as required under the Conventions	2007/2008	65,000
3. Information effectively managed, disseminated and exchanged	Surveys of information needs; development of information systems; training (workshop/attachments)	1. Strengthening of national and regional clearinghouse mechanisms in synergy with existing national and regional clearinghouse(s) such as PEIN, SIDSnet, and SPREP; 2. Training with respect to the clearinghouse mechanisms	1. Clearinghouse mechanism initiated at national and regional level; 2. Key enforcement staff trained in analytical use of clearinghouse mechanism.	2007 – 2008	50,000
4. Relevant stakeholders effectively implementing the Convention	Familiarisation of enforcement staff with the obligations under the Convention	National workshops in five countries to train customs, police, port, environment, and legal officers	Workshops are held; Officers of national agencies trained	2007 – 2008	50,000
5. Promotion of ratification and implementation to the Waigani/Basel Conventions	Broader representation and participation of Pacific Island Countries in the Conventions	Development of fact sheets, briefings papers, booklets, press kit.	3 more ratifications to the Waigani Convention; Increased awareness of politicians and community to issues concerning hazardous waste management (eg e-waste)	2007/2008	5,000
6. Collaboration with the Basel Convention and relevant institutions	Development of complementary approach to hazardous waste management in the Pacific region	Promotion of the Waigani Convention and the Pacific Regional Centre to facilitate implementation of related chemicals Conventions	Waigani and Pacific Regional Centre effectively used to facilitate the implementation of related Chemical Conventions	2007/2008	2,000
7. Effective operation of the Pacific Regional Centre	Regional Centre facilitating implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions	1. Develop joint business plan for Regional Centre with Basel Secretariat 2. Maintenance of Regional Centre fund raising	Business plan implemented	2007/2008	80,000
					\$337,000

Annex 6: Pacific Regional Centre Business Plan – 2007/2008

Planned Activities

The Pacific Regional Centre Business Plan for 2007/2008 will concentrate on the following Strategic Plan Focus Areas:

Activity 1: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries

Sub-activity 1: Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 2: Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 3: Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific

Countries: FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau

Time frame: 18 months – 2007-2008

Budget: US\$70,000

Sub-activity 4: Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tonga

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$40,000

Sub-activity 5: Pilot project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 24 months – 2007-2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Sub-activity 6: Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Waste Data Collection

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 1 week during 2007-2008

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 7: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 8: Replication of the Training of legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)

Countries: 5 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$60,000

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

Sub-activity 9: National hazardous waste management plans development

Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 1,2, 4 6, 7 and 8 will also contribute to this section's output.

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

Sub-activity 10: Establishment of association with Pacific Customs Organization (PCO) and develop training programme

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 24 Months

Budget: US\$5,000

Sub-activity 11: Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (and other relevant chemical MEAs)

Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 7 and 8 will also contribute to this section.

In addition to these priority activities, other relevant support functions such as general backstopping activities, dissemination and management of relevant information, legal and technical advise on hazardous waste management matters will be provided by SPREP staff as part of the general functions of the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention.

The matrix in Annex I outlines a more detailed description of what each of the Activities will be aiming to do and who the proposed partners will be in their implementation.

A. Outputs

The main outputs envisaged to be accomplished at the end of 2008 are:

Activity 1: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries

- Framework legislation on wastes and hazardous wastes, including waste definitions developed and in place in 4 countries
- Appropriate systems for the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes, including the control of illegal traffic developed and in place in 4 countries.
- Assessment of hazardous waste problems (e-wastes, asbestos, ULABs, non-POPs chemicals and healthcare waste, and Waste Oils) undertaken and completed in at least 4 Parties.

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

- Training packages and manuals prepared for various aspects, as specified in the work plan in Annex I of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions
- National plans for hazardous waste management developed for 4 countries
- 4 National train-the-trainers courses conducted on hazardous waste management and enforcement
- 2 Regional workshops on awareness raising, education and outreach programmes conducted
- 1 Regional workshop conducted to assist countries in the enhancement of regional and national capacities for the collection, management and dissemination of data and information
- 1 Regional workshop conducted to assist countries in the development of waste definitions and national inventories
- 4 Countries assisted in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management, including application and use of cleaner technologies

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

- National inventories of hazardous wastes in 4 countries completed or updated
- Appropriate systems for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes that include classifications, definitions, standards and procedures developed and in place in 4 countries
- 4 pilot plans for specific hazardous wastes developed and in place in 4 countries
- National programmes for identifying and cleaning up of obsolete stocks of hazardous wastes (e.g. PCBs, pesticides) developed and operational in 2 countries
- 4 Pilot projects on priority hazardous waste streams developed and implemented including application and use of cleaner technologies

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

- Agreement established between PRC-SPREP and PCO to as part of strengthening the regional cooperation between the SWC and SBC and the Pacific Customs Organization (PCO)
- 1 Regional workshop conducted for customs and other relevant enforcement officers based on training guidelines and manuals developed by PRC-SPREP, SWC and SBC for the Pacific region
- Synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (as well as competent authorities of other relevant chemical MEAs) strengthened in 4 countries

B. Endorsements

In Article VIII paragraph 2 of the agreement establishing the Regional Centre of Training and Technology Transfer for the Waigani and Basel Conventions in the Pacific Region, it stipulates, “*the Steering Committee shall develop the Business Plan of the Centre and oversee its implementation.*”

The Steering Committee for the Centre has not been put in place since the signing of this agreement and as such has not had an opportunity to develop a Business Plan for the Centre. In the absence of the Steering Committee, the PRC’s Business Plans for the last two bienniums, 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 have been developed by the staff of the Centre and submitted to the SBC for noting.

The current Business Plan is going to be tabled for noting and endorsing at the Third Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Waigani Convention scheduled to take place in Noumea, New Caledonia on the 7-8 September 2006. The meeting also will be selecting a Steering Committee to take the lead on developing future Business Plans and other relevant duties that the Steering Committee is put in place to administer.

C. Assumptions and Uncertainties

The assumptions and uncertainties outlined here are based on the experience we have worked with when addressing hazardous waste management projects over the last 5 years in the region:

- Cooperation and formal agreements obtained from all participating governments with all agreeing to participate fully
- All governments in the region has fully dedicated and operational officers or agency to deal with hazardous waste management at the national level
- Trained officers remain in their jobs and progress the hazardous waste management work at the national level
- Inter-agency collaboration at the national level is operational
- Government lead agencies for all waste management matters also recognise hazardous waste as an important
- Regional experts and agencies cooperating with the implementation of the Business Plan
- An active Steering Committee
- Mobilization and availability of adequate funding

D. Financial Plan for the period of 2007-2008

Please refer to Annex II for an elaborate financial plan for the implementation of the Business Plan for the PRC-SPREP for the period of 2007-2008.

E. Resource Mobilisation

The principles that are followed and advocated for the implementation of this Business Plan for the period of 2007-2008 are:

- a multi-stakeholder approach, involving representatives from various government ministries as well as concerned parties outside of government, such as industry, research institutions, labour, and public interest groups;
- a country-driven process through which partner countries assess and identify their chemicals and hazardous waste management needs and link their related activities to national environmental and developmental objectives; and
- an inter-sectoral approach to chemicals and hazardous waste management in order to facilitate chemical risk reduction and pollution prevention across all stages of the life cycle.

The PRC-SPREP will work closely with the following organizations and agencies to mobilize the resources needed for the implementation of the Business Plan for the Centre:

- Secretariat of the Basel Convention
- Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
- Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention
- Secretariat of the Strategic Approaches to International Chemical Management (SAICM)
- South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)
- The Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Government of Japan
- Government of Australia
- Government of New Zealand
- Regional training institutions such as the University of the South Pacific, University of Papua New Guinea and other Universities and colleges in the Pacific region dealing with chemical and hazardous waste management issues
- The Pacific Islands non-governmental organizations
- Relevant Pacific Island regional organizations such as the Pacific Customs Organizations, Pacific Ports Authorities, Police Associations etc

All the listed governments, organizations and agencies will be contacted and advised about the vision, objective and aim of the Business Plan of the Pacific Regional Centre and encouraged to be a partner in the implementation of the plan itself over the period of 2007-2008.

F. Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation of the operations of the Centre and the implementation of the Business Plan will be a key role of the Steering Committee. The staff of the Centre will perform the function of reporting on the overall project activities.

The key monitoring role for Steering Committee will be in ensuring quality control by the Centre staff at all stages of the operations of the Centre as well as in the implementation of the projects.

SBC will also provide monitoring assistance and quality assurance through the provision of technical advice on the implementation of the projects, and by ensuring that conditions of the funding agencies are adhered to rigidly.

The proposed Business Plan will be building on the work the Centre has already undertaken over the preceding three years (2004-2006). The list of activities accomplished by the Centre over that period include:

- Successful holding of the first Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting for the Waigani Convention (2004)
 - The development of the document titled: “Preliminary Elements for the development of an Integrated Waste Management Strategy for the Pacific Island States” (SWC-SBC, 2005)
 - The successful completion of the trailing of the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 3 chemical conventions (Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam) in Tonga.
 - Development of national hazardous waste inventories in 13 Pacific Island countries and the successful regional transboundary movement of hazardous waste materials to Australia for destruction purposes as part of the POPs in PICs project that is administered regionally by SPREP and funded by the Government of Australia
 - Successful holding of the Pacific regional training workshop on reporting and inventories of hazardous wastes
 - Development of a dedicated web page for legal matters on the SPREP homepage where all the Waigani Convention and hazardous waste documents are posted and updated.
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Attachment I

Activity 1: Development and implementation of hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in developing country Parties in the Pacific region

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
1. Providing legal and technical assistance to Parties to develop framework legislation on wastes and hazardous wastes, including waste definitions	4 Pacific Island countries	Facilitate national consultation process as and when requested;	IGOs/related MEAs
2. Providing assistance to countries to develop systems for the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes, including the control of illegal traffic	4 Pacific Island countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; • Provide information on similar standards and procedures available in other countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donors • CROP agencies • IGOs • Related MEAs • Regional experts
3. Providing assistance to countries in the assessment of hazardous waste problems (e-wastes, asbestos, ULABs, non-POPs chemicals and healthcare waste, and Waste Oils). The assistance would also include work on waste definitions, national inventory, generation and stockpiles etc	4 Pacific Island countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate regional meetings Coordinate with other concerned IGOs, NGOs and regional bodies • Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donors • CROP agencies • IGOs • Related MEAs • Regional experts

Sub-activity 1: Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 2: Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 3: Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific

Countries: FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau

Time frame: 18 months – 2007-2008

Budget: US\$70,000

Sub-activity 4: Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tonga

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$40,000

Sub-activity 5: Pilot project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 24 months – 2007-2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Activity 2: *The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan*

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
<p>1. Provide technical assistance and contribute towards the development and preparation of training manuals, curricula, procedures for monitoring and enforcement and decision support tools undertaken by the SWC and SBC:</p> <p>(a) Revised manual on national legislation</p> <p>(b) Training package on implementation of the Basel Convention</p> <p>(c) Training package on national waste definitions and inventories of hazardous wastes</p> <p>(d) Training package on the preparation of national hazardous waste management plan</p> <p>(e) Guidance manual for customs, port, police and other enforcement officers</p> <p>(f) Training packages for environmentally sound management of specific priority waste streams (e.g. asbestos, waste oils, health-care wastes, used lead acid batteries, etc)</p>	<p>1 manual to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>Training packages for each waste stream to be completed</p>	<p>Providing expertise, coordination and support in document preparation</p> <p>Organize regional/ national meetings as required</p> <p>Seek input and build up partnership with relevant bodies (IGOs, NGOs, industry)</p> <p>Testing of the applicability of the manual together with the PRC-SPREP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • IGOs • Industry
<p>2. Development of national plans and prioritized regional programmes</p>	<p>1 national action plan completed in 4 countries (building on the NIPs for SC), and at least 3 regional programmes completed</p>	<p>Providing expertise, coordination and support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related IGOs • National Governments

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
3. Training of trainers on hazardous waste management (including toxic chemicals) and enforcement	4 training courses completed	Coordination and support Participate as experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related MEAs • CROP agencies • Regional training institutions • Regional experts
4. Awareness, education and outreach programmes and activities	2 regional workshops; trained journalists; publication/ media mix	Providing expertise, coordination and support materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National governments • Related IGOs • Regional training institutions • Industry • Mass media
5. Assisting countries in the enhancement of regional and national capacities for the collection, management and dissemination of data and information	1 regional workshop held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing expertise, coordination and support • Providing funding from bilateral and multilateral sources • Training material preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National governments • Mass media
6. Assist in the development of waste definitions and national inventories on hazardous wastes	1 regional workshops held	Providing expertise, coordination and support Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National governments • Regional training institutions
7. Assist the SWC and SBC in providing technical assistance to countries in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management, including application and use of cleaner technologies	4 countries assisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing expertise, coordination, support and project monitoring; • Build up partnership with stakeholders 	IGOs/related MEAs Industry

Sub-activity 6: Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Waste Data Collection

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 1 week during 2007-2008

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 7: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 8: Replication of the Training of legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)

Countries: 5 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$60,000

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
1. Providing assistance to countries in the assessment of priority hazardous waste streams (national waste definitions, national inventory, generation and stockpiles)	4 Parties completed inventories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate regional meetings Coordinate with other concerned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGOs NGOs Regional bodies Industry
2. Providing assistance to countries to develop systems for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes that include classifications, definitions, standards and procedures	4 countries assisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; Provide information on similar standards and procedures available in other countries 	IGOs/related MEAs
3. Assistance to countries to develop hazardous waste management plans	4 pilot plans are developed	Facilitate access to experts, funding and assist in development of the plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGOs Related MEAs Regional experts
4. Assisting countries in the programme for identifying and cleaning up of obsolete stocks of hazardous wastes (e.g. PCBs, pesticides)	2 countries assisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing expertise, coordination and support Build up partnership with stakeholders Manual preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGOs NGOs Industry
5. Technical assistance to countries in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management (priority waste streams), including application and use of cleaner technologies	4 pilot projects conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing expertise, coordination, support and project monitoring; Build up partnership with stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National governments Industry NGOs

Sub-activity 9: National hazardous waste management plans development

Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 1,2, 4 6, 7, and 8 will also contribute to this section's output.

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
1. Strengthening of regional cooperation between the SWC and SBC and the Pacific Customs Organization (PCO)	Agreement between PRC-SPREP and PCO established	Coordination between PRC-SPREP, national governments and PCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Governments Pacific Customs Organization (PCO)
2. Preparation of manuals and guidelines (simple but comprehensive) for the Customs Officials and other relevant enforcement officers in-country.	1 regional training workshop conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; Provide information on similar procedures available in other countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Governments IGOs/related MEAs PCO
3. Strengthening synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities	4 countries assisted in strengthening the synergies	Coordinate with other concerned IGOs and Regional bodies	Regional bodies IGOs/related MEAs National governments

Sub-activity 10: Establishment of association with Pacific Customs Organization (PCO) and develop training programme

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 24 Months

Budget: US\$5,000

Sub-activity 11: Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (and other relevant chemical MEAs)

Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 7 and 8 will also contribute to this section.

Attachment II

Model for BCRC estimate expenditures for the year 2007/2008:

PRC-SPREP - ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2007/2008			
EXPENDITURE (ESTIMATE)	2007	2008	Total
CORE			
Personnel			
Subcontracts			
Travel and Subsistence	20,000	20,000	40,000
Training/Learning	60,000	50,000	110,000
Equipment, supplies and premises	5,000	5,000	10,000
General operating expenses	5,000	5,000	10,000
Subtotal			
PROJECT			
Assessment of e-waste in the Pacific	50,000	30,000	80,000
Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific	50,000	30,000	80,000
Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific	30,000	10,000	40,000
Pilot project for a partnership on the ESM of used oils in the North Pacific	50,000	20,000	70,000
Pilot project on the management of non-POPs waste including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)	70,000	30,000	100,000
Subtotal	340,000	200,000	540,000
MANAGEMENT FEES			
UNEP (13% of the project subtotals)	44,200	26,000	70,200
Subtotal	44,200	26,000	70,200
Total Expenditure	384,200	226,000	610,200
INCOME (ESTIMATE)			
Carry forward from previous year core	10,000		10,000
CONTRACTED CORE INCOME			
From BC Trust Fund			
From Technical Cooperation Trust Fund			
Core allocations from SPREP	20,000	20,000	40,000
Subtotal	30,000	20,000	50,000
CONTRACTED PROJECT INCOME			
From BC Trust Fund	50,000		50,000
From Technical Cooperation Trust Fund			
Core allocations from SPREP	10,000	10,000	20,000
Management fee income to SBC			
Subtotal	60,000	10,000	70,000
Under negotiation (CORE)	100,000	70,000	170,000
Under negotiation (Projects)	194,200	126,000	320,200
Total Income	384,200	226,000	610,200
PROJECTED YEAR END SURPLUS	NIL	NIL	NIL

Annex 7: WAIGANI CONVENTION CORE BUDGET
2007 & 2008

EXPENDITURE (USD)

1 Fourth Conference of the Parties, 2008

Per diem - participants (Small Island States)

- Cook Islands	2 days	420	
- Kiribati	2 days	420	
- Niue	2 days	420	
- Tuvalu	2 days	<u>420</u>	1,680

Resource person x 2 1,800

Other Meeting Costs

- Secretariat Support		4,358	
- Communications		500	
- Photocopying and stationery		500	
- Catering (Morning/Afternoon teas)		150	
- Other costs (venue, cocktails etc)		<u>2,000</u>	7,508

\$ 10,988

2 Technical Advisory Services and Support to Parties, 2007-2008

\$ 8,000

3 Steering Committee Meeting

\$ 15,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$ 33,988

WAIGANI CONVENTION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2007-2008

Australia	40.000%	13,595
Cook Islands	2.000%	680
Federated States of Micronesia	2.000%	680
Fiji	2.000%	680
Kiribati	2.000%	680
New Zealand	40.000%	13,595
Niue	2.000%	680
Papua New Guines	2.000%	680
Samoa	2.000%	680
Solomon Islands	2.000%	680
Tonga	2.000%	680
Tuvalu	2.000%	680

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 33,988