

Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

1st September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 11: Consideration and adoption of the Business Plan for the PRC

Purpose of paper

1. To present the 2024-2025 Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre for consideration and approval by the Meeting.

Background

2. Under Article VII.2 of the revised Memorandum of Understanding establishing the PRC, 2014, between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and SPREP on behalf of its Members, the Steering Committee of the PRC is responsible for reviewing and approving a Business Plan developed by the Centre and overseeing its implementation.
3. The Business Plan was developed and presented to the Eighth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre (SCPRC-8) Waigani Convention Scientific and was reviewed and approved by meeting.
4. The draft Business Plan for 2024-2025 is presented in 12WC/WP.11/Annex 1.
5. The Business Plan incorporates the work program and budget of the Waigani Convention and Centre to avoid duplication of effort. It further follows the format of the budget as agreed to in WC COP 1 in 2002 under the convention's Approved Financial Rules.
6. The 2024-2025 Business Plan has a total budget of USD 2,475,000 consisting of a Core Budget of USD 83,000 and a Programmatic Budget of USD 2,392, 000.
7. The Core budget has been increased to cater for additional STAC meetings that have been planned to implement the recommendations of the 2021 review of the Waigani Convention.
8. The increase in Core Budget will result in increases to Party Contributions following the Scale of Contributions that was agreed to by COP 1 in 2002.

Recommendation

9. The Parties are invited to:
 - **consider** and **approve** the draft Business Plan as recommended by the SCPRC-8 meeting.

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