

**Environmental Network for Optimizing
Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic
(ENFORCE)**

ENFORCE.2/5

Second meeting

Sao Paulo, Brazil, 3-4 May 2016

Report of the Meeting

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE) was opened on Tuesday, 3 May 2016, at 10 a.m. in the Intercity Hotels Address Faria Lima, Sao Paulo, Brazil by the ENFORCE Chair, Ms. Leila Devia, Basel Convention Regional Centre in Argentina. The list of meeting participants is attached in Annex II.

2. Opening and welcoming statements were made by the Ms. Leila Devia, Chair of ENFORCE, Mr. Matthias Kern, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and Ms. Lady Virginia Meneses, CETESB/Stockholm Convention Regional Centre, Brazil.

Item 2

Organizational matters

a) Adoption of the Agenda

3. The agenda was adopted without changes.

b) Membership

4. The Secretariat indicated that it had provided information on ENFORCE to the following enforcement organizations and entities that signaled interest in the work of ENFORCE, and invited them to consider applying for membership: UNEP GRID Arendal, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). These organizations have not yet submitted a formal request to become member of ENFORCE.

5. A representative of the Latin American Network of Environmental Prosecutors introduced the network and submitted a request to become additional member of ENFORCE. The network has twenty years of experience in environmental prosecution. It is a non-profit association dedicated to the exchange of information between Latin American prosecutors acting in environmental issues, including criminal and civil law, to provide international support in environmental crimes investigations and integrated action of the prosecutors from the Latin American countries, as well as capacity building of its members. Members of the network include Latin American prosecutors dealing with environmental criminal, administrative and civil cases. Members of ENFORCE welcomed the information provided, highlighted among others that prosecutors are important stakeholders for combating illegal traffic, and unanimously accepted the Latin American Network of Environmental Prosecutors as new additional member of ENFORCE.

c) Election of chair and vice-chair

6. ENFORCE members elected Ms. Leila Devia, Basel Convention Regional Centre in Argentina as chair and Ms. Viera Spalkova, Basel Convention Regional Centre in Slovakia as vice-chair of ENFORCE.

7. Members thanked Ms. Devia and Ms. Upik for their engagement and dedication as chair and vice-chair during the last years since the first meeting and welcomed with appreciation

Ms. Devia accepting to continue chairing the group and Ms. Spalkova taking up the role of the vice-chair.

8. The new chair and vice-chair will commence their term of office at the closure of the second meeting and will serve as chair and vice-chair until the closure of the first meeting of ENFORCE subsequent to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 3

Matters related to the activities of the Network

a) Roadmap of activities

(i) State of implementation

9. Member had before them document ENFORCE.2/INF/4 which provided a summary of activities related to the implementation of the ENFORCE roadmap carried out since the first meeting of ENFORCE in November 2013. Members took note of the summary report.

(ii) Update of roadmap

10. Members discussed draft elements and agreed on the updated ENFORCE roadmap and timetable (Annex I).

b) Information exchange

(i) Website

11. Members took note of a note by the Secretariat describing scenarios for an ENFORCE website which include the Clearing House Mechanism for Information Exchange (CHM) of the Basel Convention website and the newly developed external website, or using existing external websites.

12. Members discussed the current status of the website developed with financial support from the Netherlands. Next steps are described in the updated roadmap.

(ii) Information from members, Chair of the Implementation and Compliance Committee and observers

13. Members provided information on ENFORCE-related activities implemented and planned in their countries and regions. Information on technical assistance activities of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions related to preventing and combating illegal traffic was provided by the Secretariat (document ENFORCE.2/INF/7). The Secretariat introduced some information on the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee.

14. Presentations were provided on illegal trade issues in Croatia, Ecuador, Iran, Sweden, the Pacific region, the francophone African region, the Central and Eastern European region, and by the Asian Network, the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL), the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE). The presentations are attached to this report (Annex III).

15. A request from the Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Nigeria for support of the West African Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (WANECE) was introduced through the regional representative of the African region and the BCRC Senegal to the ENFORCE members for consideration (document ENFORCE.2/INF/8). Members recognized the value added and need for establishing compliance and enforcement networks in regions as proposed for West Africa, but also e.g. for the Central African and the Pacific regions. It was agreed to include in the roadmap to provide technical expertise of ENFORCE members to the development of

proposals for support of regional networks. It was mentioned that the IMPEL website provides information on key aspects for developing networks (<http://www.impel.eu/tools/>).

c) Financial resources

16. The chair highlighted the need for financial resources. Members discussed the financial resources available to the ENFORCE and related activities. The Secretariat provided information on the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (<http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme>). The Special Programme is calling developing countries and countries with economies in transition to submit project proposals for funding between USD \$50,000 to \$250,000. The deadline for applications is 4 July 2016 (<http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme/SpecialProgrammeCallsforProposals/tabid/1061027/Default.aspx>).

Item 4

Next meeting

17. The members agreed to hold the next face-to-face meeting in Bratislava in October 2017, subject to the availability of resources, with support from the BCRC Slovakia.

18. Members also agreed to continue their practice of holding informal consultations through teleconference.

Item 5

Other matters

19. No other matter was raised.

Item 6

Adoption of the report

20. The draft report of the meeting was endorsed by the members. The Secretariat will finalize the editing of the report and, after clearance by the chair, will circulate the report to the participating members for their final adoption. The report will then be made publicly available on the ENFORCE website.

Item 7

Closure of the meeting

21. The chair Ms Devia thanked all participants for their constructive contributions to the discussion during the meeting and the concrete proposals to move ENFORCE forward which were taken up in the updated roadmap. The meeting was closed on Wednesday, 4 May 2016, at 12:40 am.

ANNEX I:

Roadmap and timetable

Activities, responsibility	May-Jun 2016	Jul-Sep 2016	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017
Meetings							
Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention					23 Apr – 5 May: COP 13		
ENFORCE face-to-face meetings	30 May-2 June: Informal meeting during OEWG10		31 Oct – 3 Nov Regional Centres meeting		23 Apr – 5 May: Informal meeting during COP 13		Oct (tbc): 3 rd meeting
ENFORCE electronic meetings		Mid August (discuss fund raising for website)	Oct (discuss pre- session document for submission to COP13)	Feb (discuss progress report for submission to COP13 as INF document)		Jul (discuss outcome of COP 13 and preparation of 3 rd meeting)	
Priority activity							
Independent website to be further developed: Need for fund raising of co-funding to yearly pledged support from the Netherlands to cover a person to update the website (all members)	X	X	X	X			
Contact donors to raise funds for the website maintenance (Secretariat)	X	X	X	X			
Further explore link of the independent website to the CHM (Secretariat)	X	X	X	X			

Activities, responsibility	May-Jun 2016	Jul-Sep 2016	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017
Provide list of potential donors in regions to members and draft a request letter for use by members for fund raising in the regions (Secretariat)	X						
Promote current website by raising visibility of activities of members: Provide information from home countries and regions, including tools, materials, dates of workshops (all members)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Include information on newly developed relevant Technical Guidelines from Basel Convention (Secretariat)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Send reminders to members to provide information on newly developed tools and materials to members, including case studies (Secretariat), every 3 months	X		X		X		X
Present website to ICC 12 meeting and COP 13 (ENFORCE chair)	X				X		
Indicate strong interest of members to continue with ENFORCE activities including running the website and present request for support to parties (all members)					X		
Explore possibility for in-kind web space and/or server space for hosting the ENFORCE external website (members, BCRCs)	X	X					

Activities, responsibility	May-Jun 2016	Jul-Sep 2016	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017
Develop a presentation on ENFORCE for outreach (chair, Secretariat), Include repository for presentations (all members)	X						
Include website into project proposals	X						
Develop proposals for support of regional networks with technical expertise of members (Latin America Network, WANECE, Central African region, Pacific region)(members from respective regions)	X	4 July (deadline for proposals to Special Programme)					
Supporting activities							
IMPEL-TFS meeting in Frankfurt, Germany to include presentation of ENFORCE (member)	June						
Latin America Network meeting in Brazil to include ENFORCE issues (1 day workshop on ENFORCE)(member)			November				
Asian Network meeting to include agenda item of ENFORCE (member)		5 September					
Regional representatives to identify meetings in regions that could include 1 day on ENFORCE (member)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
African meeting on CIEN, workshop train-the-trainers, experts from ENFORCE as		June-July					

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EU coordination meeting, inform meeting on ENFORCE (member)	18 May						
Steering group for GEF project in SPREP to introduce ENFORCE issue (member)			October				
Progress report to COP 13 (chair)					23 Apr – 5 May: COP 13		
Hold webinars on ENFORCE topics, illegal traffic case (experts, to be identified by members)			November (English and Spanish)				
Discuss special questions through electronic fora (platform, what's up)(sub-group of members as need arises)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Report back on use of electronic fora ENFORCE teleconferences and to 3 rd meeting (members)		X	X	X		X	X
Publication of ENFORCE with experience, Newsletter linked to website or broadened website information (to be considered at the 3 rd meeting)							X
Monitoring and indicators development (to be discussed at 3 rd meeting)							X

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ANNEX III

Presentations:

- Facing Illegal Transboundary Movements of Waste in Croatia
- Ecuadorian Law, Ministerio del Ambiente, Ecuador
- Recent Developments in Iran to Prevent and Combat Illegal traffic
- Experiences of Import and Export of Waste in Sweden
- Hazardous Waste Issues and Management in the Pacific
- Strategic Roles and Prospects for Technical Assistance to Francophone Countries in Setting up a Chemical Information Exchange Network in the Region
- Basel Convention Regional Centre Slovakia
- Asian Network
- Update on IMPEL activities related to transboundary movements of waste
- Update activities INECE related to transboundary movements of waste
- The Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee:
Activities of relevance to ENFORCE

The presentations are available on the webpage of the 2nd meeting of ENFORCE:

<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/IllegalTraffic/Meetings/ENFORCE2SaoPaulo2016/tabid/5057/Default.aspx>