

Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership (PWP)

Project Group 3 Transboundary movements of plastic waste

Workplan

The following activities are to be undertaken by project group (PG) 3 established by the working group of the Basel Convention Partnership on Plastic Waste, in close cooperation with other activities under the Basel Convention and other organizations, as appropriate, so as to enhance synergies, increase efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts. In undertaking their activities, the project groups will explore, where applicable, innovative approaches and work in cooperation with other stakeholders. The project groups will duly consider geographical, local, national and regional conditions and circumstances, including those of developing countries and Small Islands Developing States that, for example, may not have industries or processes that allow for advanced processing of plastic waste locally, insofar as they may be relevant to the respective activities.

This workplan remains a living document and may be updated, as appropriate, as the work progresses, by the co-chairs in consultation with members of the PG.

Subgroups will play an important role in implementing the workplan. They will be established by PG3 to work on each of the activity outputs, under the leadership of the member indicated in the workplan. They are expected to work closely with the wider PG3 to: (i) provide updates on progress in their work; (ii) identify and seek agreement on work product(s) for development; and (iii) advise when updates to the workplan may be required.

The co-chairs of PG 3 will coordinate with the co-chairs of PG 1, 2 and 4 to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure harmonization where necessary.

It is intended that once outputs are developed by PG 1, 2 and 3, PG 4 initiates its work to develop outreach, education and awareness-raising materials, in collaboration with the respective PG, as outlined in activity 3.1 of the PG 4 workplan.

Activity 1

Develop and undertake capacity building activities for implementation of the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste by relevant actors, including customs, and on linkages with the customs codes on plastics.			
Priority 1 together with activity 2			
Outputs	Possible steps	Contributors	Milestones
1. Factsheet outlining the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in implementing the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste, including the role of customs in enforcing the related provisions.	a. Collect information on the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholder in implementing the BC plastic waste amendments; b. Develop the Factsheet; c. Consult with PG4 on dissemination of the factsheet.	Lead: tbc BIR, GAIA, UNEP- RAC-LBS Protocol, WCO, Teknos Energies, BAN, Argentina, Sims Recycling Solutions	Draft for consultation with PG3 by October 2020 Draft for consultation with PWP by December 2020 Presentation at COP15 (July 2021)
2. Factsheet on the relevant customs codes (WCO Harmonized System codes) on plastics and plastic waste and their relation to the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste	a. Collect information on the relevant customs codes on plastics and plastic waste and their use in enforcing regulations on the transboundary movements of plastic waste; b. Develop the factsheet; c. Consult with PG4 on dissemination of the factsheet.	Lead: tbc BIR, GAIA, UNEP- RAC-LBS Protocol, WCO, US, Teknos Energies, Argentina,	Draft for consultation with PG3 by October 2020 Draft for consultation with PWP by December 2020 Presentation at COP15 (July 2021)
3. Work product(s) ¹ to assist Parties and other stakeholders in taking actions related to “almost free from contamination and other types of wastes” and “almost exclusively” for shipments of plastic waste destined for recycling (see footnotes 6 and 7 of decision BC-14/12)	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined

¹ Consult with PG3 in the first half of 2021 and seek agreement on development of work product(s) that may be appropriate for development

<p>4. Regional workshops (virtual or in-person dependent on global travel and health circumstances) and technical assistance material (such as a module on the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste) to assist Basel Convention competent authorities and other key stakeholders in implementing the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste</p>	<p>a. Plan and implement online activities; b. Coordinate with other activities for developing technical assistance material</p>	<p>Lead: tbc GAIA, UNEP- RAC- LBS Protocol, WCO, Teknos Energies, BAN, Argentina</p>	<p>To start at later stage after other outputs (including of activities 2.3 and 2.4) become available- second half of 2021</p>
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Activity 2

Collection of information on actions taken by countries to implement the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste, on their interpretation of these amendments (e.g. “almost exclusively” and “almost free from contamination”)* and on the challenges experienced in preparing for implementation.			
*See footnotes 6 and 7 of decision BC-14/12			
Priority: 1 together with activity 1			
Outputs	Possible steps	Contributors	Milestones
1. Compilation of national and international specifications related to “almost free from contamination and other types of wastes” and “almost exclusively” for shipments of plastic waste destined for recycling	<p>a. Collect information through processes such as: questionnaires, review of existing information in the scientific and grey literature, or a review of sources provided by members and other available information;</p> <p>b. Consult with PG4 on dissemination of the information compiled;</p>	<p>Lead: tbc</p> <p>BIR, UNEP- RAC- LBS Protocol, Teknos Energies, US, Argentina, Sims Recycling Solutions</p>	<p>Draft for consultation with PG3 by October 2020</p> <p>Draft for consultation with PWP by December 2021</p> <p>Presentation at COP14 (July 2021)</p>
2. Compilation of information on actions taken to implement the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste, including information regarding any adopted measures, and challenges experienced in preparing for implementation	<p>a. Collect information through processes such as: questionnaires, review of existing information in the scientific and grey literature, or a review of sources provided by members and other available information; important to include customs administrations;</p> <p>b. Consult with PG4 on dissemination of the information compiled;</p>	<p>Lead: tbc</p> <p>UNEP- RAC- LBS Protocol, WCO, Teknos Energies, Argentina, Sims Recycling Solutions</p>	<p>Draft for consultation with PG3 by October 2020</p> <p>Draft for consultation with PWP by December 2021</p> <p>Presentation at COP14 (July 2021)</p>

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Activity 3

Collect information, including on best practices, on enforcement in relation to transboundary movements of plastic waste.			
Priority: 3			
Output	Possible steps	Contributors	Milestones
1. Compilation of information, including on best practices, on enforcement in relation to transboundary movements of plastic waste, including the provisions to implement the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste	- Collect information through processes such as: questionnaires, review of existing information in the scientific and grey literature, or a review of sources provided by members and other available information.	Lead: WCO Contributors: Teknos Energies, US, BAN	To start first half of 2021; after amendments on plastic waste become effective
2. Work product(s) ² synthesizing and presenting compiled information in a way to identify best practices that, e.g., are appropriate for selected target audience(s), and that could be used as a basis for outreach, education and awareness-raising materials to be developed by PG4	To be determined	To be determined	To start second half of 2021

² Consult with PG3 to identify and seek agreement on work product(s) that may be appropriate for development

Activity 4

Collect information on the transboundary movements of plastic wastes			
Priority: 2			
Outputs	Possible steps	Contributors	Milestones
1. Compilation of information on transboundary movement of plastic wastes, in particular data on the import and export of plastic wastes	a. Collect information through processes such as: questionnaires, review of existing information in the scientific and grey literature, or a review of sources provided by members, trade statistics and other available information; b. Analyse information collected; c. Consult with PG4 on dissemination of the information compiled.	Lead: tbc BIR, UNEP- RAC- LBS Protocol, Teknos Energies, BAN, Argentina, Sims Recycling Solutions	First exercise to be undertaken: Dec 2020
2. Compilation of information on the gaps and challenges in relation to collecting information/data on transboundary movement of plastic waste	a. Collect information through processes such as: questionnaires, review of existing information in the scientific and grey literature, or a review of sources provided by members, and other available information; b. Consult with PG4 on dissemination of the information compiled; c. Contribute to activity 1, output 4.	Lead: tbc BIR, UNEP- RAC- LBS Protocol, Teknos Energies, BAN, Argentina, Sims Recycling Solutions	To start second half of 2021, depending on progress of activities 1 and 2
3. Compilation of information on new technologies and their potential to facilitate the collection of information on the transboundary movements of plastic waste and enhance the control of illegal traffic of plastic waste	a. Collect information through processes such as: questionnaires, review of existing information in the scientific and grey literature, or a review of sources provided by members, and other available information; b. Consult with PG4 on dissemination of the information compiled; c. Contribute to activity 1, output 4.	Lead: tbc BIR, Teknos Energies, BAN, Argentina	To start second half of 2021, depending on progress of activities 1 and 2