



**Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**

Tenth meeting

Nairobi, 30 May–2 June 2016

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

**Scenario note for the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working
Group of the Basel Convention**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present scenario note is intended to assist representatives in preparing for the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal by communicating information regarding initial planning activity and expectations for the meeting.

II. Objective and possible outcomes of the meeting

2. The objective of the meeting is the consideration and possible adoption of two sets of decisions pertaining to the following:

(a) Matters to be considered by the Open-ended Working Group pursuant to decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting;

(b) Matters to be considered by the Open-ended Working Group to ensure the timely implementation of the Convention and the successful operation of the Conference of the Parties and the Open-ended Working Group in future years.

3. Pursuant to decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting, the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting, among other things, is expected:

(a) To consider progress in the implementation of the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021 and to review the progress report on the preparation of the mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework (item 3 (a) (i) of the provisional agenda);

(b) Regarding developing guidelines for environmentally sound management (item 3 (a) (ii) of the provisional agenda):

(i) To review the inventory and categorization of existing Basel Convention documents related to environmentally sound management referred to in paragraph 14 of decision BC-12/1;

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- (ii) To review the revised set of draft practical manuals and revised fact sheets referred to in paragraph 15 of decision BC-12/1;
- (iii) To review the progress made in the implementation of the work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management;
- (c) To review the progress that parties and others have made in the implementation of the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes and to prepare a road map for action on the Declaration (item 3 (a) (iii) of the provisional agenda);
- (d) Regarding technical guidelines (item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda):
 - (i) To consider the revised draft of the general and/or specific technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;
 - (ii) To consider the interim technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention;
 - (iii) To consider whether to update the technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10), on specially engineered landfill (D5) and on hazardous waste physico-chemical treatment (D9) and biological treatment (D8);
- (e) To consider and agree on a list of waste streams for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories should be developed, based on the report prepared by the Secretariat (item 3 (b) (ii) of the provisional agenda);
- (f) To provide comments on the draft guidance on the implementation of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of the Convention (item 3 (c) (i) of the provisional agenda);
- (g) Regarding the provision of further legal clarity (item 3 (c) (ii) of the provisional agenda):
 - (i) To consider the revised version of the draft glossary including explanations prepared by the small intersessional working group on legal clarity, finalize the glossary and prepare a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption;
 - (ii) To consider recommendations on the review of Annex IV and related issues under Annex IX to the Convention;
 - (iii) To consider views from parties and others on the review of Annexes I and III to the Convention;
- (h) Regarding the Basel Convention Partnership Programme (item 3 (d) (i) of the provisional agenda):
 - (i) To consider the revised section 3 of the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;
 - (ii) To consider the draft concept note on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, which could address strengthening the environmentally sound management of waste electrical and electronic equipment at the regional and national levels;
 - (iii) To consider the draft concept note on a household waste partnership under the Basel Convention;
 - (i) To consider and finalize the revised draft guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface to ensure that wastes falling within the scope of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997, once offloaded from ships, are managed in an environmentally sound manner (item 3 (d) (ii) of the provisional agenda);
 - (j) To provide guidance to the Secretariat on continuing to move forward on the matter of identifying the wastes covered by the Basel Convention in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (item 3 (d) (iii) of the provisional agenda).

4. With a view to ensuring the timely implementation of the Convention and the successful operation of the Conference of the Parties and the Open-ended Working Group in future years, the Open-ended Working Group is expected to consider and agree upon the draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2018–2019 (item 4 of the provisional agenda).

III. Meeting agenda

5. The annotations to the provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/1/Add.1) identify issues for discussion under each agenda item and the documents that pertain to that item. Most of the meeting documents prepared identify the provisions of the Convention or the decisions of the Conference of the Parties that provide mandates for the activities discussed therein. Meeting documents also identify possible actions to be taken by the Open-ended Working Group.

6. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision BC-12/19, on Monday, 30 May, Tuesday, 31 May, and Thursday, 2 June, simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided in plenary sessions. The proposed daily schedule for plenary sessions will be two 3-hour sessions per day (10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3 p.m.–6 p.m.). Provision for regional meetings on Sunday, 29 May, has been made.

7. The meeting will begin on the morning of Monday, 30 May, with opening formalities in plenary (item 1 of the provisional agenda).

8. The Open-ended Working Group will then adopt the agenda for the meeting (item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda), amended as appropriate, and agree on the organization of work (item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda).

9. The Open-ended Working Group will then take up matters related to its work programme for 2016–2017 and other matters (items 3 and 4 of the provisional agenda). The order in which the items or sub-items will be taken up at the meeting will be determined by the co-chairs in consultation with the Bureau. The usual practice is for high-priority items, which are more likely to require work in contact groups, to be taken up earlier in the meeting. For the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, items that are more likely to require work in contact groups will be taken up in plenary on Monday and Tuesday. Contact or drafting groups will be established as necessary to consider specific issues.

10. On Wednesday, 1 June, contact or drafting groups will meet as needed and in English only.

11. On Thursday, 2 June, the groups will report to plenary on the outcome of their deliberations. The Open-ended Working Group will then take up the remaining items of the agenda.

12. It is expected that the Open-ended Working Group will adopt the report of the meeting (item 6 of the provisional agenda) on the afternoon of Thursday, 2 June. In accordance with its usual practice, the Open-ended Working Group may wish to adopt those sections of the report that describe the conduct of the meeting until the end of the day on Tuesday, 31 May, making any amendments it deems necessary. Also consistent with its usual practice, the Open-ended Working Group may wish to agree that those sections of the report describing the Thursday plenary sessions will be prepared by the rapporteur, in cooperation with the Secretariat, and incorporated into the final report under the authority of the co-chairs.