

Overall Progress of the Asia Pacific E-waste Projects Under the Basel Convention

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Background of the Asia Pacific

E-waste Project



- The AP Countries considered e-waste as a priority -
Scoping Workshop on ESM of E-waste, Tianjin, China,
Nov. 2002
- Obstacles identified to manage e-waste properly -
Lack of trained personnel, legislations, infrastructure, public
awareness, etc.
- COP7 adopted Work Programme on Partnership for 2005-
2006 which included e-waste as a priority
- The 4-year AP Programme is carried out through concrete
and well-targeted national and regional efforts by SBC and
other partners (Governments, IGOs, UNEP, NGOs and
industry) based on needs



The Asia Pacific E-Waste Project



Launched: November 2005

Participating countries:

Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam

Basel Convention Regional Centres:

- *Beijing, Jakarta, SPREP*



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Ongoing Activities:

Country	Project	Level
Sri Lanka	Development of national implementation plan for e-waste management	National
India	Facilitating partnerships for ESM of E-waste: Phase I (NGO Project)	National



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Ongoing Activities (cont):

Country	Project	Level
Indonesia	Preliminary Inventory of e-waste	National
BCRC SEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Development of technical guidelines on methodology on Inventory of E-waste•Development of technical guidelines on ESM Recycling, Reuse, Repair, Refurbishment and Disposal of E-waste	Regional
SPREP	Pilot inventory of E-waste in 10 Pacific Countries	Subregional



The Asia Pacific E-Waste Project: Planned Activities



Country	Project	Level
BCRC SEA	Training workshop on ESM of e-waste	Regional
Cambodia	National inventory of e- waste	National
Malaysia	National inventory of e- waste	National
Thailand	National inventory of e- waste	National
Vietnam	National inventory of e- waste	National
Malaysia/Thailand /Singapore	Pilot project on collection of mobile phones (DOWA)	Subregional



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Completed Activity:

Country	Project	Level
BCRC Beijing, China	Feasibility Analysis to Develop a Centre of Excellence of Information on the ESM of E-waste at BCRC Beijing	Regional



Theme of the COP8 of the Basel Convention



- Theme: “*Creating innovative solutions through the Basel Convention for the ESM of electronic wastes*”

Rational:

- Rapid expansion of trade in e-waste, if not properly done, threaten the health and environment and missed opportunities for the recovery of valuable components
- BC is the global instrument that controls TBM and provides a global basis for managing e-waste based on ESM.
- ESM covers action at all levels including waste reduction, provides framework for international cooperation, and level playing field among countries



Possible Actions by COP8 of the Basel Convention



Ministerial statement or declaration, including steps for future work:

- *Preparation of technical guidelines for the ESM of e-wastes*
- *Development of public-private partnership for the ESM of used and end-of-life PCs, printers and accessories and TV sets*
- *Pilot projects on voluntary certification schemes*
- *Promotion of awareness through activities of BCRCs*
- *Involvement of municipalities and NGOs in collection schemes*
- *Intra-regional cooperation for the recycling of e-wastes*



FURTHER INFORMATION



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