

## COMMUNICATION

### COMPILATION OF INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT

#### CONSULTANCY ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS BY 7 APRIL 2014

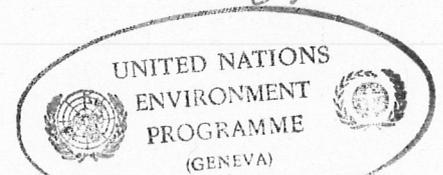
The Secretariat of the Basel Convention refers to decision BC-11/1 on Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention whereby the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties mandated an expert working group to further elaborate and implement actions on initial short-term work items and to develop a work programme for additional priorities and key work items and actions for the implementation of environmentally sound management (ESM).

The expert working group met in December 2013 and decided on several short-term activities to implement ESM. Recalling that COP 11 had requested the expert working group to assess existing useful training and information material on policies, legislation and best practices on ESM, the group agreed that a report should be compiled with this information. The expert working group further agreed that a consultant should be retained to compile and assess the materials and prepare a report in the intersessional period for presentation to the second meeting of the group in May 2014.

The Secretariat invites interested candidates to consult the attached terms of reference and to submit their candidature by **7 April 2014** to Ms. Susan Wingfield ([susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org](mailto:susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org)) using the P11 form available on the Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm Conventions Synergies website at:  
<http://synergies.pops.int/Secretariat/Employment/tabid/2718/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>.

The Secretariat would welcome the assistance of Parties, Signatories as well as the Regional and Coordinating Centres in making this information available to potential candidates.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and assistance in this regard.



Secretariat of the Basel Convention  
Geneva, 25 March 2014

To: Focal points and Competent Authorities of Parties and Signatories to the Basel Convention  
Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres  
Cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

## Terms of Reference

### Consultant to compile a report on existing training and information material on ESM

#### Background

By decision BC-11/1, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted the Framework for the environmentally sound management (ESM) of hazardous wastes and other wastes<sup>1</sup> which establishes a common understanding of what ESM encompasses; identifies tools to support and promote the implementation of ESM; and identifies strategies to implement ESM. By the same decision, an expert working group was mandated to further elaborate and implement actions on initial short-term work items and to develop a work programme for additional priorities and key work items and actions for the implementation of ESM.

The expert working group on ESM met in December 2013<sup>2</sup> and decided on several short-term activities to implement ESM. Recalling that COP 11 had requested the expert working group to assess existing useful training and information material on policies, legislation and best practices on ESM, the group agreed that a report should be compiled with this information. The expert working group further agreed that a consultant should be retained to compile and assess the materials and prepare a report in the intersessional period for presentation to the second meeting of the group in May 2014.

#### Activity

A consultant shall be retained to:

- (i) Compile and assess existing training and information material on policies, legislation and best practices on ESM. The consultant should contact the members of the expert working group and observers to obtain their input, as appropriate;
- (ii) Prepare a report containing a compilation of such training and information material on policies, legislation and best practices on ESM (no more than 10 pages, excluding annexes);
- (iii) Submit the draft report to the Secretariat for submission to the expert working group on ESM in May, including any revisions to take into account comments from the Secretariat prior to submission;
- (iv) Finalise the draft report on the basis of the feedback received from the expert working group.

The consultant shall undertake these activities in accordance with the timeframe indicated below and as may be further indicated by the Secretariat.

<sup>1</sup> To view the ESM Framework:

<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/CountryLedInitiative/EnvironmentallySoundManagement/ESMFramework/tabid/3616/Default.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> To view the meeting report of EWG 1:

<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/CountryLedInitiative/Meetings/FirstmeetingoftheExpertWorkingGrouponESM/Overview/tabid/3532/mctl/ViewDetails/EventModID/8495/EventID/440/xmid/11167/Default.aspx>

## Qualifications

The consultant must have at least 5 years work experience in the field of hazardous waste management, preferably with experience in issues directly related to the Basel Convention. The consultant must have excellent English reading and writing skills, and the ability to compile and synthesise large quantities of information into a practical, brief, user-friendly document.

## Timeframe

The contract will require approximately **10 days of work**. A first draft of the report would need to be developed by 7 May 2014, in time for the expert working group's second meeting scheduled from 29 to 31 May 2014. A final draft of the report would be developed thereafter, on the basis of the feedback received from the expert working group and within the timeframe that may be agreed by the group. The contract will commence as soon as the appropriate candidate is identified and selected.