

Scope of Session 3

Current Practices of Recycling and Treatment of Hazardous Wastes and Mapping of ESM Facilities in Asia

The Secretariat of the Asian Network

Background

- During the last 2010 workshop, it was agreed that the information to be collected on the existing ESM facility in Asia as it helps understanding the status of ESM in the region.
- It is considered to be valuable to collect relevant information on the existing criteria or guidelines which define or authorize such ESM facilities in both Asian countries and other region in addition to collecting on the ESM facility development.
- It would be practically useful to share the information about the ESM facility and the defining criteria for effective prior informed consent procedure under the Basel Convention as it helps to understand and identify the hazardous wastes recycling or treating facility that can ensure the ESM of hazardous wastes.

Background

- Regarding the ESM facilities, industries like computing equipments OEM, brand owners also have own criteria and view to chose, evaluate and monitor ESM facilities for their used products which taken back from the customers. Therefore, industry's perspective is also useful to know to identify the ESM facilities.
- It is also useful to share such information among the participating countries and the relevant information on the similar practices in other region than Asia.
- COP 10 also made the decision on more systematic and comprehensive effort is necessary to ensure ESM of wastes by improving the guidance on ESM and promoting other measures as mentioned in the Session 2 above like strengthening the capacity of BCRC, providing the legal clarification on the terms relevant to the effective implementation of the Basel Convention.

Discussion *(but not limited to)*

- What does your country define ESM in general or what criteria or requirement your country or Asian region can apply to define or authorize the ESM facility?
- What is the current status of development of ESM facilities in your country?
- What facilities are located in Asia by each waste category?
- What ESM facility criteria and ESM guideline can be possibly introduced in Asia?
- What can be the possible components of ESM guideline?
 - occupational health and safety requirement, monitoring/record/reporting
 - adequate competency of staffs, etc.

Discussion *(but not limited to)*

- How can the ESM facility information and information on good practices related to promoting ESM be utilized for effective implementation of the Basel Convention?
- What can be shared or learned from the practices for ensuring ESM at hazardous waste recycling and treating facility level in other region as well as the practices conducted by the industry?
- What is the expected effect of ESM facility criteria and ESM guideline for Asian countries?
- What are the practical measures to ensure ESM in addition to ESM criteria and guideline?

Expected Goals

Through the discussion, participants are expected to:

- To acquire an overall understanding on ESM facility and the authoring criteria or requirement for such facility in Asia.
- To have a common understanding on the possible image of the ESM facility criteria and ESM guideline to ensure environmentally sound management of the hazardous waste which can possibly introduced in Asia.
- To understand the practical and appropriate measures for strengthening the capacity of BCRC, providing the legal clarification on the terms relevant to the effective implementation of the Basel Convention.

Thank you