1. **Objective**

The work programme of the expert working group will support and implement the objectives of the ESM Framework. The work programme aims at developing practical tools to be implemented and promoted. Some elements of this ESM toolkit, that is thus continuously developed, and need to be evaluated in order to improve their practicability. Other foreseen tools need consideration prior to their actual development.

The activities described would be initiated in the 2016-2018 biennium and may continue over a longer term period.

**II. ESM Toolkit and its promotion**

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| *Topic*  | *Activities* |
| Manuals and fact sheets | * Further develop existing manuals and factsheets as required following COP12
* Test existing manuals as approved by COP e.g. through use in pilot projects, stakeholder/peer review
* Develop and test further manuals (EPR; Financing systems)
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| Training programme models  | * Identify training programmes and activities to test, raise awareness of and demonstrate toolkit
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| Internet portal  | * Organise, with support from the Secretariat, webinars to raise awareness of toolkit and outcome of work of EWG
* Explore and engage possible partners to develop e-learning course on ESM
* Collect information, best practices and experiences related to ESM, to be made available on the Basel Convention website
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| Guide for self-assessment of national capacity  | * Develop draft guide for self-assessment and, with support from the Secretariat, engage interested Parties to test draft guide
* Report to COP13 on the development and testing of the guide, as well as on any feedback received
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| Verification of ESM | * Assess existing certification schemes and technical guidelines to support ESM
* Develop tools to promote core elements for ESM as detailed in the ESM Framework
* Develop checklist [and determine its use]
* Develop tool to evaluate use of the ESM toolkit
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| Analysis of benefits related to implementation of ESM  | * Continue and expand work on private sector incentives, to include an analysis of benefits related to implementation of ESM
* Consult with OEWG on draft analysis of benefits and subsequently to COP13, taking into account comments and any further information that may be provided at or following OEWG
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| Pilot projects  | * Establish working structure/steering committee for pilot projects
* Continue to implement pilot projects and assess new pilot projects to use ESM toolkit
* Report on and evaluate pilot projects undertaken within the context of the EWG
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| Exchange of information and experiences  | * Request and consider information on public private partnerships that relate to ESM and the work of the EWG, in particular the toolkit
* Develop and use a format to gather and exchange information and experiences related to ESM (e.g. through public private partnerships, development of explanatory documents and case studies, secondments etc.)
* Make available information and experiences on the internet portal described above
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| Promotion of ESM in the informal sector  | * Identify target audience
* Collect information, and make this available on initiatives adopted by Parties to promote ESM in the informal sector
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**III. Evaluation**

The EWG shall regularly review the effectiveness of its activities and the practical use of the toolkit, using appropriate tools, and continually update the toolkit as may be needed. The EWG shall report to the Conference of the Parties on the outcomes of its activities, including any gaps and needs it may have identified in relation to the linkage between ESM and TBM, in relation to ESM and implementation of the Basel Convention.