

Draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018–2019

Topics	Activities	Mandate	Priority
I. Strategic issues			
A. Strategic framework	Consider the report on the mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021	Decision BC-13/[...]	Medium
B. Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management	Review the progress made in the implementation of the work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
C. Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes	1. Review the progress that Parties and others have made in the implementation of the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration, in particular on the prevention, minimization and recovery of hazardous wastes and other wastes	Decision BC-13/[...] Report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its tenth meeting (UNEP/CHW.10/28, annex IV)	High
	2. Consider the revised draft guidance to assist Parties in developing efficient strategies for achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal		High
II. Scientific and technical matters			
A. Technical guidelines	1. Undertake work towards a review of all provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the technical guidelines referred to in decision BC-13/[...]	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
	2. Update the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and prepare or update specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decision[s] SC-8/[...] of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Establishment of levels of destruction and irreversible transformation for the chemicals necessary to ensure that when disposed of they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention (b) Determination of which disposal methods constitute environmentally sound disposal as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention (c) Establishment, as appropriate, of the concentration levels of the chemicals in order to define for the Stockholm Convention low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention 		High
	3. Undertake further development of the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention, to address in particular those outstanding issues listed in appendix V of the guidelines	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
	4. Review the technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10), on specially engineered landfill (D5) and on hazardous waste physico-chemical treatment (D9)	Decision BC-13/[...]	Medium

Comment [A1]: Does the Secretariat assume that this document cannot be finalized by COP13 (although work is ongoing to achieve the finalization by COP13)?

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	and biological treatment (D8)		
B. National reporting	Consider possible amendments to the reporting format and progress on revising the practical guidance on the development of inventories for specific waste streams.	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
C. Amendments to the annexes to the Basel Convention	Consider and review any applications for changes and any corrections to the list of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX to the Convention	Decision VIII/15	High
III. Legal, governance and enforcement matters			
A. Consultation with the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention	Consult with the Committee on the following activities of its work programme for the biennium 2018-2019: [to be inserted]	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
B. Providing further legal clarity	1. Consider recommendations on the review of Annex IV and related issues under Annex IX to the Convention 2. Consider recommendations on the review of Annexes I and III to the Convention	Decision BC-13/[...]	High Medium
IV. International cooperation and coordination			
A. Basel Convention Partnership Programme	2. Consider progress made with, and provide guidance towards the implementation of the work plan of the working group of the household waste partnership established by the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
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B. Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization	Consider the revised draft guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface taking into account the discussions at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties	Decision BC-13/[...]	Medium
C. Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System	Consider progress achieved with regard to the inclusion of Basel Convention wastes in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.	Decision BC-13/[...]	Medium
V. Programme of work and budget			
Financing and budget for the biennium 2018-2019	Consider the reports by the Secretariat on all sources of income received, including the reserve and fund balances and interest, together with actual, provisional and projected expenditures and commitments, and by the Executive Secretary on all expenditures against the agreed budget lines.	Decision BC-13/[...]	Medium

Deleted: 1. Consider the report of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment ad hoc follow-up group¶

Comment [A2]: We assume that the guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface is meant here; this should be clarified. We expect that this guidance manual can be adopted at COP13. In this case, point IV.B should be deleted