

Annex to decision BC-12/1

Work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management

I. Objective

1. The work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management (ESM) will support and implement the objectives of the framework for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.⁶ The work programme aims at developing an “ESM toolkit” that includes practical tools to be promoted and implemented by stakeholders.

II. ESM toolkit and its promotion

2. The activities described below to develop and implement the ESM toolkit would be conducted during the 2016–2017 biennium.

Topic	Activities
Manuals and fact sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize existing manuals and fact sheets as required following COP 12• Test and verify manuals and fact sheets, e.g., through use in pilot projects and stakeholder/peer review• Develop and further test manuals (extended producer responsibility (EPR); financing systems)
Guidance on prevention and minimization ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop guidance to assist parties, as appropriate, in developing efficient strategies for achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal⁸
Training programme models	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify training programmes and activities to test, raise awareness of and demonstrate the toolkit
Internet portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize, with support from the Secretariat, webinars to raise awareness of the toolkit and the outcome of the work of the expert working group• Explore and engage possible partners to develop an e-learning course on ESM• Collect information, best practices and experiences related to ESM, to be made available on the Basel Convention website
Guide for self-assessment of national capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop draft guide for self-assessment and, with support from the Secretariat, engage interested parties to test it
Certification schemes to support ESM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyse existing certification schemes, with regard to their operational aspects, to support ESM
Promote ESM through tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further develop tools to promote ESM as described in the ESM framework• Develop a practical guide to assessing ESM
Analysis of benefits related to implementation of ESM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue and expand work on private sector incentives, to include an analysis of benefits related to implementation of ESM

⁶ Available on the Basel Convention website at: <http://www.basel.int/Implementation/CountryLedInitiative/EnvironmentallySoundManagement/ESMFramework/tabid/3616/Default.aspx>.

⁷ As requested in the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes (decision BC-12/2).

⁸ Taking into account the prevention manual developed by the expert working group on environmentally sound management.

Topic	Activities
Pilot projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish working structure/steering committee for pilot projects • Continue to implement pilot projects and encourage use of the ESM toolkit in new pilot projects • Report on and evaluate pilot projects undertaken in the context of the expert working group
Exchange of information and experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request and consider information on public-private partnerships that relate to ESM and the work of the expert working group, in particular to the ESM toolkit • Develop and use a format for gathering and exchanging 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
Promotion of ESM in the informal sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify target audience • Collect and make available information on initiatives adopted by parties to promote ESM in the informal sector