



## Regional training workshops on PCBs and POPs wastes

### Programme

#### Background

At the third and fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, in its decisions SC-3/7 and SC-4/8 respectively, the Parties requested the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, to undertake training and other capacity building activities to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition in implementing the Basel Convention technical guidelines on POPs waste.

In response to this request, the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention has developed an electronic training tool on the POPs wastes guidelines. The training tool provides information on the technical guidelines on POPs wastes in a simple and interactive manner.

To further provide support to Parties on the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of PCBs and POPs waste a series of regional workshops have been designed. The workshops will be implemented in conjunction with other technical assistance workshops and will closely involve partners, such as the Stockholm Convention Regional Centres and nominated Regional Centres, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and the United Nations Development Programme.

#### Objectives:

The objectives of the workshops are as follows:

- Improved capacity of participants on the concepts, principles and standards for the ESM of POPs wastes as presented in the Basel Convention POPs waste guidelines;
- Experience and improved knowledge of the participants on practical aspects of the ESM of POPs wastes;
- Participants identify national and/or regional priorities based on National Implementation Plans (NIPs) and develop conceptual proposals to be considered for development as project proposals for submission to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for funding;
- Awareness of participants is increased on the interactive training tool on POPs wastes, the guidelines on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practice, the PCBs Elimination Network, as well as on other Secretariat activities related to POPs wastes.

#### Outputs:

- At least 20 POPs waste related personnel from each region are familiar with the Basel Convention technical guidelines on POPs wastes and the ESM of PCBs and POPs wastes;
- A practical training session at POPs wastes and PCBs sites provides the participants with concrete knowledge on the practical aspects of the ESM of POPs wastes;
- Participants are trained on the development of project proposals and establish concepts for projects based on a review of the National Implementation Plans (NIPs);
- Participants are equipped with training tools and updated on relevant developments under the Stockholm Convention, especially activities related to POPs wastes.

**Target group:**

The training workshops will target trainers and national experts on the ESM of PCBs and POPs wastes. These persons should have technical background related to POPs waste and their disposal and be in a position to deliberate on behalf of their relevant Ministries or institutions.

**Structure:**

The outline of the four-day workshops is as follows:

Day 1: Opening remarks, introduction to the ESM of PCBs and POPs wastes, country presentations.

Day 2: Training on the ESM of PCBs and POPs wastes.

Day 3: Practical training at an appropriate POPs waste site.

Day 4: Development of concept proposals on disposal of POPs wastes and recommendations.

**Timing and venue:**

Up to seven workshops will take place between 2009 and 2010 in the following sub-regions: The Caribbean, Latin America, Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa, Northern Africa and Western Asia, Eastern Europe, South Asia.

The regional workshops will be organized primarily through the Stockholm Convention Regional Centres and nominated Regional Centres.

**Costs to be funded:**

Flight costs and Daily Subsistence Allowance for UN eligible participants will be available through the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention.

**Resources:**

- Basel Convention Guidelines on the ESM of POPs wastes;
- POPs waste training tool developed by the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention;
- Training manuals developed by the Basel Convention on Destruction and Decontamination Technologies for PCBs and Other POPs Wastes;
- An expert consultant on PCBs will support the practical training exercise.

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