

## Waigani Convention Review Recommendations

### Workplan

**Goal:** To implement recommendations of the 2021 review of the Waigani Convention

Recommendations	Actions	Responsibility	Deadline	Resources required
1. Fiji, Niue and the Solomon Islands* join the Basel Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft cabinet papers on the ratification of the Basel Convention</li> <li>Prepare ratification instruments for lodgment with the Basel Convention Secretariat and the Pacific Islands forum</li> </ul>	WC Focal Points for Fiji, Niue and Solomon Islands	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical information on the Basel Convention</li> <li>Printing expenses</li> <li>Technical advice</li> </ul>
2. Waigani Convention Parties that are yet to do so should as a priority develop, enact and implement national legislation fulfilling Waigani and Basel Convention requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review existing legislation on waste management</li> <li>Amend existing legislation or develop new ones to provide for the requirements of the Basel and Waigani Conventions</li> </ul>	Parties/Secretariat	Dec 2025	Funding to conduct reviews and amendment/development of legislation
3. PIDPs enhance current efforts towards fulfilling Waigani and Basel Convention reporting requirements. At a minimum this should include reporting transboundary movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further review reporting situation and recommend improvement measures</li> <li>Conduct capacity building training on reporting</li> </ul>	Secretariat	Dec 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding</li> <li>Trainers/Experts</li> </ul>
4. Assist Parties by connecting Waigani Convention reporting with the Inform Project.	Meet with Inform Project Manager to explore potential for Waigani Convention reporting to be supported by Inform	Secretariat	Apr 2023	
5. Update and enhance information regarding the Waigani Convention that is available on the website	Revamp the current Waigani Convention webpage on the SPREP website	Secretariat	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding</li> <li>Technical (IT) advice</li> </ul>
6. Distribute meeting documents in accordance with the timeframes set out in the rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and improve workflow of SPREP meeting documentation</li> <li>Migrate meetings to work management systems to be managed as events</li> </ul>	Secretariat	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information relating to SPREP's current workflow of meeting documentations</li> <li>Work management software</li> </ul>

7. Identify all options available to facilitate ease of access to necessary coverage for Pacific island governments and other stakeholders seeking to insure transboundary exports of hazardous waste.	Carryout a survey to identify insurers of transboundary hazardous waste from the Pacific	STAC/Secretariat	Sept 2024	Funding to undertake survey
8. SPREP allocate more resources, specifically including more staff, to the Waigani Convention Secretariat	Write a submission to SPREP Senior Leadership Team requesting for allocation of more resources to the Waigani Convention Secretariat	Secretariat	July 2023	HR and financial advice
9. The role of STAC be reconsidered in light of any choices made regarding strategic directions	Undertake further analysis on the role of STAC	STAC	Dec 2024	Technical and legal advice
10. The role of the PRC be reconsidered in light of any choices made regarding strategic directions	Undertake further analysis on the role of the PRC	STAC	Dec 2024	Technical and legal advice
11. Parties who remain interested in this objective (remove the word “south” from the title of the Waigani Convention) the amendment process should be commenced	Prepare a proposal to amend the Waigani Convention to remove the word “south” from the title of the convention	Any interested Party	Feb 2025	Technical and legal advice
12. The proposal to amend Article 16 is not progressed	No actions required			
13. The proposal to establish a Compliance Committee is not progressed.	No actions required			
14. Commence the process of amending the Waigani Convention annexes so that they again cover precisely the same materials as the Basel Convention*	Establish a working group to develop the amendments	Parties/STAC/Secretariat	Feb 2023	• Technical and legal advice

\*Completed

\*\*In progress