

Report of ENFORCE Meeting

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Background

- **The Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE) was established by the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC-11/8).**
- The mission of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE) is through a network of relevant experts, to promote parties' compliance with the provisions of the Basel Convention on the Control of TBM of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal pertaining to preventing and combating illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes through the better implementation and enforcement of national law.
- The Network aims to bring together existing resources and enhancing and improving cooperation and coordination between relevant entities with a specific mandate to deliver capacity-building activities and tools on preventing and combating illegal traffic.

Members of ENFORCE

I. Parties

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| 1. From African States: | Dany Mpolesha Kankonda (Democratic Republic of the Congo) |
| 2. From Asia-Pacific States: | Mr. Abbas Torabi (Islamic Republic of Iran) |
| 3. From Central and Eastern European States: | Ms. Gordana Vesligaj (Croatia) |
| 4. From Latin American and Caribbean States: | Mr. Luis Espinosa Salas (Ecuador) |
| 5. From Western European and other States: | Mr. Helge Ziolkowski (Sweden) |

II. BCRCs

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| 1. From the African region: | BCRC Senegal |
| 2. From the Asia-Pacific region: | BCRC South Pacific Regional Centre (SREP) in Samoa |
| 3. From the Central and Eastern European region: | BCRC Slovakia |
| 4. From the Latin American and Caribbean region: | BCRC Argentina |

Members of ENFORCE

III. Organizations

- Asian Network
- IMPEL-TFS
- INECE-SESN
- UNEP
- Regional Enforcement Network (REN)
- Latin America Network of Prosecutors
- Basel Action Network (BAN)
- BAN Toxics

III. Observers

- World Customs Organization (WCO) • INTERPOL

IV. Ex-officio:

- Chair of the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)

■ Request for additional members

Latin America Network of Prosecutors, UNEP GRID Arendal and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

2nd Meeting

- It is a network under the Basel Convention which is established by decision BC-12/14: the Secretariat of the Basel Convention was requested, subject to the availability of resources, to organize annual meetings of the ENFORCE network.
 - The first meeting of ENFORCE is Bangkok on November 2013
 - The second meeting of ENFORCE was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil on May 3 -5 May 2016.
 - There are four teleconference done between the face to face meeting
- Second meeting objectives: exchange information on activities and identify activities that would benefit from being coordinated or jointly planned and implemented, and to deliberate on the modalities for the operation of the network including election of new chair and co-chair and accepting additional member

Roadmap of activities

- Members discussed draft elements and agreed on the updated ENFORCE roadmap and timetable as shown in table below (as Annex I of document UNEP/CHW/ENFORCE. 2/5) :

ANNEX I:

Roadmap and timetable

| Activities, responsibility | May-Jun 2016 | Jul-Sep 2016 | Oct-Dec 2016 | Jan-Mar 2017 | Apr-Jun 2017 | Jul-Sep 2017 | Oct-Dec 2017 |
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| Meetings | | | | | | | |
| Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention | | | | | 23 Apr – 5 May: COP 13 | | |
| ENFORCE face-to-face meetings | 30 May-2 June: Informal meeting during OEWG10 | | 31 Oct – 3 Nov Regional Centres meeting | | 23 Apr – 5 May: Informal meeting during COP 13 | | Oct (tbc): 3 rd meeting |
| ENFORCE electronic meetings | | Mid August (discuss fund raising for website) | Oct (discuss pre- session document for submission to COP13) | Feb (discuss progress report for submission to COP13 as INF document) | | Jul (discuss outcome of COP 13 and preparation of 3 rd meeting) | |
| Priority activity | | | | | | | |
| Independent website to be further developed: Need for fund raising of co-funding to yearly pledged support from the Netherlands to cover a person to update the website (all members) | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Contact donors to raise funds for the website maintenance (Secretariat) | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Further explore link of the independent website to the CHM (Secretariat) | X | X | X | X | | | |

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| Provide list of potential donors in regions to members and draft a request letter for use by members for fund raising in the regions (Secretariat) | X | | | | | | |
| Promote current website by raising visibility of activities of members: Provide information from home countries and regions, including tools, materials, dates of workshops (all members) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Include information on newly developed relevant Technical Guidelines from Basel Convention (Secretariat) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Send reminders to members to provide information on newly developed tools and materials to members, including case studies (Secretariat), every 3 months | X | | X | | X | | X |
| Present website to ICC 12 meeting and COP 13 (ENFORCE chair) | X | | | | X | | |
| Indicate strong interest of members to continue with ENFORCE activities including running the website and present request for support to parties (all members) | | | | | X | | |
| Explore possibility for in-kind web space and/or server space for hosting the ENFORCE external website (members, BCRs) | X | X | | | | | |

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| Develop a presentation on ENFORCE for outreach (chair, Secretariat), Include repository for presentations (all members) | X | | | | | | |
| Include website into project proposals | X | | | | | | |
| Develop proposals for support of regional networks with technical expertise of members (Latin America Network, WANECE, Central African region, Pacific region)(members from respective regions) | X | 4 July (deadline for proposals to Special Programme) | | | | | |
| Supporting activities | | | | | | | |
| IMPEL-TFS meeting in Frankfurt, Germany to include presentation of ENFORCE (member) | June | | | | | | |
| Latin America Network meeting in Brazil to include ENFORCE issues (1 day workshop on ENFORCE)(member) | | | November | | | | |
| Asian Network meeting to include agenda item of ENFORCE (member) | | 5 September | | | | | |
| Regional representatives to identify meetings in regions that could include 1 day on ENFORCE (member) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| African meeting on CIEN, workshop train-the-trainers, experts from ENFORCE as | | June-July | | | | | |

| presenters (member) | | | | | | | |
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| EU coordination meeting, inform meeting on ENFORCE (member) | 18 May | | | | | | |
| Steering group for GEF project in SPREP to introduce ENFORCE issue (member) | | | October | | | | |
| Progress report to COP 13 (chair) | | | | | 23 Apr – 5 May: COP 13 | | |
| Hold webinars on ENFORCE topics, illegal traffic case (experts, to be identified by members) | | | November (English and Spanish) | | | | |
| Discuss special questions through electronic fora (platform, what's up)(sub-group of members as need arises) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Report back on use of electronic fora ENFORCE teleconferences and to 3 rd meeting (members) | | X | X | X | | X | X |
| Publication of ENFORCE with experience, Newsletter linked to website or broadened website information (to be considered at the 3 rd meeting) | | | | | | | X |
| Monitoring and indicators development (to be discussed at 3 rd meeting) | | | | | | | X |

Information exchange : website

- The scenarios for an ENFORCE website which include the Clearing House Mechanism for Information Exchange (CHM) of the Basel Convention website and the newly developed external website, or using existing external websites → could play in addressing to provide scientific inputs for the various processes under the conventions (inadequate capacity of developing countries)
- This strategy is proposed to be used to further develop the CHM during the biennia 2017-2018 and 2019-2020
- The current status of the website developed with financial support from the Netherlands.

Information Exchange : Provided by participants and secretariat

- Members provided information on ENFORCE-related activities implemented and planned in their countries and regions.
- Presentations were provided on illegal trade issues in Croatia, Ecuador, Iran, Sweden, the Pacific region, the francophone African region, the Central and Eastern European region, and by the Asian Network, the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL), the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE).
- Information on technical assistance activities of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions related to preventing and combating illegal traffic was provided by the Secretariat (document ENFORCE.2/INF/7). The Secretariat introduced some information on the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee.

Discussions

- Criteria, conditions and process for posting information on the website are still to be developed by the ENFORCE members.
- Financial resources

Members discussed the financial resources available to the ENFORCE and related activities. The Secretariat provided information on the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

<http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme>

- Encourages members of ENFORCE to continue collaborating by exchanging experiences, providing relevant information and undertaking capacity-building activities to prevent and combat illegal traffic

Results

- ENFORCE members elected Ms. Leila Devia, Basel Convention Regional Centre in Argentina as chair and Ms. Viera Spalkova, Basel Convention Regional Centre in Slovakia as vice-chair of ENFORCE.
- A request from the Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Nigeria for support of the West African Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (WANECE) was introduced through the regional representative of the African region and the BCRC Senegal to the ENFORCE members for consideration (document ENFORCE.2/INF/8)
- It was agreed to include in the roadmap to provide technical expertise of ENFORCE members to the development of proposals for support of regional networks. It was mentioned that the IMPEL website provides information on key aspects for developing networks (<http://www.impel.eu/tools/>).

Informal meeting during OEWG10 in Nairobi

- Further strengthen outreach activities to increase the visibility of ENFORCE and lobby for ENFORCE website funding. A draft request letter as discussed in Sao Paulo will be drafted by the Secretariat.
- ENFORCE should compile cases where network members support activities or proposal development for Parties in the regions related to enforcement. Possible examples:
 - 1) Asia/Pacific : Link ENFORCE regional representative with ICC member from the region to facilitate information exchange and cooperation, as needed, between legal entities and/or country representatives in COPs and OEWG, and enforcement officers linked to ENFORCE through regional enforcement networks.
 - ENFORCE chair to be invited to ICC meetings as ex-officio member (similar to ICC chair participating in ENFORCE meetings as ex-officio member)
 - ICC is launching work plans for Parties which are in non-compliance and ENFORCE members provide technical support related to enforcement as relevant.

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- 2) Latin America : National project proposals on enforcement in Argentina and Brazil for submission to the Special Programme to include knowledge management and regional information exchange component based on ENFORCE network to assist national activities, and contribute some funding for ENFORCE website maintenance.
- 3) Africa: Support Nigeria in developing a project proposal on WANECE for submission to the Special Programme with expertise from ENFORCE members.

Next Meeting

The members agreed to hold the next face-to-face meeting in Bratislava in October 2017, subject to the availability of resources, with support from the BCRC Slovakia.

Members also agreed to continue their practice of holding informal consultations through teleconference.

Thank you
Terima kasih