

IX/32: Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2009–2011

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopts* the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2009–2011 contained in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Elects* the following representatives as members of the Bureau of the Open-ended Working Group for the triennium 2009–2011:

Co-chairs:	Mr. Oludayo Olusegun Dada (Nigeria) (Technical) Mr. Damien Scott Hall (Australia) (Legal)
Vice-chairs:	Mr. Mohammed Khashashneh (Jordan) (Technical) Ms. Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) (Legal)
Rapporteur:	Ms. Sonja Radovic (Croatia).

Annex to decision IX/32

Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2009–2011

<i>I. Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention</i>			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting	Priority
A. Strategic Plan and new strategic framework	1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat and the Basel Convention regional centres on efforts to assist Parties in implementing the Strategic Plan. 2. Review the implementation of the Strategic Plan and prepare a draft strategic framework (to 2020).	IX/3	High
B. Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres	1. Review the operation of the centres and prepare a workplan for strengthening the centres. 2. Consider a proposal for the establishment of a regional centre.	IX/4 IX/5	High
C. Basel Convention Partnership Programme	1. Review the work undertaken by the Secretariat and by the Basel Convention regional centres to implement the work plan of the Basel Convention Partnership Programme for 2009–2011. 2. Provide guidance on the implementation of the Partnership Programme, including guidance to the PACE and the MPPI, and consider amendments of section 4 of the guidance document on mobile phones.	IX/7, IX/8, IX/9	High

<i>II. Scientific and technical matters</i>			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting	Priority
A. Technical guidelines	1. Develop technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes.	IX/15	High

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	2. Prepare guidelines on transboundary movements of e-waste, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste.	IX/6	High
	3. Revise the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used tyres.	IX/14	Medium
	4. Review and update the technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants (POPs), if appropriate, and review disposal methods when the POP content is beneath the low POP content.	IX/16	Medium
	5. Review selected technical guidelines and initiate updating as necessary on, for example, incineration on land (D10), specially engineered landfills (D5) and wastes collected from households (Y46).	IX/17	Medium
B. Classification and hazard characterization of wastes	1. Consider and review any applications for changes and any corrections of the list of wastes in Annexes VIII and IX and report on the matter, through the Secretariat, to the Conference of the Parties.	VIII/15	High
	2. Consider the amendment of entries relating to POPs.	IX/16	High
	3. Review issues concerning the identification of wastes in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and related matters.	IX/19	Medium
	4. Review issues relating to harmonization and coordination as they relate to work with UNSCE/Globally Harmonized System.	IX/20	Medium
	5. Complete the work on hazard characteristic H11	IX/18	Low
C. Review issues raised under MPPI	Review issues raised during the discussion of the guidelines on transboundary movement of used and end-of-life mobile phones (Chairman's paper).	IX/8	Medium

III. Legal and compliance			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting	Priority
A. Environmentally sound dismantling of ships	1. Assess preliminary whether the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, to be adopted by the International Maritime Organization, establishes an equivalent level of control and enforcement as that established under the Basel Convention, in their entirety, after having developed criteria for this assessment.	IX/30	High
	2. Keep under review developments in this field in other international forums and provide guidance, as appropriate, to the Secretariat.	IX/30	

III. Legal and compliance			
B. Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization	Consider the respective competencies of the Basel Convention and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 in respect of hazardous wastes and other wastes, taking into account deliberations on related issues in the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization, and develop recommendations.	IX/12	High
C. Implementation of decision V/32 on enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other Countries in Need of Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention	Review the implementation of decision V/32 and develop recommendations addressing the expediency of the procedures under the mechanism, the adequacy of resources available for use under the mechanisms and cooperation with other international organizations and agencies in responding to an emergency situation, and transmit these recommendations to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.	IX/22	Medium
D. Enforcement of the Convention and combating illegal traffic	1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat on activities to assist Parties to enforce the Convention and to combat illegal traffic. 2. Consider and approve the draft instruction manual.	IX/23	High
E. Legal guidance	Provide legal guidance on matters raised by the Secretariat in connection with other decisions adopted by COP9		Medium
F. Addressing the interpretation of paragraph 5 of article 17 of the Basel Convention	Continue the development of a draft decision to reach an agreed interpretation of paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the Basel Convention in accordance with international law, taking into account the work of COP9 on this matter, including a non-exhaustive list of possible elements for a draft decision.	IX/25	

IV. Resource mobilization and sustainable financing			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting	Priority
Resource mobilization and sustainable financing	Monitor and provide guidance on the implementation of relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.	VIII/34	High

V. International cooperation and coordination			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting	Priority
A. Cooperation and coordination between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Provide guidance to the Secretariat, as appropriate, on the implementation of the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Joint Working Group on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination Among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, taking into account relevant decisions adopted by the Conferences of the Parties of the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions.	IX/10, IX/31	High
B. International cooperation and coordination	Provide guidance, as appropriate, to the Secretariat on means to enhance cooperation and coordination with international and regional organizations and multilateral environmental agreements in areas of relevance to the Basel Convention.	IX/11	Medium

VI. Financial matters

Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting	Priority
Programme budget and other financial matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide guidance on and review the preparation of the programme budget for 2012–2013 and related financial matters.2. Consider measurable indicators of achievement and performance.3. Consider a proposal for using any increase in the reserves and fund balance of the Basel Convention Trust Fund, if appropriate.4. Finalize the programme of activities for 2011 and, if appropriate, take note of changes in the funding required from the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund.	IX/31	High

VII. Decisions of the Conference of the Parties

Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting	Priority
Draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties	Review and submit draft decisions for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.		High