

BC-10/19: Basel Convention Partnership Programme

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision VIII/5 on the Basel Convention Partnership Programme and decision IX/7, by which the Conference of the Parties adopted the Partnership Programme workplan for 2009–2011 and requested the Secretariat to submit to it at its tenth meeting a draft workplan for 2012–2013,

Acknowledging the progress made in developing and strengthening partnerships and programmes of activities on the environmentally sound management of waste and the financial support provided to the Partnership Programme by parties and others,

Recalling the work plan of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment set out in the annex to decision BC-10/20,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made under the Partnership Programme;
2. *Takes note* of the indicative list of existing partnerships with which the Secretariat could cooperate set out in the annex to the present decision;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To continue, subject to the availability of financial resources, to implement actively the Partnership Programme as a key instrument for supporting the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention in conjunction with all relevant and interested partners;
 - (b) To follow closely international developments in respect of public and private partnerships on waste-related issues and to seek to expand involvement in partnerships to promote the guidelines and tools developed under the Convention and raise awareness and the visibility of the Convention and its obligations and provisions;
 - (c) To provide information to the Open-ended Working Group at its eighth session on progress and on initiatives to expand Convention involvement in partnerships and related projects and activities in the context of its report on international cooperation;
 - (d) To submit a progress report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;
4. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to strengthen further their engagement in the work of the Partnership Programme, as appropriate, and to develop thematic multi-stakeholder partnerships for their regions to help in undertaking capacity-building efforts;
5. *Urges* parties, signatories and all stakeholders in a position to do so to provide financial and in kind support for the work of the Partnership Programme;
6. *Encourages* parties, signatories and other stakeholders to become actively involved in global and regional partnerships;
7. *Calls* upon parties to facilitate broader participation in the Partnership Programme by civil society, including environmental non-governmental organizations, the private sector and industry, to provide technical and financial support for the programme and to become involved in specific activities at the national, regional and international levels.

Annex to decision BC-10/19

Indicative list of initiatives with which the Secretariat could cooperate

	<i>Lead agency</i>	<i>Partnership</i>
1.	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Global Mercury Partnership
2.	United Nations University	Solving the E-waste Problem Initiative (StEP)
3.	Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention/UNEP	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Elimination Network
4.	UNEP	Global lead and cadmium partnership
5.	UNEP	Global Partnership on Waste Management
6.	International Telecommunication Union/United Nations Conference on Trade and Development/others	Partnership on Measuring Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Development
7.	World Health Organization	Treated nets life-cycle initiative
8.	Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central America and Mexico	International ozone-depleting substances (ODS) and persistent organic pollutants (POPs) initiative
9.	International Lead Management Centre/others	Green Lead initiative
10.	International Solid Waste Association/ WHO	Working Group on Healthcare Waste