

Convention: *BC*

**Second global workshop on the facilitation of the entry into force of the Ban Amendment, San Salvador, El Salvador, 12-13 February 2013**

**LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:**

**Work programme activity #: 9, 18, 33**

COP Decisions:

- BC-10/2: Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012-2021
- BC-10/3: Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted a decision on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention (decision BC-10/3). Section A of this decision addresses the entry into force of the Ban Amendment.

The Ban Amendment provides for the prohibition by each Party included in Annex VII of the Basel Convention (Parties and other States which are members of the OECD, EC, Liechtenstein) of all transboundary movements to States not included in Annex VII of hazardous wastes covered by the Convention that are intended for final disposal, and of all transboundary movements to States not included in Annex VII of hazardous wastes covered by paragraph 1 (a) of Article 1 of the Convention that are destined for reuse, recycling or recovery operations.

Decision BC-10/3 invites Parties to continue to take concrete actions towards encouraging and assisting Parties to ratify the Ban Amendment, including specific actions, such as the Nordic Initiative, to assist Parties facing legal and technical difficulties in ratifying the Ban Amendment and regional meetings.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:**

Workshop objectives

- Providing relevant information to those Parties to the Convention that have not yet ratified, accepted, acceded to or approved the Ban Amendment and that were Parties to the Convention at the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP3) which could facilitate entry into force of the Ban Amendment;
- Facilitating information exchange between Parties to the Convention that have not ratified, accepted, acceded to or approved the Ban Amendment and between these Parties and the Parties that have ratified it.

Target Audience

The target audience would include the decision-makers and the Focal Points of the Basel Convention from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Maldives, Peru, and St. Kitts and Nevis. Consideration will be also given to the participation of other developing countries interested in the subject which have not yet ratified the Ban Amendment. It is expected that 20 funded participants will participate in the workshop.

The decision-makers and Focal Points of the Basel Convention from Parties that have already ratified the Ban Amendment (developed and developing countries) would also be welcomed at the workshop at their own cost.

The working languages of the workshop in Senegal would be Spanish/English.

Tentative timing and venue

The workshop is tentatively scheduled to take place in San Salvador, El Salvador from 12 to 13 February 2013.

The workshop will be organized with support from the Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Central America Sub-region including Mexico in El Salvador (BCRC-El Salvador).

**RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- Increased awareness on the Ban Amendment implications at the national level.
- Sharing of experience and lessons learned on the ratification process among Parties
- Parties are supported in implementing decision BC-10/3, including facilitating entry into force of the Ban Amendment.
- Clear understanding of barriers linked to ratification and identification of possible solutions.
- Identification of elements of National Roadmaps towards the ratification of the Ban Amendment.

**BUDGET [USD]**

<i>Training activities (air tickets, DSAs, meeting resource persons, facilities, equipment, interpretation, translation of documents, etc.)</i>	<i>60,000</i>
<i>Secretariat Travel</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>70,000</b>
<b>APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
<b>Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Switzerland</b>	<b>30,000</b>

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