

<b>Convention: BC</b>	<b>Broadening the Scope of the NGO lead Regional Platform on E-Waste from Computers in Latin America and the Caribbean (RELAC)</b>	
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>		
<b>Work programme activity #: 27</b>		
COP-decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BC-10/23: Capacity-building for the implementation of the Basel Convention</li> </ul>		
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>		
<p>A Regional Platform on E-Waste from Computers in Latin America and the Caribbean (RELAC) was initiated to promote initiatives in the Latin America and Caribbean region looking for solutions to prevent the development of e-waste, and to manage and finally dispose of end-of-life computing equipment in an environmentally sound manner. As a result of a Latin American public-private round table, guidelines for the management of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in the region were developed in 2011. It has been necessary to reconcile approaches and proposals to be able to respond to the need for definitions regarding a number of key concepts, fundamental elements of a WEEE management system, protocol for handling WEEE during its life cycle and a proposed harmonized regional framework. This document was prepared in the context of the Regional Project on Harmonization of Electronic Waste Management in Latin America, implemented by the RELAC with support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).</p> <p>Four public-interest NGOs in the region will take up the management of RELAC: SUR in Chile, IPES in Peru, CNPMLTA in Colombia, and ACEPESA in Costa Rica. Organization of this broader network is under development. The network is to be strengthened to work independently, but in close cooperation and with support from the BCRC Argentina and other BCRCs in the LAC region.</p> <p>The project is to be implemented by the BCRC Argentina.</p>		
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize a coordination meeting with representatives of the four NGOs and BCRC Argentina.</li> <li>Setting up internet network for continuous linkage of the four NGOs to run jointly the RELAC platform.</li> <li>Update and expand the RELAC website and discussion form.</li> </ul>		
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The network of four NGOs jointly managing RELAC in the LAC region is strengthened.</li> <li>Broadened impact of the e-waste work in the region.</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET [USD] FOR 2012</b>		
<i>BUDGET COMPONENT</i>		
1. Consultancy to set up the internet network, update and expand the RELAC website and discussion form.		22,000
2. Organize a coordination meeting with representatives of the four NGOs and BCRC Argentina		8,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>30,000</b>
<b>COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)</b>		<b>60,000</b>