

Review of the Asian Network Activities and Objectives of the Workshop 2018

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The Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes

Host/Secretariat	Ministry of the Environment, Japan
Date of establishment	8 December 2004
Legal basis	TOR (Terms of Reference)
Objectives	Information exchange
Legal nature	Informal network
Membership	No membership: Asian countries and partner organizations
Observers	Invited experts only
Geographical scope	Asia Pacific region
Source of funding	Ministry of the Environment, Japan

The Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes

Objectives

- Share common understanding on prevention of illegal TBM of HW
- Exchange information of legal framework, statistical data, cases, etc
- Maintain close relationship among CA/FP by face to face meeting

Participated Countries In the past workshop

Australia	Lao PDR
Brunei Darussalam	Malaysia
Cambodia	Myanmar
China and Hong Kong	Philippines
Indonesia	Singapore
Japan	Thailand
Korea (Rep.)	Vietnam

The Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes

2004	Tokyo
2005	Tokyo
2007	Beijing
2008	Tokyo
2009	Kuala Lumpur
2010	Yokohama
2010	Siem Reap
2011	Shenzhen
2012	Cebu
2013	Bangkok
2014	Okayama
2015	Singapore
2016	Semarang
2017	Hanoi

Update on Legal Framework

- TOR of the Asian Network
- Trends of TBM
- Definition of waste/non-waste
- Criteria for new/secondhand/waste
- TBM of HW in Asia
- Frontline enforcement activities
- Takeback issues/ESM standard
- COP10/ESM
- Takeback/collaboration
- Inter-regional collaboration/ESM
- National regulations and border control
- E-waste guidelines and takeback issues
- Case studies on takeback
- Waste specific discussion (E-waste, ULAB, mercury waste) and EPR



Dec 7-8 2004, Tokyo, Japan



Nov 29-Dec 1 2011, Shenzhen, China



Nov 28-30 2017, Hanoi, Vietnam

Nature of the Network

Participation in the Network is voluntary and participating countries will review the TOR as needed.

Purpose

- (1) Sharing information and creating a common understanding on the status of illegal TBM
- (2) Assisting country authority to take national actions to control illegal TBM
- (3) Contributing a development of a common approach for prevention of illegal TBM

Activities

- (1) Collecting and disseminating information
- (2) Providing a forum for facilitating day-to-day information exchange and dialogue among countries
- (3) Supplying the information accumulated in the Network for capacity building activities
- (4) Organizing workshops, seminars, etc.
- (5) Developing and operating an internet website

Geographical coverage

- Initially 10 countries and 1 special administrative region participated in the network
- The Network welcomes the participation of the Parties to the Basel Convention in North-east and South-east Asia.

Participating countries

Each country shall designate a national contact point for the Network. Expected functions of the contact point include:

- Furnishing the network with the relevant information
- Establishing collaboration with customs and port authorities
- Advising the Network Secretariat on the operation of the Network

BCRCs

Active and continued participation of BCRC-China and BCRC-SEA is crucially important for the development of the Network.

Secretariat

- During the inaugural phase, the Network development activities will be primarily conducted and coordinated by MOEJ .
- The Government of Japan has the responsibility to report on the Network activities to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention.
- However, once the Network has been successfully established, the secretariat function is expected to transfer to BCRC(s) in the region.

Finance

- During the inaugural phase, the Network activities will be primarily financed by MOEJ.
- As for the subsequent arrangement once Network has been successfully established, the BCRC(s) in the region is(are) expected to manage activities with funding from the Basel Secretariat, which is one option and should be discussed among the concerned parties.

Website

- In 2004, Asian Network website was developed as a tool for promoting information exchange and dissemination.
- The website contains information relevant to implementation of the Basel Convention in the region including;
 - Regulation and policy
 - Workshop documents
 - Information on Import/export procedure
 - TBM statistical data, etc.
- The website is now being renewed and will be completed by the end of March.

http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/index.html

Objectives of the Workshop 2018

Overall workshop goal is to understand the recent activities of various players involved in control of TBM and promoting ESM, and to enhance collaboration among them.

Session 1: Updates of National Policies and Implementation Status of the Basel Convention: with a focus on the TBM/ESM of plastic Facilitators: Mr. Ridwan Tamin, BCRC-SEA and Ms. Juliette Kohler, BRS Secretariat

Objective: To share the latest information on policies, rules and regulations and Information related to plastic wastes, marine plastic litters and microplastics.

Keynote lecture: Smelting technology in Japan

Speaker: Prof. Nakamura Tohoku University

Session 2: Trend of global TBM of recyclable wastes

Facilitators: Mr. Michikazu Kojima, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Objective: To exchange information concerning recent trend of the TBM of recyclable wastes in Asia, particularly impact of recent import regulation by China.

Session 3: Technologies, policies and practices to promote ESM in Asia and link with TBM

Facilitators: Dr. Shunsuke Kudo, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

Objective: To share technologies, policies and practices necessary for ESM and learned ongoing efforts made by Governments or industries.

Participants of the Workshop 2018

Country representatives

11 countries and 1 region:

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Hong Kong SAR (China)

BCRCs

2 BCRCs:

BCRC-China, BCRC-SEA

Resource persons

6 organizations:

BRS Secretariat, IMPEL-TFS, RILO A/P (WCO), Tohoku University, ERIA, NIES

Industry

8 companies:

Apple, Dell Japan, Fuji Xerox, HP PPS, Mitsubishi Electric, Panasonic, DOWA Eco-System, Japan Mining Industry Association

Have good discussion!!