



# Outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and towards the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

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# Eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-11)

- 3-6 September 2018, at CICG in Geneva
- Co-Chairs: Ms. Justina Grigaraviciene (Lithuania) (Technical) and Mr. Mohammed Khashashneh (Jordan) (Legal)



- Approx. 350 participants representing 132 Parties and 34 observer entities
- Donors: Denmark, Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland
- During OEWG-11: High-level event on Marine Litter and M-cube art installation

# Eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-11)

- 3 days of plenary in the six UN official languages
- Contact groups on strategic, technical (including a sub-group on marine litter) and legal matters met throughout the meeting



# Outcomes of OEWG-11

## Strategic matters

- Strategic framework:
  - Secretariat to finalize the draft compilation of information related to the indicators to be used for the preparation of the final evaluation of the strategic framework for COP-14 consideration
- Developing ESM guidelines:
  - EWG to finalise draft guidance documents and manuals for COP-14 consideration

## Scientific and technical matters

- POPs technical guidelines:
  - Norway, the Secretariat, SIWG to revise draft new or updated general and specific technical guidelines for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting



# Outcomes of OEWG-11 (cont.)

- E-waste technical guidelines:
  - Took note of the suggestions of the EWG for amendments to the technical guidelines
  - Recommended that COP-14 consider amending the e-waste technical guidelines as suggested by the EWG, taking into account the OEWG-11 discussions
- Technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5):
  - Commenting period for both sets of guidelines before COP-14
  - Updated drafts submitted for COP-14 consideration



# Outcomes of OEWG-11 (cont.)

- National reporting:
  - Agreed on the types of wastes for which practical guidance on the development of inventories should be developed (for COP-14 consideration)
- Marine litter and Microplastics:
  - Agreed that draft elements set out in the annex to the OEWG decision should be a basis for a decision by COP-14
  - Recommends to COP-14 the establishment of a partnership under the Basel Convention on plastic wastes
- Amendments to annexes:
  - Recommends COP-14 consider whether to amend entry B3010 on solid plastic waste in Annex IX to the Convention and, if so, in what form;
  - Took note of the intention of the Government of Norway to submit a proposal to amend Annex II to COP-14



# Outcomes of OEWG-11 (cont.)

- Electronic approaches to notification and movement documents:
  - Recommendations to COP-14: report, consultative workshops
- Waste containing nanomaterials:
  - Commenting period on report on issues related to waste containing nanomaterials and options for further work under the Basel Convention

## Legal, governance and enforcement matters

- Implementation and Compliance Committee:
  - Commenting period and further development of guidance and work programme



# Outcomes of OEWG-11 (cont.)

- Providing further legal clarity:
  - EWG to continue work on review of annexes (IV and related aspects of Annex IX B1110)
  - COP-14 consider extending the mandate of the EWG in order for it to assess the implications of the review of Annexes I, III and IV for other annexes of the Convention

## **International cooperation and coordination**

- Basel Convention Partnership Programme:
  - Follow-up to PACE
  - Household Waste Partnership
  - Further development of partnerships
- Cooperation with WCO:
  - Commenting period on types of waste for which it would be useful to request the WCO to introduce codes in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, ranked in order of priority
- OEWG work programme 2020-21





# OEWG-11 information requests

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# Towards COP-14

- 29 April -10 May 2019, CICG, Geneva
- Proposal by Norway to amend Annexes II, VIII and IX in relation to solid plastic wastes: made available on 26 October, comments from Parties invited by 31 December 2018

<http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/Communications/tabid/1596/Default.aspx>

- Four information sessions during MC COP-2 regional preparatory meetings (October 2018)
- Briefing of Permanent Missions, Geneva, 5 November 2018



# Towards COP-14

Meetings	Dates	Locations
7th meeting of the DDT expert group ( <i>Stockholm</i> )	13-15 November 2018	CCV, Geneva
Joint Presidents meeting ( <i>BRS</i> )	14 November 2018	MIE, Geneva
Joint bureaux meeting ( <i>BRS</i> )	15-16 November 2018	CCV, Geneva
Annual joint meeting of the regional centres ( <i>Basel and Stockholm</i> )	15-16 November 2018	CICG, Geneva
8 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the expert working group on environmentally sound management ( <i>Basel</i> )	5-8 December 2018	Sao Paulo, Brazil
2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the expert working group on the review of annexes ( <i>Basel</i> )	10-13 December 2018	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Meeting of the small intersessional working group on PCB ( <i>Stockholm</i> )	12-14 December 2018	Prague, Czechia



# Towards COP-14

## Invitations and registrations

- Early notification: Sent on 25 October 2018
- Invitation letters, agendas and information for participants: End of November 2018
- Registration:
  - Pre-registration, including requests for financial support, with form duly completed and transmitted through official channel (Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission in Geneva), with a nomination letter / note verbale **by 23 January 2019**
  - On-site registration
- Funding for one participant per Convention for which an eligible country is Party (i.e. up to 3 participants) for the full two-week duration, pending availability of financial resources





# Towards COP-14

## Meeting documents

- Provisional agendas of the meetings: End of November, together with the invitation letters
- Budget documents: to be posted by 29 January 2019 (90 days before the COPs)
- Other meeting documents, including joint documents: to be posted by 29 February 2019 (6-8 weeks before the COPs)
- Documents and additional information on the meetings available on meetings website: <http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/>

# Towards COP-14

## Regional preparatory meetings

Meetings/ regions	Dates	Locations
Asia-Pacific region	4-6 March 2019	China (city tbc)
Africa region	18-20 March 2019	Nairobi, Kenya
CEE region	26-28 March 2019	Brno, Czechia
GRULAC region	27-29 March 2019	Montevideo, Uruguay

Back-to-back information sessions on issues pertaining to the Minamata Convention and SAICM (for Africa/Asia-Pacific) and gender training



**Thank you**

<http://www.basel.int/oewg11>



<http://www.brsmeas.org/2019COPs/Overview/tabid/7523/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

