

1. Request for information and comments on the follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative: Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management

Decision: BC-12/1: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

Background:

At its twelfth meeting, in part II of decision BC-12/1, the Conference of the Parties adopted the work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management (ESM) set out in the annex to that decision, decided to extend the mandate of the expert working group on ESM, and requested it to develop activities, subject to the availability of resources, to implement its work programme. Additionally, decision BC-12/2 on the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration mandated the expert working group on ESM to develop guidance to assist parties in developing efficient strategies for achieving prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes, and invited parties to consider serving as lead country within the group to carry out the work on the development of the guidance¹. To support the work on prevention and minimisation, the Conference of the Parties decided to increase the membership of the expert working group on ESM to 30 members and thus requested the addition of one member per region with specific knowledge and expertise in the field of waste prevention and minimisation of the generation of hazardous and other wastes.

The Conference of the Parties also welcomed the set of draft practical manuals for the promotion of the ESM of wastes and the fact sheets on specific waste streams developed by the expert working group on ESM and set up a process through which parties and others were invited to comment on and test the draft manuals and fact sheets. The expert working group would then be required to update the draft manuals and facts sheets and to submit them to the Open-ended Working Group for consideration at its tenth meeting (OEWG-10) and subsequently to the Conference of the Parties for consideration and possible adoption at its thirteenth meeting (COP-13).

Requests:

	Request	Respondent(s)	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Each regional group is requested to nominate through its Bureau representative one expert with specific knowledge and expertise in the field of waste prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 July 2015
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as a lead country within the group to carry out the work on the development of guidance to assist parties in developing efficient strategies for achieving prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes ² .	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please indicate interest to serve as lead party by 31 July 2015 .
(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the set of draft practical manuals (UNEP/CHW.12/3/Add.2) and the fact sheets (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/6).	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 September 2015

¹ Please also refer to 3. Request for information on activities undertaken to implement the road map for action and on experience in implementing the Cartagena Declaration.

² Ibid.

(d)	Parties and others are invited to test the set of draft practical manuals (UNEP/CHW.12/3/Add.2) and the fact sheets (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/6) and to provide comments to the Secretariat.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information on testing by 30 September 2015 in order for it to be taken into account by the expert working group on ESM when revising the draft practical manuals and fact sheets for submission to OEWG-10.
(e)	Parties and others are invited to provide to the Secretariat information on activities undertaken to ensure the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes, including any examples of national waste prevention programmes.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; information to be submitted by Parties and others on an ongoing basis and made available by the Secretariat on the Basel Convention website.

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