

Comments from New Zealand

The following areas are where New Zealand sees challenges in implementing the strategic plan and important areas not addressed in the strategic plan.

Challenges

1. Funding for developing countries to fully implement and enforce the Convention and to participate in working groups and Conference of Parties.
2. Addressing the challenges that small and/or geographical isolated countries face.
3. Promoting product stewardship schemes for hazardous waste (e.g. waste electrical and electronic equipment). We note that for some products these may be best managed globally as disposal may be challenging or require large economies of scale in order to be effective.
4. Reducing transboundary movements of hazardous waste while promoting the reuse, recycling and recovery of hazardous waste which can require export to appropriate facilities.
5. Controlling illegal traffic.

Areas not addressed in the strategic plan

6. Identifying new or increasing quantity hazardous wastes – what wastes will be the focus of the Basel Convention in 5 years, 10 years.
 7. Looking at global waste flows to improve resource recovery.
 8. Taking a global focus to developing waste management including infrastructure development.
 9. Raising awareness with waste and recycling businesses and industry about where to send waste and where waste and waste/resources go to improve reuse, recycling and recovery.
 10. Improving waste minimisation, running pilot programmes with industry.
 11. Assistance for Regional Co-ordination centres (funding and expertise).
 12. Enhancing communication between parties and programmes.
 13. Promoting the recycling and reuse of hazardous wastes (particularly waste electrical and electronic equipment) while still ensuring the safe management and disposal of waste.
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