

**2nd Teleconference of the Informal Group on Household Waste
26 February 2016, 14:00 – 16:15h (Geneva time)**

Summary of the meeting

Participants:

Ms. Gabriela Medina, Uruguay (Co-chair)	Ms. Louise Zuilen and Ms. Vanessa Sabajo, Suriname
Mr. Alberto Capra, Argentina	
Ms. Susann Krause, Germany	Ms. Suliza Quaresma, Sao Tome and Principe
Ms. Dana Lapesova, BCRC Slovakia	Mr. Dharmesh Shah and Ms. Shweta Narayan, IPEN
Mr. Dong Qinyin, BCRC China	
Ms. Leila Devia, BCRC Argentina	Mr. Otto Simonett, ZOI Environment
Mr. Graham Alabaster, UN-Habitat	Mr. Shunichi Honda, UNEP IETC
Mr. Matthias Kern, BRS Secretariat	Ms. Andrea Lechner, BRS Secretariat
Ms. Key Ohno-Woodall, BRS Secretariat	

Regrets:

Mr. Yorg Aerts, Belgium	Mr. Prakash Kowlessar, Mauritius (Co-chair)
Mr. Marco Buletti, Switzerland	Mr. Ross Bartley, BIR

1. Opening of the meeting

- The teleconference was opened by Co-chair Ms. Gabriela Medina who welcomed all participants to this second teleconference of the Informal Group on Household Waste. She indicated that unfortunately Co-chair Mr. Prakash Kowlessar was unable to attend this meeting due to an urgent call from his ministry. He had asked Ms. Medina to chair the teleconference on behalf of both Co-chairs.
- The Co-chair mentioned that the main objective of this teleconference is to finalize the Concept Note on the Household Waste Partnership for submission to OEWG10.

2. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was approved without changes.

3. Discussion of the revised draft household waste partnership concept note

- The participants had received the following document: 'Household Waste Partnership Concept Note, DRAFT rev3: 11 February 2016' with comments received until 10 February 2016. For easier reference, the comments were marked in different colours according to who had made the comment. One additional comment on the document from Argentina was sent on 15 February which was introduced when the related text section was discussed.
- The Co-chair reminded the group that the deadline for submission of documents to the OEWG10 is the first of March. Therefore, the group needed to finalize the text of the concept note during this teleconference.
- The Secretariat was asked to give an overview of the main comments made and alternative texts suggested by members of the group. Thereafter, the Co-chair guided the group paragraph by paragraph through the text to discuss the formulations which were still open.
- The group discussed all open texts and agreed on a final clean version of the concept note (attached).

- The Co-chair thanked all members of the group for their constructive contribution to finalize the document. It was agreed that the Secretariat will send a clean final version to the Co-chairs for clearance and submission to the OEWG10.

4. First face-to-face meeting of the Informal Group

- The Co-chair reminded the group that at the teleconference on 5 November last year, it was discussed to hold a face-to-face meeting of the informal group in early 2016. The generous co-funding provided by Japan for the organization of this meeting was recognized with appreciation. However, unfortunately no additional co-funding was provided to the group until now. The Secretariat continues to raise funds for the face-to-face meeting.
- The Co-chairs and the Secretariat suggested to proceed as follows:
 - The group will take advantage of meeting at the OEWG10 to hold some informal consultations among group members and others in preparation of a face-to-face meeting after the OEWG10;
 - At the OEWG10, additional comments on the concept note will be invited from Parties up to 15 September;
 - As time is very limited to finalize the documents for COP13, the face-to-face meeting of the Informal Group will be held already in the first week of August in Montevideo, Uruguay, tentatively scheduled for 2-4 August 2016, where the concept note and terms of reference, based on the discussion at the OEWG, will be further developed in detail;
 - In the second half of September, the additional comments made by Parties will be considered and accommodated through e-mail exchange and teleconferencing;
 - The final concept and terms of reference of the household waste partnership will be submitted to the COP13 as decision documents. The Secretariat indicated that COP13 will be held in April/May 2017 in Geneva. The deadline for submission of decision documents, which have to be edited and translated into all UN languages, is already end of October 2016.
- The group agreed on the proposed way forward.

5. Other matters

- No other matters were raised.

6. Closure of the meeting

- The Co-chair thanked all members of the group for their constructive contributions. She indicated that the group can be proud of having achieved the finalization of the concept note today which will now be tabled to the Parties for their consideration at the OEWG10 meeting.

Attachment: Final clean version of document: Household Waste Partnership Concept Note, DRAFT rev4: 29 February 2016 as cleared by the Co-chair