

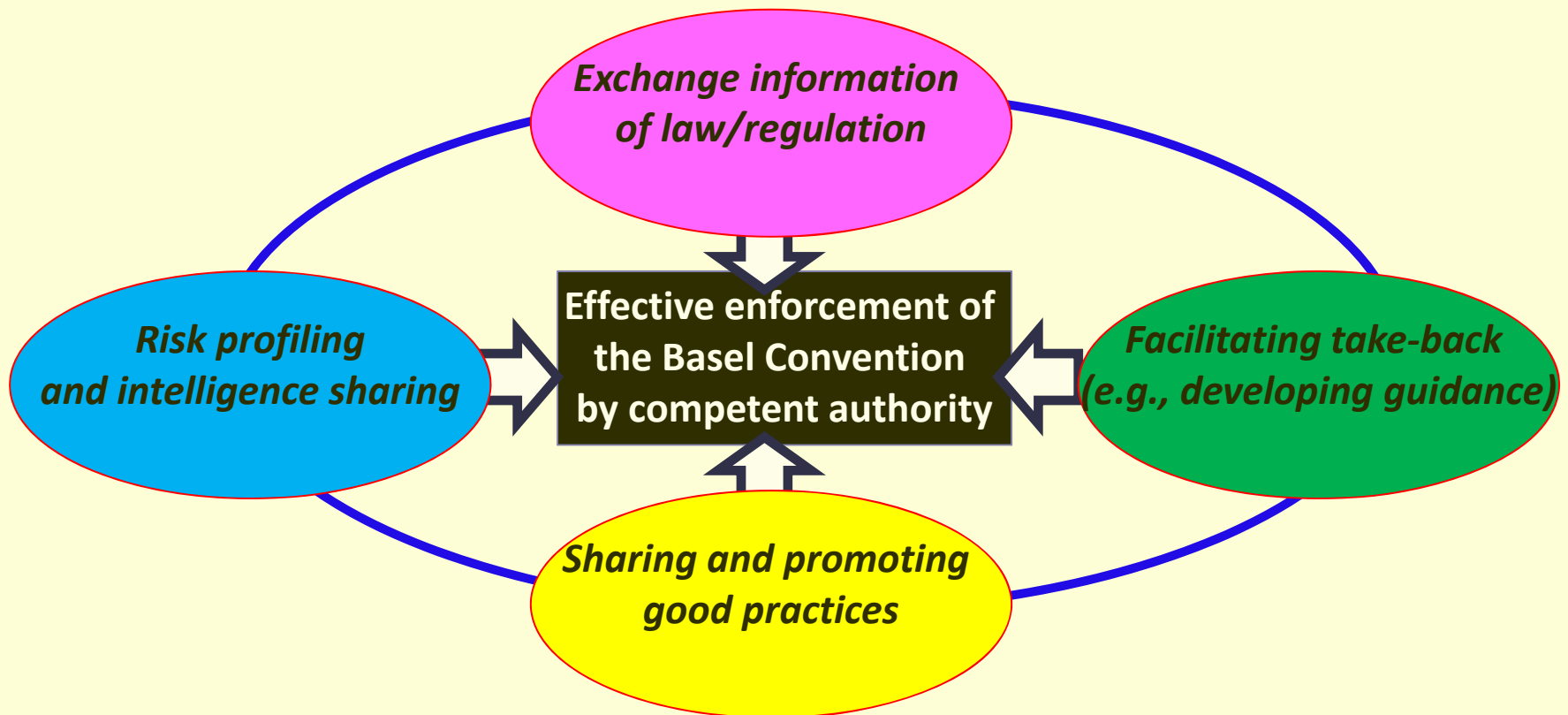
Introduction of Agenda and Objective of the Workshop



The Secretariat of the Asian Network
The Secretariat of REN

Background Information

- ***Discussion at the past Asian Network workshops***
- ***The Asian Network is informal information exchange platform between Competent Authorities of the Basel Convention. Through the discussion of a series of workshops, the following areas has been identified as key for strengthening border control activity***



Background Information

- ***Built on the success of MEA-REN, Regional Enforcement Network for Chemicals and Waste***
- ***- launched in February 2012. It aims to combat illegal transboundary movements of harmful substances and hazardous waste in Asia.***
- ***- Key activities:***

Technical assistance & capacity building training

Information/intelligence sharing Regionalization enforcement tools

Facilitation/support of joint enforcement operations

Networking and awareness raising

Combating illegal traffic through building the capacity of customs

Background Information

History of collaboration between AN, REN and other enforcement Networks

Asian Network

Launched in 2003

IMPEL-TFS
(since 2007)

INECE-SESN
(since 2010)

*AN-INECE back-
to-back workshop
in 2011

MEA-REN

2007-2011

Project REN

2011-2013

1st AN-REN joint workshop in 2012

2nd AN-REN joint workshop in 2013

*AN workshop in 2010 (Yokohama, Japan) invited customs in Asian countries, WCO, RILO, Interpol, and UENP/ROAP

Review of AN-REN joint workshops in 2012

- *The 1st AN-REN joint workshop (on 21 November 2012, Cebu, the Philippines) was organized to enhance collaborations among two networks.*

Agenda

- *Collaboration among Regional Networks*
- *Tackling Illegal Trafficking through Effective Enforcement Responses*
- *Technical Assistance on Implementing Take-Back*

- ◆ *The workshop was attended by 80 participants (competent authorities, Customs, BCRC, the relevant intergovernmental organizations and research institute)*





Review of AN-REN Joint Workshop 2012


Session 1: Collaboration among Regional Networks

- *Exchanged activities conducted in each enforcement network and exchange view on possible collaboration among networks.*
- *Discussed role of key players facilitating collaborations (e.g., BCRCs, academia, etc.)*
- *Considered possible way to coordinate network activities (e.g., creation of common website, etc.)*

Session 2: Tackling Illegal Trafficking through Effective Enforcement Responses

- *Discussed the approach for tackling illegal trafficking.*
- *Learned the importance on actively involving judges and prosecutors is critical for effective enforcement.*

Session 3: Technical Assistance on Implementing Take-Back

- *Exchanged specific experiences of take-back and discussed difficulties on implementing take-back.*
 - *Discussed possible inter-regional collaboration between Asia and EU for addressing take-back issues.*
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The Agenda of AN-REN Joint Workshop 2013

Session 1

Updates on international and regional border control of TBM of wastes

Objective: To exchange the recent activities for border control and to consider possible measures for strengthening front-line activities

Session 2

Border control in collaboration with national authorities

Objective: To enhance understanding the importance of collaboration between national competent authority and customs for enforcement activities

Session 3

Combating illegal traffic and take-back

Objective: To identify difficulties faced by the enforcement officers for tackling illegal traffic and take-back issue and elaborate possible regional approaches

Overall Workshop Goal

Better understanding of the recent activities of various players involved in TBM control and enhancing collaboration among them



Have a good discussion !

