

SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Third Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC 3) of the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Islands Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Apia, Samoa 14 July 2010

AGENDA ITEM 1: Official Opening

- 1. The Third Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC 3) of the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention) met in Apia, Samoa on 14 July 2010.
- 2. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Parties: Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu. A list of participants is attached as Annex 1.
- 3. The Officer in Charge of SPREP, Mr Stuart Chape welcomed the delegates of the intercessional meetings of the Waigani Convention to the SPREP Headquarters. He acknowledged that there had been a reduction in the work done in the year following Dr Frank Griffin's departure. He took the opportunity to introduce the new Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Adviser, Dr David Haynes to the member countries. He reminded the participants of the important advisory role in the work of the Waigani Convention and how the STAC is relied upon to provide sound guidance to the Conference of the Parties on the many different types of hazardous waste to which the Pacific island people are being exposed.
- 4. Given the difficulties faced by the Secretariat in securing funding, he urged the Parties to utilize funding opportunities available to them at the bilateral and global levels, with assistance from the Secretariat where needed. He also reaffirmed the important role that the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre played and mentioned the interest shown by the Tsinghua University in China of having the Pacific Regional Centre under its auspices along with the two other Regional Centres in Asia (Indonesia and Iran). He urged the Parties to consider the benefits and costs of such a proposal. Mr Chape reiterated the concern over availability of funds to implement work required by Parties and again encouraged them to access funding opportunities available directly to them and offered the assistance of the Secretariat as with recent years, to assist countries access

those funding opportunities. Mr Chape wished the participants well on their endeavours over the next two days and then declared the Meeting open. His speech is at Annex 2.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Organisational Matters

- 5. The Secretariat in recognizing that there was no quorum sought the consent of the Meeting to proceed on an informal basis, given that the report could provide advice at the next COP meeting scheduled for September 2010 in Papua New Guinea (PNG).
- 6. The representative of PNG as the outgoing Chair welcomed the Parties and thanked the Secretariat for the work they had done and looked forward to hearing updates from the Secretariat and the Parties.

(a) Rules of Procedure

- 7. The Rules of Procedure for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention adopted at the First Conference of the Parties (COP1) apply *mutatis mutandis* to any subsidiary bodies to the Conference of the Parties (Rule 1) [refer to STAC3.WP.2].
- 8. The Secretariat drew the attention of the Meeting to the Rules of Procedure (Rule 22.3) on the selection of the Chair and pointed to the decision of COP1 that authorized the STAC to elect its own Chairperson and called for nominations. The rules dictate that there should be three officers elected by the Meeting:- Chair, Vice Chair and Rapporteur.
- 9. The Secretariat articulated that the Rapporteur's job at the COP would require her/him to affirm the integrity of the report as written and endorsed at the STAC 3.

(b) Organisation of work

- 10. English was the working language of the meeting and working documents were available only in English. The Secretariat tabled the agenda and reminded the meeting that the STAC is the technical advisory group that makes recommendations which are forwarded to the COP for a decision.
- 11. A draft summary report would be prepared by the Secretariat for the approval of the Rapporteur and subsequent endorsement by the Meeting. The Committee also approved its working hours and programme of work.

(c) Election of Officers

- 12. Cook Islands was duly elected Chair with Vanuatu as Vice Chair, whilst the Rapporteur elected was Tonga.
- 13. The Chair thanked the Secretariat and the Parties for electing him as the Chair and looked forward to discussing the issues at the Meeting as efficiently as possible.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Adoption of the Agenda

14. The representative of PNG seconded by Vanuatu, moved to pass the agenda as presented. The proposed agenda adopted by the Meeting is attached as Annex 3 of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Report on Work Done

- 15. The Secretariat introduced STAC3WP.04/Att.1 (Status of Work Done Since STAC 2); Att.2 (Report of Work Done Since COP4); Att.3 (Progress Regarding Activities Planned under the Pacific Regional Centre Business Plan 2009-2010) and Att.4 (Progress Regarding Waigani Convention Work Programme & Budget 2009-2010).
- 16. The Secretariat in presenting the update informed the Parties that it could not implement much of the work given the difficulty it had in securing resources from donors. The Secretariat could provide technical assistance but the Parties need to take advantage of bilateral and global funding opportunities available to them. The Meeting was invited to note the reports of the Secretariat and to provide feedback where necessary.
- 17. The Secretariat in its update on SPREP being nominated as a possible Stockholm Convention Regional Centre advised that it did not meet the majority of the eligibility criteria and would not be considered in this role.
- 18. A question was posed on whether the Regional Centre could be operated as a partnership with another institution like USP. The Secretariat responded that it was possible but the management and administration of such a partnership needed to be put to the Parties as well as to the COP for approval and endorsement.
- 19. The Secretariat further commented on the issue of illegal trafficking of used oil actually occurring and wondered if countries had recorded and reported any of this. The representative of Cook Islands stated that they had transported hazardous waste from Cook Islands to Fiji but have not made any reports to the Secretariat. The Secretariat reminded Parties that if they did not submit any reports, then it could not assume the occurrence of illegal trafficking.
- 20. The representative of PNG queried that perhaps the reason why there were no reports was because the Parties needed technical assistance to prepare reports. The Secretariat responded that all Parties had received training but the question is whether the countries had created a streamlined database of information at the country level to assist in fulfilling their reporting obligations. It reminded the Parties that this type of work requires collaborative efforts between Environment Departments, Customs Departments, Quarantine and others.

- 21. The Secretariat had recognised that there was a need for technical assistance to fill in the forms hence their assistance to Samoa and Kiribati in 2008. But as reported in the STAC3.WP04.Att1, the official reports from the two countries were not received by the Secretariat. The Secretariat reminded Parties that the onus was on them to ensure proper information is collected and submitted in order for the Secretariat to assist where necessary.
- 22. The Secretariat in presenting the STAC3.WPO4.Att2 reminded the Parties that under SAICM, Parties can access significant funding (over US\$500,000) to assist them better manage their activities and as well, may help fund the technical assistance for reporting purposes as raised by the representative of PNG. The Secretariat stressed that the global financial crisis meant that the implementation of its work programme would be challenging. The Parties on the other hand stood a better chance of accessing funding on a bilateral or multilateral level, and the Secretariat can then provide the technical assistance required by Parties.
- 23. The representative of PNG asked for clarification on whether the Stockholm Convention needed the NIPs to be approved by the respective governments before resources could be allocated. The Secretariat responded that it only required a letter from the Party (ie: government) stating the NIP was in advanced form and advised that the Stockholm Convention will eventually require Parties to have progressed from 'advanced form' to a fully government endorsed NIP.
- 24. The representative of Tonga asked for clarification as to why Reporting was mentioned in both Att.1 and Att.2. The Secretariat advised that they were the same but were mentioned separately because they had been discussed in two different meetings. She also enquired if Parties were required to provide annual reports similar to CBDs and Climate Change Conventions. The Secretariat responded that annual reporting was an obligation under the Waigani Convention.
- 25. In presenting STAC3.WP04.Att.3 the Secretariat informed the Parties of the legislative work undertaken as a result of a concern on countries' reporting abilities given the many different Conventions. Legislation was drafted for Tonga but the law had yet to be passed. A similar exercise was undertaken in Samoa with one of the purposes being to make it easier for Samoa to report back to the various Convention Secretariats.
- 26. The Secretariat in presenting STAC3.WP04.Att.4 again stressed that the lack of reporting from the national level hampered the implementation of some activities in the work programme and budget for 2009-2010.
- 27. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for the updates and the Meeting noted the reports of the Secretariat with appreciation.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Competent Authorities and Focal Points

- 28. The Secretariat drew the attention of the Meeting to STAC3.WP.05 Att.1 and requested the Meeting to review the list and if there were changes, to inform the Secretariat in accordance with agreed procedures.
- 29. The representative of Tonga asked for clarification on whether it was the position or name of the person that mattered. The Secretariat confirmed that it was best to stay with the position as names tend to change. It also reminded the Meeting of the importance of keeping the list updated as when it comes to transboundary movement or trafficking of hazardous waste, each Party needed up to date addresses for correspondence purposes.
- 30. The list was revised accordingly and is attached as Annex 4.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Reporting and Transmission of Information

- 31. In introducing STAC3.WP06, the Secretariat recalled that the COP2 had adopted Draft *Reporting and Transmission of Information* forms to be filled out annually by Parties and that the Parties were requested to meet their reporting obligations under the *Waigani* Convention beginning from the 2004 calendar year using the forms adopted. The Secretariat advised the Meeting of the information available on the SPREP http://www.sprep.org/legal/regional.htm website. Under an understanding with the Basel Convention Secretariat, the reporting information provided, whether under the Basel or the *Waigani* Convention would be acceptable to either Secretariat.
- 32. The Secretariat pointed to the COP4 report which includes a form filled in by Australia and suggested other Parties refer to it as a guide. It also pointed to a report by Cook Islands to the *Noumea* Convention that has elements relevant to the Waigani Convention as another guide for Parties to follow.
- 33. The Secretariat further informed the Meeting that all the information available on the website was also put on CDs and passed to participants of the STAC2 for easier dissemination. Noting the difficulties faced by countries in filling out the forms, the Secretariat again offered their assistance in training Parties on how to go about completing them.
- 34. Samoa advised that the problem they face is the high staff turnover and lack of proper record keeping. Forms that had been filled in 2004 with the assistance of the Secretariat are no longer available. The Secretariat advised that it is the Parties' responsibility to build and maintain knowledge management systems in order to have this type of information available for future use. The Secretariat will also keep the information supplied by Parties for future reference and access.

- 35. The Secretariat indicated the importance of ensuring that the transfer of used oil was undertaken using the Waigani Convention process. It referred to cases where used oil was being transferred between PICs without following proper Waigani Convention processes. For example, the bill of ladings was not accompanied by Waigani Convention movement forms. The Secretariat acknowledged that the Waigani Convention has only been around less than a decade and therefore still has teething problems so at every opportunity, the Parties need to look at lessons learnt through other Conventions in order to improve on the Waigani Convention and its requirements.
- 36. The representative of Vanuatu asked whether the receiving country was required to acknowledge receipt of the waste. The Secretariat confirmed the need for chain of custody for all shipment of hazardous waste.
- 37. The Secretariat reminded the Parties that they have until 31 December 2010 to report back on 2009 activities.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Illegal Traffic

- 38. In introducing STAC3.WP.07, the Secretariat stated that it had not been formally informed of any instances of illegal traffic and invited the Meeting to share with the Secretariat and other Parties their experiences with any instances of illegal traffic to enable the Secretariat to fulfill its obligations under Articles 9.6 and 14(j) of the Waigani Convention.
- 39. The representative of PNG asked for clarification on whether they needed an internal system similar to the Waigani to be applied when moving hazardous waste within their own islands and states. The Secretariat advised that FSM and Samoa had existing internal/national system in place but it was not the same as the Waigani Convention forms.
- 40. No Party in attendance had any instances of illegal traffic to report.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Work Programme & Budget

41. STAC3WP.08 drew the attention of the Meeting to the difficulty faced by the Secretariat in implementing the Work Programme & Budget 2009-2010 due to inability to secure full funding for activities. The Secretariat informed the Meeting that with Parties having better access to funding opportunities, that it had reduced budget figures in several categories so that the Secretariat only had to provide assistance to Parties to either secure funding for their own countries, or to carry out specific activities for which funding had been secured.

- 42. The representative of PNG asked if the work programme was in line with PNG NIP to which the Secretariat responded in the affirmative. Discussion centred on SAICM and countries were informed that this funding window closes in 2013 and if countries wanted to access this funding opportunity, to do so as early as possible.
- 43. The representative of Vanuatu sought clarification on which 5 countries were targeted for training under Outputs 3 & 4. The Secretariat responded that this was based on country requests. It also stressed the importance of national trainings and workshops as opposed to regional ones given the high staff turnover in-country and having these locally accessible trainings were more feasible than the regional trainings/workshops.
- 44. The representative of PNG asked if Outputs 3 & 4 could be combined to which the Secretariat responded that Output 3 was on training whilst Output 4 was actually on the implementation of activities outlined. It confirmed though that the implementation of both Outputs could be combined and conducted during a country visit with all stakeholders.
- 45. The Secretariat advised that some countries undertake a cost-benefit analysis of joining the Waigani Convention. It also reminded Parties that upon return, to check if they had outstanding fees. Samoa asked if the US\$1,000 fee was annual to which the Secretariat responded it was biennial.
- 46. The representative of PNG asked that if countries could engage bilaterally regarding funding and assistance, what then would be the role of the Secretariat. The Secretariat responded that if any one country engaged on the bilateral level and had the internal capacity and expertise to undertake all of the technical work required, then they could do so without having to involve the Secretariat. But there were other Parties that did not have the in-country expertise nor capacity to undertake such work who can then call upon the Secretariat for technical assistance.
- 47. The representative of Samoa requested the Secretariat to simplify the reporting forms in order to make reporting easier for Parties. The Secretariat acknowledged that this request was also made in STAC2 and touched on the synergies between the 3 global chemical conventions. The Secretariat is still awaiting the outcomes of the global synergies work. The Parties will have to cope with the existing reporting format until such simplified, harmonized reporting structure has been established.
- 48. The Secretariat commented on the link between chemical convention and the response side of the OPRC-HNS Protocol. It informed the meeting that there will be a regional workshop in PNG sometime October 2010 that will look at the OPRC-HNS Protocol and how members can become Parties of this Convention. There is no response plan for chemicals and hazardous waste and it was suggested that this could be drawn up by STAC and then put to the COP for consideration.

49. The Meeting endorsed the Work Programme & Budget 2011-2012 with a few changes and is attached as Annex 5.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Other Matters

50. No other matters were posed at the Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Date and Venue of next Meeting

51. The Meeting agreed to hold the next STAC Meeting in 2012 before the next COP meeting and the venue will be Apia, Samoa. The exact date of the Meeting will be worked out by the Secretariat and Parties would be informed accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Adoption of the Meeting Record

52. Samoa, seconded by PNG moved for the record of the meeting to be adopted. The Meeting adopted the record of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Closure of Meeting

- 53. In closing, the Secretariat hoped that Parties could attend the COP5 in Madang, PNG in September 2010 where this report would be presented. The Chair thanked the participants and Secretariat for their constructive comments and input into the work making the meeting a success.
- 54. The representative of Vanuatu closed the meeting with a prayer.

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ANNEX 2: DIRECTOR'S SPEECH

OPENING FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE WAIGANI CONVENTION (STAC 3) AND SECOND MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL CENTRE (SCRC 2)

Distinguished representatives of Parties to the Waigani Convention, distinguished Committee members of the Pacific Regional Centre for the Basel and Waigani Conventions, SPREP colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

I wish to cordially welcome you all to SPREP Headquarters for the two intercessional meetings of the Waigani Convention. Thank you all for making yourselves available to attend these meetings.

The past year or so has been somewhat quiet in our Waigani Convention work due to the departure of Dr. Frank Griffin in June 2009. The impact of his loss became apparent when we realized after a number of attempts how difficult it was to secure someone of similar calibre. We are confident we have done so and are pleased to introduce Dr. David Haynes who now takes over as Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Adviser.

Although there was a reduction in the work in that area – interim support was provided by the Waste team – there is no stopping the increasing dependence on chemicals and their utilization by Pacific island people. Inevitably hazardous wastes are generated and the question of disposal becomes critical. Planning, preparation and implementation of international obligations under the Waigani and related Conventions can give us a solid measure of protection.

The STAC plays an important advisory role in the work of the Waigani Convention and I sincerely hope that you as members of the STAC will provide sound guidance to the Conference of the Parties on the many different types of hazardous waste to which we are becoming exposed.

Funding of activities is a perennial problem. Few avenues are available to the Secretariat to which it can submit regional proposals for assistance. Such a task is time-consuming. On the other hand State Parties are becoming eligible for more and more funding opportunities at the bilateral and global levels so every effort should be made to access those funds with assistance from the Secretariat where needed.

The Steering Committee of the Regional Centre likewise plays an important role in chemical management by coordinating the activities of the Basel Convention and its regional counterpart, the Waigani Convention. Recently Tsinghua University in China has expressed interest in bringing the Pacific Regional Centre under its auspices along with two other Regional Centres in Asia. The benefits and costs of such a proposal should be carefully weighed.

The sub-regional formula proposed by the COP3 in 2006 allows the current Committee members 2 more years of tenure. The 5 current members are Australia, New Zealand, Federated States of Micronesia (for Micronesia), Papua New Guinea (for Melanesia) and Samoa (for Polynesia).

As with STAC activities, funding is also an issue for the Steering Committee and its proposed activities under its Business Plan. Again, there are more funding opportunities available to Parties than to the Secretariat. Significant funding has been accessed by Parties with assistance by the Secretariat in recent years so I would encourage everyone to make the most of this opportunity.

Sincere best wishes on your endeavours over the next two days.

Stuart Chape Officer In Charge 14 July 2010

ANNEX 3: AGENDA

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ANNEX 4: REVISED COMPETENT AUTHORITIES & FOCAL POINTS LIST

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ANNEX 5: WORK PROGRAMME & BUDGET 2011-2012

Output	Outcome	Activities	Performance Measure	<u>Timeframe</u>	(USD)
Development of adequate national legislation on the management of hazardous wastes	Convention implemented through national legislation	Review of national legislation; consultation with relevant stakeholders; awareness raising and drafting of national legislation	Five Parties provided with adequate national legislation on the control system for the transboundary movement and management of hazardous wastes	2011/2012	50,000
2. Information effectively managed, disseminated and exchanged	Surveys of information needs; development of information systems; training (workshop/attachments)	Strengthening of national and regional clearinghouse mechanisms in synergy with existing national and regional clearinghouse(s) such as PEIN, SIDsnet, and SPREP; Training with respect to the clearinghouse mechanisms	Clearinghouse mechanism initiated at national and regional level; Key enforcement staff trained in analytical use of clearinghouse mechanism.	2011/2012	10,000
3. Training of competent authorities and focal point	Competent authorities and focal points able to implement responsibilities under the convention	Workshop on the reporting requirements of the Waigani and Basel Conventions, with reference to developing national inventories of hazardous wastes.	Inventories initiated in-country. Parties report as required under the Conventions	2011/2012	10,000
4. Relevant stakeholders effectively implementing the Convention	Familiarisation of enforcement staff with the obligations under the Convention	National workshops in five countries to train customs, police, port, environment, and legal officers	Workshops are held; Officers of national agencies trained	2011/2012	10,000
5. Promotion of ratification and implementation to the Waigani/Basel Conventions	Broader representation and participation of Pacific Island Countries in the Conventions	Development of fact sheets, briefings papers, booklets, press kit. Cost benefit analysis of joining	3 more ratifications to the Waigani Convention; Increased awareness of politicians and community to issues concerning hazardous waste management (eg e-waste)	2011/2012	10,000
6. Collaboration with the Basel Convention and relevant institutions	Development of complementary approach to hazardous waste management in the Pacific region	Promotion of the Waigani Convention and the Pacific Regional Centre to facilitate implementation of related chemicals Conventions	Waigani and Pacific Regional Centre effectively used to facilitate the implementation of related Chemical Conventions	2011/2012	10,000
7. Effective operation of the Pacific Regional Centre	Regional Centre facilitating implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions	Develop joint business plan for Regional Centre with Basel Secretariat Maintenance of Regional Centre fund raising	Business plan implemented	2011/2012	10,000
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ANNEX 6: ABBREVIATIONS

CBD - Convention on Biological Diversity

COP - Conference of the Parties

NIP - National Implementation Plan(s)

OPRC - International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response

and Coordination, 1990 (OPRC 90)

HNS Protocol - Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-Operation to Pollution

Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000 (OPRC/HNS

2000)

SCPRC - Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and

Technology Transfer

SAICM - Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

USP - University of the South Pacific