

UNEP SIDE-EVENT AT BASEL OEWG12

Environmentally Sound Management of Waste or Used Lead Acid Batteries

VENUE: UNON Nairobi, Kenya, DATE: Monday 4 April 2022

TIME: 13:15 - 14:45 hrs.

Focus:

In 2017, at its third session, the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA3), adopted Resolution UNEP/EA.3/Res.9 on Eliminating Exposure to Lead Paint and Promoting Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Waste Lead-Acid Batteries (WLAB). The resolution called on UNEP to continue to assist countries, in particular developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to strengthen and enhance the national, subregional and regional implementation of environmentally sound management of waste, subject to the availability of resources, including by providing further capacity-building with respect to waste lead-acid batteries to implement regulatory frameworks and programmes for recycling, and better track and trace shipments, in close cooperation with the secretariat of the Basel Convention.

The event will highlight challenges, opportunities and best practices/solutions that exist in ESM of WLAB and the Africa Guidance Manual on WLAB recently developed by UNEP.

Target audience:

- Policy and decision makers, private sector, industry and civil society organizations, academia, students, and other interested stakeholders

Agenda:

- **Welcoming the participants**, Moderator, Cristina Zucca, Head, Pollution and Health Unit, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP (5 min)
- **Opening remarks:**
 - Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (5 min)
 - Monika MacDevette – Head, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP (5 min)
- **State of management of Used Lead Acid Batteries in Burkina Faso** By Mr. Kouilga Fidèle Yameogo, Environment Inspector WLAB, Ministry of Environment and Fishery Resources, Burkina Faso (15 min)
- **UNEP and BRS work on the environmental sound management of WLABs in Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean** (15 min)
 - Muhammed Omotola, Pollution and Health Unit, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP
 - Noline Lavanchy, Knowledge and Risks Unit, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP
 - Leila Devia, Director of Basel Convention Regional Centre, Argentina
- **Discussion session** (30 Min)
- **Closing**

Each of the above presentation will run for 10 minutes followed by 30 minutes of Question and Answers

Expected Outcomes:

- Greater understanding of the WLAB issue and the challenges faced in developing countries by OEWG2 participants
- Sharing of knowledge and experience among stakeholders
- Feedback on progress and anticipated challenges and opportunities for cooperation.