

BC-13/14: Creating innovative solutions through the Basel Convention for the environmentally sound management of household waste

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the work undertaken by the informal group on household waste towards the establishment of a household waste partnership under the Basel Convention;¹
2. *Decides* to establish a working group of the household waste partnership that will be responsible for overseeing organizational matters pertaining to the implementation of the partnership's activities, including the establishment of project groups and the review of their work products and reports, serving as a forum for information sharing and taking the lead in awareness-raising, outreach and coordination in relation to activities undertaken by the partnership;
3. *Adopts* the terms of reference for the household waste partnership;²
4. *Requests* the working group to implement the workplan set out in the annex to the present decision;
5. *Also requests* the working group to coordinate and collaborate on, as appropriate, activities with other organizations and initiatives in order to achieve synergies and avoid duplication;
6. *Emphasizes* that the partnership does not have the authority to create additional or abrogate existing rights or responsibilities of Parties under the Basel Convention;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To facilitate and provide expertise to the partnership, subject to the availability of funds;
 - (b) To report on progress in the implementation of the present decision to the Open-ended Working Group at its eleventh meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

Annex to decision BC-13/14

Household waste partnership workplan for the biennium 2018–2019

The following tasks are to be undertaken by the working group of the household waste partnership and any project groups established thereunder:

- (a) Develop an overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste, compiling the key outcomes and recommendations resulting from the work of any project groups on:
 - (i) Best practices related to the environmentally sound management of household waste;
 - (ii) Mechanical biological treatment, energy recovery, management of sanitary landfills and compartmentalization to deal with various waste streams;
 - (iii) Assessment of current waste management systems, decision-making and efforts to ensure the environmentally sound management of household waste;
- (b) Collect case studies from various regions related to the topics addressed in the guidance document;

¹ UNEP/CHW.13/15.

² UNEP/CHW.13/INF/33/Rev.1, annex II.

(c) Enhance awareness-raising and training on the environmentally sound management of household waste and enhance people's participation in household waste management activities and decision-making;

(d) Coordinate outreach activities and cooperation with other organizations working on household waste management.