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Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
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**Matters related to the work programme of the
Open-ended Working Group for 2012–2013:
strategic issues: Basel Convention regional
and coordinating centres**

**Additional information on the review and strengthening of the
operation of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating
centres**

Note by the Secretariat

Information about the strengthening of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres is set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/3. The annex to the present note contains additional information on the review and strengthening of the operation of the centres.

* UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/1.

Annex

Additional information on the review and strengthening of the operation of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres

I. Guidance on improving the governance and administration of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres

1. Since October 2011, the Secretariat has carried out several consultations regarding the appointments of directors of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, as follows: with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the appointment of Mr. Alireza Shiri-Garakani as director of the Basel Convention regional centre in Tehran; with the Government of Indonesia regarding the appointment of Mr. Ridwan D. Tamin as director of the Basel Convention regional centre for South-East Asia in Indonesia; and with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme regarding the appointment of Mr. David Haynes as director of the Pacific regional centre for training and technology transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani conventions in the South Pacific region in Samoa.
2. The Secretariat provided guidance on the planning and organization of the first steering committee meeting of the Basel Convention regional centre for the Caribbean region in Trinidad and Tobago and the first steering committee meeting of the Basel Convention coordinating centre for the African region in Nigeria.
3. The Secretariat also followed up on the implementation of the framework agreement with the Government of China for the Basel Convention regional centre for the Asia and Pacific region in China.

II. Business plans for the period 2012–2013

4. As at 20 September 2012, the Secretariat had received the business plans for the period 2012–2013 from 11 Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres. The business plans are available from the Convention website (www.basel.int).

III. Coordinated use of Basel and Stockholm convention regional centres

5. The Secretariat is organizing, in Geneva on 1 and 2 October and on 3 October 2012, respectively, an annual joint meeting to enhance cooperation and coordination among the Basel and Stockholm convention regional centres and a joint meeting to enhance cooperation and coordination among the Basel and Stockholm convention regional centres and the regional offices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and United Nations Environment Programme.
 6. The aim of the meetings is to follow up on the implementation of relevant decisions adopted by the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, with particular focus on decisions BC-10/4 on the review and strengthening of the operation of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, SC-5/21 on the regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology under the Stockholm Convention and BC-10/29, RC-5/12 and SC-5/27 on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.
 7. A series of webinars and online meetings to assist in the preparation of the above-mentioned meetings were held on 7 and 14 June and on 11 September 2012.
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