

REPORT OF WORK DONE SINCE STAC 3, 2010

STAC 3 – 14 th July 2010, Agenda Item	Action Taken/Comments
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.	<i>No further action required</i>
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.	<i>No further action required</i>
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.	<i>No further action required</i>
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.	<i>A regional training was conducted in Fiji on 25th – 29th July 2011 attended by 31 participants from the 15 countries (14 PICs and Timor Leste) that covered the 4 conventions – Waigani, Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam. Participants were trained on the process of these 4 Conventions and on how to fill out the movement forms</i>
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.	<i>As above</i>
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	<i>As above</i>

<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>As above</i></p>
<p>Agenda Item 5: Competent Authorities and Focal Points</p>	
<p>28. The Secretariat drew the attention of the Meeting to STAC2.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.</p>	<p><i>List has been revised</i></p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Reporting and Transmission of Information</p>	
<p>31. In introducing STAC3.WP06, the Secretariat recalled that the COP2 had adopted Draft <i>Reporting and Transmission of Information</i> forms to be filled out annually by Parties and that the Parties were requested to meet their reporting obligations under the <i>Waigani</i> 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 <i>Waigani</i> Convention would be acceptable to either Secretariat.</p> <p>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 <i>Noumea</i> Convention that has elements relevant to the <i>Waigani</i> Convention as another guide for Parties to follow.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>35. The Secretariat indicated the importance of ensuring that the transfer of used oil was undertaken using the <i>Waigani</i> Convention process. It referred to cases where used oil was being transferred between PICs without following proper <i>Waigani</i> Convention processes. For example, the bill of lading was not accompanied by <i>Waigani</i> Convention movement forms. The Secretariat acknowledged that the <i>Waigani</i> 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 <i>Waigani</i> Convention and its requirements.</p>	<p><i>No action required</i></p> <p><i>No action required by SPREP</i></p> <p><i>A Waigani regional training was conducted in Fiji in 25th – 29th July 2011 attended by 31 participants from the 15 countries (14PICs and Timor Leste)</i></p> <p><i>No action required by SPREP</i></p>

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 fulfil its obligations under Articles 9.6 and 14(j) of the Waigani Convention.	<i>No new reports on illegal trafficking of hazardous waste was received from any Party</i>
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.	<i>No action required by SPREP</i>
40. No Party in attendance had any instances of illegal traffic to report.	<i>No action required by SPREP</i>
Agenda Item 8: Work Programme and 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.	<i>No reports received from countries</i>
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.	<i>No requests received from countries</i>
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.	<i>Fees outstanding from some countries</i>
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.	<i>To be completed under AFD funding 2012/2013</i>

<p>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 (Oil Pollution Preparedness Co-operation and Hazardous and Noxious Substances 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.</p>	<p><i>No actions completed by the STAC</i></p>
<p>Agenda Item 9: Other Matters</p>	
<p>106. No other matters were posed at the Meeting.</p>	<p><i>No action required</i></p>