

Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

PROJECT GROUP 4.1 ON AWARENESS RAISING AND TRAINING

Background:

The Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE) was launched by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, which took place in Bali, Indonesia in June 2008. PACE is a multi-stakeholder public-private partnership under the umbrella of the Basel Convention that provides a forum for representatives of personal computer manufacturers, recyclers, international organizations, associations, academia, environmental groups and governments to tackle environmentally sound refurbishment, repair, material recovery, recycling and disposal of used and end-of-life computing equipment. The Partnership is intended to increase the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment, taking into account, amongst other things, social responsibility, the concept of sustainable development, and information-sharing on life cycle thinking.

For the purpose of PACE, computing equipment is defined as: personal computers (PCs) and associated displays, printers and peripherals; personal desktop computers, including their central processing units (CPUs) and all other parts contained in them; personal notebooks and laptop computers, including docking stations, CPUs and all other parts contained in the computers; computer monitors, including cathode ray tube, liquid crystal display and plasma monitors; computer keyboards, mice and cables; computer printers, including dot matrix, inkjet, laser and thermal printers and any computer printer with scanning or facsimile capabilities, or both.

Under PACE one of the project groups, Project Group 4.1 was established with an objective to develop a list of awareness raising and training products and implement them to better promote Partnership for Action on Computing equipment (PACE) and reports and guidelines that have been developed under PACE

The major activities of the project group include: developing high priority awareness raising and training products; updating leaflets on PACE and on used and end-of-life computing equipment in 6 UN languages; developing a PACE logo to provide an identity for the partnership to be used by all partners; organizing presentations on PACE in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention during Basel Convention OEWG and COP side events and side events organized by other relevant international organizations; develop film on management of used and end-of-life computing equipment; organizing workshops on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment in at least one BCRC in each of the UN regions; producing a CD/DVD with info on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment; developing E-learning course on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment, to be put on the Basel website; and developing information system on PACE.

Progress Report/Achievements

- A list of awareness raising and training products has been developed, whereby priorities and audiences for these products have been identified.



- PACE logo was developed and adopted by the PACE Working Group.
- Film on management of used and end-of-life computing equipment was developed and shown for the first time during the side event on PACE at COP 10.
- Three training workshops on PACE products were launched after COP 10: one was hosted by BCRC China, another one by BCRC Bratislava, and one by BCRC El Salvador in collaboration with ITU. Another one will be organized in the second semester by BCRC Trinidad and Tobago. A number of PACE related workshops was held in the GRULAC region. Future workshops are being assessed for the moment.
- The first webinar on Extended Producer Responsibility policies for ESM of E-waste was organized. In the upcoming months other webinars on PACE related issues will be organized and held in different languages.
- A small group will prepare in the upcoming months an information system that will spread the PACE message even wider.

Further information on activities of this project group can be found on the Basel Convention website: (<http://www.basel.int/industry/compartnership/documents.html>)