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BASEL REGIONAL CENTER FOR SOUTH AMERICA

ACTIVITIES

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- The Basel Convention Regional Center (BCRC) for South American Region (Centro Regional Basilea para América del Sur-CRBAS), is hosted in the National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI) in Argentina, since 1999 and, In 2016, renewal was signed for 15 more years.
 - The BCRC gives in the South American Region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela and Uruguay) technical assistance and training programs benchmark to implement of the control and productive structures of the Region, in order to execute the objectives of the Basel Convention and the waste and chemical international agenda.
 - The Center acts as a nexus for the countries of the Region, through the focal points, the competent authorities of the countries and the Regional Coordinating Center in Uruguay.

The latest topics of workshops and projects that The Basel Regional Center for South America has been carrying out in terms of training and technology transfer are the following:

PROJECTS EXECUTED

- Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan (NIP) of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Argentina.
- Development of plans for the management of mercury risks in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean region (UNEP-GEF project).
- Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan (NIP) of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Paraguay .
- Strengthening national legislation for crimes against the environment in Argentina.

FUTURES AND ACTUAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **Best Practices for PCB management in the mining sector of South America**
Analysis of the legislation for the import, export and transit of used smartphones and their components in South América.
- **Regional training for Prosecutors and Customs Authorities on Illicit Traffic of Waste and Chemical Products.** Identification of feasible strategies for the environmentally sound management (ESM) of lighting products used in Chile.
- **Supporting the implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan (GMO) for POPs in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean region.**
- **Assessing financial guarantees to cover transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes in South America.**

FUTURES AND ACTUAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **Strengthening of national initiatives and improvement of regional cooperation for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in Latin American countries.**
- **Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan (NIP) of the Stockholm Convention on new Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Argentina.**



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