

The Report on Status of Actions Taken on the Implementation of the 2019-2020 Business Plan

Topic	Activities	Update
Strategic Issues		
A. Strategic framework	Review of the Waigani Convention	Review of the Waigani Convention was completed and a final report submitted to the Secretariat for consideration by Parties at COP 11.
B. Financial mechanism for the implementation of the Waigani Convention	Put in place a financial mechanism for the implementation of the Waigani Convention	No work has been done on this issue
Scientific and technical matters		
A. Funding on the ground improvements	1. Management of mercury and mercury containing materials	Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue, Palau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are currently implementing the Pacific MIA Project to develop Minamata Initial Assessment reports as required by the Minamata Convention on mercury. SPREP has secured funding to assist countries remove mercury wastes under the ISLANDS Pacific Child Project (ISLANDS)
	2. E-waste management	PacWastePlus is working with Samoa and Niue to design and establish e-waste recovery systems for these nations. Both countries are currently working with PacWaste Plus on the design of their projects. Cook Islands, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu have confirmed e-waste management as their priority during consultations with the ISLANDS Project. The GEF has approved these projects and preparations are now underway to design and implement them.
	3. Medical waste management	PacWastePlus has dedicated funds to provide assistance to the repair / maintenance of select incinerators in Kiribati, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu. Additionally, the European Union has been petitioned to release further funds to assist with incinerator repairs in Timor-Leste and Kiribati (Kiritimati Island). PacWastePlus is leading efforts to establish and Incinerator Maintenance Facility in the Pacific with the ISLANDS Project confirming initial support. Several meetings have been held with various other donors and partners.
	4. Management of asbestos and asbestos containing materials	PacWastePlus has completed the development of a Policy Note and associated products to assist countries to implement a ban in the importation of Asbestos Containing materials. PacWastePlus is also completing work on a template "Code of Practice" that will assist countries to manage impacts for legacy asbestos. PacWastePlus is also planning abatement work in Niue, Tonga, Kiribati, and Nauru.
	5. Used oil management	Samoa has confirmed a used oil management system as a priority under the SWAP Project while the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) have confirmed the same under the ISLANDS Project. A baseline study for used oil

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		in FSM was conducted in 2020 under the PPG phase of ISLANDS.
	6. Management of persistent organic pollutants	About 12 tonnes of DDT and 600,000L of PCB contaminated transformer oils in PNG were secured in late 2019 to be removed under the ISLANDS Project
B. National hazardous waste management plans	Develop national hazardous waste management plans as part of the obligations of the parties under Article 4(e) of the Convention	Negotiations for the funding of national hazardous waste management plans under the ISLANDS Project were successfully undertaken in 2020. The 11 PIC Parties to the Waigani Convention will be assisted as the project commences in 2021.
C. National reporting	Training of Customs officers in PIC parties on the matter of record keeping	Plans and preparations are currently underway by SPREP to conduct training for customs officers under the ACP MEAS 3 Project. SPREP and BRS are also planning training for Customs and other stakeholders on illegal trafficking of waste and reporting in September 2021.
D. Technical guidelines	Review and update of technical guidelines	Negotiations are still ongoing with donors to review and update outdated regional technical guidelines on asbestos, medical waste and e-waste. Other priority waste streams to be also considered if funding allows.
Legal, governance and enforcement matters		
A. Legislative reviews	Legislative assessment of Countries capacity to implement waste management actions	PacWastePlus with funding support from the POLP project has undertaken an assessment of the legislative environment governing waste management in 14 Pacific Island Countries. Reports are available from the SPREP website
B. Upskilling of Customs Officers on the procedures and requirements of the Waigani Convention	Training of Customs Officers	2 requests received for Customs Officers training and preparations made in 2019 but disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic.
Regional and international cooperation and coordination		
Waigani Convention partnership program	Undertake work to review the MOU between the Pacific Regional Centre/SPREP and the BCRC China/Tsinghua University and update the MOU	The MOU between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC) and SPREP has been cleared as valid. No action has happened on reviewing the MOU with Tsinghua University