

Convention: *BC*

Support for the EU-Africa Enforcement on E-waste

**LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:**

**Work programme activity #: 26**

Programme budget for 2012–2013

COP-decision:

- BC-10/3: Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The establishment of the EU-Africa network is one of the outcomes of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC) E-waste Africa programme. The overarching goal of the programme is to enhance the capacity of West Africa and other African countries to tackle the growing problem of e-waste and thereby protect the environment as well as the health of citizens, particularly children, while providing economic opportunities. Specifically, the project aims to improve the level of information available on flows of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) and electrical and electronic waste (e-waste) imported into West African countries; assess the baseline situation in terms of amounts of EEE imports, EEE in use and e-waste in partner countries, as well as environmental impacts of the e-waste sector; study the social-economic aspects of the increasing volumes of used EEE and e-waste; and strengthen national capacities to monitor and control transboundary movements of e-waste and to prevent illegal traffic.

Under this latter activity the European Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) and the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre (BCCC) in Nigeria are to set up an active and practical network of entities involved in the enforcement of the legal framework pertaining to the control of transboundary movements of e-waste from Europe to Benin, Nigeria, Egypt, Ghana, and Tunisia as well as other countries by making use of already existing structures and platforms, linking and expanding them. The purpose is to establish and strengthen institutional links between regulatory and enforcement authorities in exporting and importing countries in Europe and in Africa respectively.

The network brings together, as members of the network, representatives of Parties to the Basel Convention from the EU and from Africa (initially Benin, Nigeria, Egypt and Ghana). IMPEL and the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for the African Region in Nigeria (BCCC) will initially serve as Secretariat to the network. The Secretariat would provide technical, policy and legal advice, when needed, training materials, and overall oversight of the network.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:**

- Exchange of information and mutual support to monitor and tackle the illegal transboundary movements of hazardous and others waste, with an initial focus on e-waste. Activities would involve exchanging information on verification requests; alerts; and trends and open alerts;
- Organizing of exchange of inspectors to ensure the implementation of Article 9 of the Convention, for instance the return of illegal shipments of waste and to facilitate cooperation between the network members for transboundary movements of e-waste from countries in Africa to developed countries as well as between countries within Africa for environmentally sound management of hazardous components in situations no sufficient capacities exist in the country of import;
- Organizing physical and online meetings for the members of the network to inform on progress and needs and agree on activities of the network;
- Carrying out physical and online trainings based on available training materials such as the Basel Convention Training Manual on Illegal Traffic, E-waste Inspection and Enforcement Manual and other materials;
- Undertaking joint enforcement actions

**RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- An active and practical network of authorities involved in the prevention and combating of illegal transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes between European and African countries;
- Strengthened cooperation between enforcement authorities in exporting States in Europe and importing States in Africa; and
- Improved implementation and enforcement of the Basel Convention provisions pertaining to preventing and combating illegal traffic of hazardous wastes, in particular e-waste.

**BUDGET [USD] FOR 2012-2013 (phase I)**

<i>BUDGET COMPONENT</i>	
<i>1. Consultants and experts</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>2. Coordination and organization</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>3. Miscellaneous</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>30,000</b>

**BUDGET [USD] FOR 2013 (phase II)**

<i>BUDGET COMPONENT</i>	
<i>1. Meetings and training activities</i>	<i>120,000</i>
<i>2. Consultants and experts</i>	<i>40,000</i>
<i>3. Updating tools and training materials / translation</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>4. Coordination and organization</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>5. Secretariat travel</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>6. Miscellaneous</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)</b>	<b>330,000</b>
<b>Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Canada, EC, Norway, NVMP, UK, Various Private Enterprises</b>	<b>356,034</b>