



# Joint Programme between the Asian NT and Project REN

## Session 1

### ***Collaboration among Regional Networks***

The Secretariat of the Asian Network

# Underlying Assumptions

- Building on the networks of the regional project, “*Regional cooperation for monitoring and control of ODS consumption and preventing illegal trade*”, established in 2001, the regional enforcement network in Asia is active since 2007 covering substances and goods that are controlled by four chemicals and waste MEAs, i.e. Montreal Protocol, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, and Stockholm Convention. The Multilateral Environmental Agreements Regional Enforcement Network (MEA-REN) project was concluded in May 2011.
- IMPEL-TFS and Asian Network have been in contact with one another since 2007 and representatives of each networks participated in the respective workshops and conferences. As the result useful information has been shared, and some difficulties are also identified during the activities

# Underlying Assumptions

- The partners believe that project oriented collaboration can be initiated among the networks since it enhances the cooperation for promoting better implementation of combating illegal trade of the hazardous wastes.
- IMPEL-TFS proposes strengthening the cooperation among the enforcement networks through developing the guidance for verifying destined facilities in exporting country and for promoting practical information dissemination about Competent Authority.
- COP 10 decided in its BC10/11 to include a activity of illegal traffic and requested the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance to draft terms of reference for the cooperative arrangements on preventing and combating illegal traffic among the existing networks, such as the INECE, IMPEL-TFS, Asian Network, Project REN, and partners of the Green Customs Initiative.

# Underlying Assumptions

- Project REN has proposed to implement itself through collaborative actions among the existing enforcement networks and partners in the region, in its goal to make the regional enforcement networking sustainable and semi-permanent.
- It is also valuable to utilize the existing platform and tools Asian Network and IMPEL-TFS have already developed and coordinated action can be effective.

# Presentation in Session 1

Title	Presenters
Project REN workplan and M&E 2015 Goal, objectives and expected impact	UNEP/REN Steering Group
Joint initiatives on preventing and combating illegal traffic	Secretariat of the Basel Convention
Introduction of network and idea of collaboration	Asian Network IMPEL-TFS INECE-SESN Green Customs

# Discussion

- What kind of collaboration can be done?
- What are the challenges to 'building on' the existing networks and collaboration?
- How can networks become sustainable?
- What sort of activity can be possibly initiated among the networks?



# Expected Goals

Through the discussion, participants are expected to:

- Understand the recent activities which conducted under the regional networks.
- Identify the collaborative project oriented activities relating the combating to illegal tranboundary movement of the hazardous wastes (but not to limited to) and specific step wise actions

**Have a good discussion!!**