

# Informal consultation of the Small intersessional working group on e-approaches to the notification and movement documents of the Basel Convention



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# Suggested topics

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1. Recent mandates from OEWG-14 meeting
2. Work ahead, and before COP-17
3. Possible face-to-face meeting of the SIWG 3-5 Dec 2024, Geneva
  - Output(s) can be paper(s) and possibly, recommendations on how to continue with the work with technical aspects considered (e.g., requirements, options for systems to connect at the global level, considerations for regional initiatives, data model options, etc)
4. Any other topic?

# Mandate from decision BC-16/10 on e-approaches

**(i) Reiterates** its invitation to **Parties and observers willing to do so to work on pilot projects** on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents, taking into account the experiences of other Parties and of non-Parties, and the work carried out by other international organizations, and to submit their lessons learned to the Secretariat;

**Invites Parties to consider serving as lead countries** for the work referred to in paragraph 5 of the present decision and to inform the Secretariat by 31 July 2023 of their willingness to do so;

**(ii) Requests** the lead country or countries or, if there is no lead country or countries, the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, in consultation with the **small intersessional working group**, to advance the work and **to prepare a report with further recommendations on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents, taking into account... (e.g., work done before, experiences, pilot projects, etc);**

**(iii) Requests the Secretariat: (a)** to organize, subject to the availability of resources, and **in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, technical assistance activities and awareness-raising events** in order to help Parties advance the work on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents of the Basel Convention; **(c)** report back to the OEWG-14 (in 2024) and COP-17 (in 2025);

# Mandate from decision OEWG-14/18 on e-approaches

1. **Welcomes** the work of the small intersessional working group established pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision BC-15/14;
2. **Reiterates** the invitation to Parties and observers willing to do so to work on pilot projects on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents, taking into account the experiences of other Parties and of non-Parties, and the work carried out by other international organizations, and to submit their lessons learned to the Secretariat;
3. **Requests** the small intersessional working group, with a view to advance the work, to prepare, subject to the availability of resources:
  - (a) A compilation of case studies, experiences, standards and requirements for the exchange of messages and the interconnection between systems and information about options for national or regional solutions;
  - (b) Fact sheets on key aspects to consider when developing e-approaches solutions.

# Work ahead and before COP-17

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- Engagement with UNCTAD for developing technical paper(s) for the consideration of the SIWG.

# Face-to-face meeting from 3 to 5 Dec 2024

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- Any Party/Parties or Observers willing to show case their experience as «pilot project» or «project» as a case study, sharing their experiences, standards and requirements used?
  - This/these could be a model for others to share more in the future
- UNCTAD paper(s) will also discuss standards, requirements and options for systems to connect to each other, using as a basis previous information and their experience with e-CITES
  - To be circulated to the group early in November
  - Input document(s) for the face-to-face discussion
- Any volunteer to work, together with the Secretariat, on fact sheets on key aspects to consider when developing e-approaches solutions?
  - These could be also inputs for the SIWG to discuss in the meeting

# Any other topic?

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1. Ideas/suggestions?