
Memorandum

The Meeting between SPREP and BCRC China

1st March, 2012, Beijing, China

Mr. David Sheppard, the Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and Director of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions visited the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Asia and Pacific Region on the 1st March, 2012. Mr. Jinhui Li, the Executive Secretary of BCRC China, and 4 officers (Lili Liu, Lixia Zheng, Nana Zhao, and Keli Yu) of BCRC China also attended the meeting. Mr. Jinhui Li and Mr. David Sheppard introduced BCRC China and SPREP, and discussed the potential for future cooperation between the two organisations.

Mr. Jinhui Li, on behalf of BCRC China, proposed the following fields of cooperation:

1. BCRC China would like to support training, workshops and other activities carried out by SPREP related to the Basel/Waigani Conventions, based on the detailed needs of SPREP and its Members.
2. BCRC China has issued the monthly International Newsletter on Basel Convention implementation and delivered it to Parties in the Asia-Pacific region since December 2010. At present, the newsletter includes information on activities conducted by BCRC China, and related information on the Basel Convention at the regional and international level. BCRC China would like to invite SPREP to contribute to this newsletter and will adjust the structure and content of the newsletter to reflect the needs of Parties in the Pacific region. It was agreed that this would be discussed further between SPREP and BCRC China.
3. BCRC China would like to invite staff from SPREP and/or staff from relevant organisations in the Pacific island countries to participate in internships with the BCRC China. This could provide a very useful long-term mechanism for information exchange and training in the Asia-Pacific region drawing on the expertise in BCRC China. This would also enhance communication and joint study between SPREP and BCRC China in the fields of chemicals and waste management and other related areas.
4. The annual International Conference on Waste Management and Technology (ICWMT) was developed by BCRC China in 2005. BCRC China hope to have more communication with SPREP and parties in the Pacific region through ICWMT. BCRC

China invited SPREP to attend this annual international conference and had sent the invitation letter to the 7th ICWMT to SPREP¹. For the further communication with the delegates from Cook Island and Samoa on hazardous waste management during COP10 of Basel Convention, BCRC China has invited Cook Island and Samoa to nominate officers to attend the 7th ICWMT and share their experiences and needs. Mr. David Sheppard agreed that it would be a good opportunity to communication.

Mr. David Sheppard, on behalf of SPREP, proposed the following cooperation fields and steps:

1. The 2012 Basel/Waigani Conference of Parties (COP) meeting will be held in Noumea, New Caledonia on Friday 31st August, and this meeting will proceed the SPREP Meeting in the following week. Mr. David Sheppard invited Mr. Jinhui Li to attend this meeting, and noted it would provide a good opportunity for BCRC China to communicate with Pacific Members and outline how to assist and help hazardous waste management efforts in the Pacific region. Mr. Jinhui Li showed his interest to this meeting and will try to arrange time to attend it. The formal invitation letter needs to be sent directly to Jinhui Li at jinhui@tsinghua.edu.cn with cc to the focal point² to Basel Convention in China and the Secretariat of Basel Convention.
2. SPREP notes the considerable expertise of BCRC China/SCRCAP in the management of chemicals, in particular in the field of POPs laboratory analysis and hopes there may be ways to make this expertise available for Pacific Island Countries.
3. SPREP suggests 4 steps regarding further cooperation between BCRC China and SPREP.
 - Step 1: to develop and sign a joint Memorandum of Understanding between SPREP and BCRC China which would outline the expertise and mandates of both organisations and identify areas for future cooperation, such as on solid waste, e-waste and asbestos waste management.
 - Step 2: to implement joint programmes, drawing on the expertise available in BCRC China and SPREP. This would include staff exchanges and capacity building programmes.

¹ Because of the conflict time with SPREP meeting, SPREP confirmed that they could not attend the 7th ICWMT and hope to have opportunities to attend the next ones if time available.

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- Step 3: to jointly develop and apply for bilateral, multiple and international projects in areas relevant to the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the Asia Pacific region.
 - Step 4: for staff from SPREP and BCRC to attend major conferences and meetings of each organization.

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