

Pan-African Forum on E-waste Challenges and Opportunities for a Sustainable Solution

AGENDA



14 - 16 March 2012 United Nations Offices at Nairobi, Kenya • Conference Room 2











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SESSION 1 Conference Room 2	Introduction and overview of e-waste problem in Africa Facilitator: Desta Mebratu, Deputy Regional Director, UNEP/Regional Office for Africa			
8.00-09.00	Registration and networking			
09:00-09:20	Opening remarks and objectives of the Forum	Katharina Kummer Peiry, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC)		
	Welcoming remarks	Ali Mohammed, Permanent Secretary, CBS, Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources of Kenya		
		Mostafa Hussein Kamel, Minister for Environmental Affairs of Egypt		
09:20-09.45	Statements by Ministers	Calist Mwatela, Assistant Minister for Education of Kenya, MP		
		Ramadhan Kajembe, Assistant Minister of Environment and Mineral Resources, Kenya, MP		
09:45-10.15	Keynote Address by Vice President of Republic of Kenya & Minister for Home Affairs	His Excellency Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, EGH, MP		
10.15-10.30	Te	ea/Coffee Break		
SESSION 1 Conference Room 2	Introduction and overview of e-waste problem in Africa (cont.) Co-chairs: Oladele Osibanjo, Executive Director, Basel Convention Regional Coordinating Centre for the African Region (BCCC-Nigeria), and Enosh Nyakweba Osoro, Deputy Director, Wildlife Conservation Department, Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife of Kenya			
	Keynote speeches and presentations	Mohammed Sambo Bashar, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment of Nigeria		
10:30-12.00		Bitange Ndemo, Permanent Secretary, CBS, Ministry of Information of Kenya		
		Jim Puckett, Head, Basel Action Network (BAN)		
		Oladele Osibanjo, Executive Director, BCCC-Nigeria		
SESSION 2 Conference Room 2	Developing regulatory policy and legislation relevant to electronic and electrical equipment and e-waste			
		Ayub Macharia, Ag. Director General, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Kenya		
12:00–13.30	Status of policy and legislation, enforcement issues and national e-waste management strategies Questions and answers	Miranda Amachree, Deputy Director, National Environmental Standard and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Nigeria		
		John Alexis Pwamang, Director, Chemicals Control and Management Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana		
		Yao Bernard Koffi, Director of Quality of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Cote d'Ivoire		
13:30-14:30		Lunch Break		
SESSION 3 Conference Room 2	SESSION 3 Findings from the SBC E-waste Africa programme Co-chairs: Executive Director, BCCC-Nigeria, Oladele Osibanjo and Beatrice Nzioka, Director of the Environmental Education, Information and Public Participation Department, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) ¹			
	From Europe to West Africa Questions and answers	Tatiana Terekhova, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Basel Convention		
14:30–15:10		Andreas Manhart, Senior Researcher, Öko-Institut		
		Nancy Isarin, Programme Manager, IMPEL		
15:10–15:35	Baseline information on e-waste volumes in selected West Africa countries Questions and answers	Mathias Schluep, Senior Scientist, EMPA		
15:35–16:15	Impacts of current recycling practices and recommendations for collection and recycling	Andreas Manhart, Senior Researcher, Öko-Institut Matthias Schluep, Senior Scientist, EMPA		
16:15–16:30	Questions and answers	Coffee Breek		
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 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ $\,$ The Co-chairs will continue facilitating the discussions through out the Forum.

	SESSION 4 onference Room 3	Collaboration with the private sector		
	16:30–17:30	Overview of StEP (Solving the E-Waste Problem) A collaborative approach to implement a system solution for e-waste in Africa	Jean Cox-Kearns, Global Compliance Director - Dell Take Back, EMEA Take Back/ StEP Herve Guilcher, Environmental Director, Hewlett Packard and Elisabeth Tanguy, Senior Sustainability Manager, Nokia, for Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Alliance	
	17:30-17:45	Closing of Day 1. Outline of working groups in session 5	Forum Steering group	
Cocktail Reception hosted by Safaicom from 18:00-19:30				

DAY TWO					
SESSION 5	Discussions in Working Groups – The building blocks of sustainable e-waste management (Part 1)				
	Working Group 1: Attracting investment and financing mechanisms for e-waste management	Working Group 2: Building policy and regulatory framework and formalizing the informal sector	Working Group 3: Stakeholder engagement and collaboration and awareness		
09:00–12:30	Moderators: David Rochat, Senior Environmental Consultant, SOFIES, SA	Moderators: Mathias Schluep, Senior Scientist, EMPA	Moderators: Prof. Oladele Osibanjo, BCCC-Nigeria		
	Conference Room 3	Conference Room 13	Conference Room 14		
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break				
SESSION 5	Discussions in Working Groups – The building blocks of sustainable e-waste management (Part 2)				
13:30–14:15	Presentation of discussions and findings from the morning session				
	Working Group 4: Maximizing life-cycle and creating value through environmental sound collection and recycling	Working Group 5: Ensuring a level playing field through information exchange and enforcement cooperation	Working Group 6: Capacity building needs for sound management of e-waste		
14:15–17:00	Moderators: Andreas Manhart, Senior Researcher, Öko-Institut and Mushtaq Memon, Programme Officer, UNEP DTIE/IETC Conference Room 3	Moderators: Piet ten Brink, Inspector, Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate, the Netherlands / Nancy Isarin, Programme Manager, IMPEL Conference Room 13	Moderators: Margaret Bates, the University of Northampton, UK Conference Room 14		
17:00-17:30	Presentation of findings from the afte	Presentation of findings from the afternoon session of working groups			
17:30	Moderators to give steering group the conclusions of the working groups for inclusion in the closing findings, recommendations & actions session				

DAY THREE				
SESSION 6	Regional approach to e-waste management in Africa			
09:00-11:00	Panel discussion with Q&A on working group outputs and regional approach to e-waste solutions in Africa (policy and legislation, technology, collaboration and enforcement)	Moderators & Steering group members and other stakeholders		
11:00-11:15	10–11:15 Tea/Coffee Break			
SESSION 7	Conclusion and next steps			
11:15–12:30	Presentation and adoption of the findings, recommendation and priority actions from the Forum for follow-up actions	Forum Steering group		
12:30–13:00	Closing remarks	Secretariat of the Basel Convention and StEP		
CLOSURE OF THE FORUM				

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Africa has been undergoing rapid ICT transformation in recent years, attempting to bridge the "digital divide" by importing second-hand or used computers, mobile phones, and TV sets from developed countries. The countries in the region, however, lack the infrastructure and resources for the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic waste or e-waste arising when such imports reach their end-of-life. High volumes of e-waste, whether generated domestically but mostly imported as used, near-end-of-life or end-of-life equipment, have manifold impacts on the environment, local communities and the economic systems. It is now time for Africa to take action on addressing health and environmental problems as a result of current recycling practices while creating jobs and business opportunities and combating poverty.

ROUNDTABLE MEDIA EVENT (for accredited media only)

A Media briefing event E-Waste: Challenges and Opportunities for Africa will take place in Conference Room 6 on Thursday, 15 March 2012 from 10:30-11:45. Panel speakers will include:

- Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director
- Katharina Kummer Peiry, Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention, UNEP
- Ali Mohammed, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Kenya
- Miranda Amachree, National Environmental Standards & Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Nigeria
- Herve Guilcher, Environmental Programs Director, HP/EMEA
- Jean Cox-Kearns, Director of Compliance Dell /Global Takeback

EXHIBITION

Organizations and companies involved in solving the e-waste problem will showcase their initiatives and innovative approaches at the exhibition which will be on display along the upper concourse.

RECEPTION

The reception will be hosted by Safaricom and will be held at the Fountain Area on Wednesday, 14 March 2012 at 6.00 pm.

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