



DRAFT REPORT
PROCEEDINGS OF ECOWAS COMMISSION MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON CHEMICALS AND HAZARDOUS
WASTES, ACCRA, GHANA,
11-16 AUGUST, 2012

1.0 Introduction:

A Technical Working Group comprising the staff of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, senior resource persons from sub-regional organizations and some Member States met in Accra, Ghana, from 13-16 August, 2012 in the context of the development of the specific strategic programme on sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes (and E-waste) for the ECOWAS sub-region.

The meeting was preceded from 11th to August 12th by a preparatory session between the Environment Directorate and resource persons to discuss draft documents and the work programme .

The specific objective of the meeting was to build on the previous meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria from 21- 23 March, 2012. The expected outcomes were as follows:

- a. Working Group members get updating on the activities of the development of the Strategic programme on Chemicals and Hazardous Waste in the ECOWAS sub-region
- b. Working Group members are update on the situation on E-waste in the ECOWAS sub-region
- c. The Draft 0 Document on ECOWAS E-waste Strategy improved with inputs and priorities of the Action Plan of Abuja
- d. The Draft 0 Document on Strategic Programme on Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes in the ECOWAS sub-region was improved with inputs and priorities of the Action Plan of Abuja
- e. Complementary activities are to be included in the strategic Action Plan on chemicals and hazardous wastes and in the strategic Action Plan on E-waste in the perspective to promote synergy

- f. Working Group members are update on the outcomes of Rio + 20 Summit related to chemicals and the upcoming third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-3)
- g. Working Group members share their view on plastic waste management in the sub region

2.0 Participation:

Participants of the meeting were representatives from Nigeria, Senegal, BCCC Ibadan, BCRC/SCRC (Senegal), Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Liberia and the ECOWAS Commission (see Appendix vi, list of participants).

3.0 Organization of the Meeting:

The meeting elected:

- Chairman: Prof. KOUADIO, Kouamé Georges, Director General of Environment, Ministry of Environmental and Sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire
- Rapporteurs: Dr. Sam Adu-Kumi (Ghana); and Ms. Aïta Seck (Senegal)

4.0 Meeting proceedings:

4.1 Opening remarks

Dr. Johnson BOANUH, Director, Environment Directorate of the ECOWAS Commission, welcomed participants to the meeting on behalf of the ECOWAS Commission. Dr. Johnson BOANUH briefed participants on the objectives, goals and expected outputs of the meeting.

Touching on current global developments Dr. Boanuh emphasised that such advancement has accompanying challenges. Top among them he noted is the pace of replacement of technology, especially IT equipment leading to the overwhelming burden of their sound management. He said the development world is at the receiving end and there is the need to assess the status the challenges. He stressed on the need for the ECOWAS Commission to strategize and develop action plans to assist its member states to honour their obligations under the various chemical-related multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).

He was hopeful that participants would bring their expertise to bear to ensure that the draft strategic framework and action plans undergo the needed improvement.

After a self-introduction session by all participants, Prof. KOUADIO, Kouamé Georges, Director General of Environment, Ministry of Environmental and Sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire was selected as the Chairman of the Technical Working Group.

ECOWAS Commission made the presentation of the expected outcomes of the meeting and the meeting document. After that the review draft agenda introduced was adopted.

4.2 Strategy on E-waste

- Prof. Oladele Osibanjo, Executive Director, Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for the African Region (BCCC-Africa) in Nigeria, University of Ibadan, Nigeria introduced the draft document on E-waste in ECOWAS Sub-Region.

Prof. Osibanjo pushed for ECOWAS member states to domesticate MEAs. He noted that it is easier to adopt a regional approach than individual countries trying to put measures in place, saying the cost of inaction is very high. He further noted that the donor driven mentality has contributed immensely towards e-waste proliferation in the sub-region. Transboundary movement is a regional issue, Prof. Osibanjo noted and that regional approach is very important.

The meeting's attention was drawn to similar experiences especially those carried out in French speaking countries and needed to be brought on Board. A member wondered how the informal sector could be properly integrated into e-waste management.

The meeting noted that the E-waste issue is both external and local. It was further noted that Focal Points in member states are not helpful and thus puts impediment to the sound implementation of the wastes policies and Conventions. The need to collate studies and working together to ensure domestication of MEAs in the sub-region was stressed. It was agreed that the strategic framework could serve as the basis. On research it was emphasised that ECOWAS should coordinate various research findings/work in the sub-region.

- **The Draft 0 Document on ECOWAS E-waste Strategy was introduced by Prof. Osibanjo.** He said E-waste has value and the Asians were making money from it. He revealed that only fractions of E-waste with value are treated without any standards, whereas fractions with no value damped. He was of the view that there should be producers responsibility and that producers should include all persons working on the product including wastes. It was proposed that there should be E-waste registries with advisory boards, stressing that neither 'producers' nor governments can do it alone. Collaboration is therefore key to sound management of

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chemicals and hazardous wastes. Prof. Osibanjo summarised the key principles to proper regulation as:

- E-waste is a resource;
- improper treatment is the issue- there is therefore the need for recycling standards;
- producers do not have full control;
- some fractions may be 'problematic'- this may require a 'collection incentive'
- enforcement is key

He noted that E-waste is both a resource and an opportunity.

Participants proposed the following:

- That an established system which can be capable of handling E-waste in an environmentally sound manner and must be sustainable;
- The system should be business driven (underlying principle), without political interference. A regionally based system is the preferred approach.
- A buy back system in line with the polluter pays principle. Recycling fees should be paid by the manufacturers in advance before they introduce products onto the market as pertains elsewhere (e.g. Europe);
- Citing an analogy with waste oil, a transboundary movement for recycling approach was suggested;
- That feasibility studies must be considered prior to the establishment of a sub-regional recycling plant for E-waste;
- A waste oil recycling plant in Ghana where oil from neighbouring Togo is sourced in addition to what is in Ghana was cited as example to capacity for buying E-wastes from the sub-region;
- That there is clearly the need to regulate recycling of waste to ensure sanity in the system and enhance business and employment opportunities.

- **The draft Action Plan on E-waste prepared in Abuja in March 2012.**

The presentation was made by Prof. Oladele Osibanjo. During discussions that followed the presentation, the need to prioritise the studies and projects was stressed.

Two discussion sub working groups, namely Anglophone and Francophone were constituted to:

- Analyse and improve the draft strategic document on e-waste;
- Suggest the outline of the document
- Identify possible gaps;
- Identify first five priorities of Action Plan on chemicals and hazardous waste; and
- Recommend way forward on E-waste agenda.

Reports to be revised with comments from plenary and revised documents submitted for comments. At the presentation, the Groups highlights of

papers to be incorporated in the reports. The summary of the priorities of the working Groups is in Annexe 2

4.3. The Draft document on the Strategic Sub-regional programme on the Sound Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes Management

The Draft 0 of ECOWAS Strategic Sub-regional programme on the Sound Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes Management was presented by Mrs. Miranda Amachree on behalf of Ms. Abiola.

The presentation focused on the need for a strategic programme in the ECOWAS Region to address chemicals and hazardous waste with the proposal for the following objectives:

- a. To promote integration of sound chemicals and wastes management activities into sub regional and national sustainable development strategies;
- b. To facilitate the identification of work areas in which ECOWAS member states can cooperate on implementation and harmonization;
- c. To facilitate synergies between the various MEAs related to chemicals and wastes management;
- d. To facilitate capacity-building needs assessment and address needs identified;
- e. To facilitate mobilization of resources at the national and sub regional levels;
- f. To promote collaboration among all relevant stakeholders and the development of partnerships, including public-private partnerships.
- g. Elements of the Strategic programme were also proposed to align with the sub regional vision, goals and objectives taking cognisance of the circumstances of individual countries in the sub region

The group noted that:

- The document was a very useful document that will help in the sub-region in an integrated approach towards sound management;
- The document is not for SAICM; hence all headings should reflect chemicals and hazardous wastes including issues related to SAICM. SAICM is not yet a legally binding instrument;
- ECOWAS should coordinate various research findings/work. MARPOL and Hong Kong conventions should be taken on board to cover coastal countries in the sub-region
- On-going harmonisation of pesticides regulations in the sub-region.
- ECOWAS should take advantage of MEAs (e.g. SAICM etc) and tap into their activities to support activities in the sub-region;

- There is the need to harmonise and synchronise the two strategic documents e-waste; and chemicals and hazardous wastes (E-waste is a special case of hazardous waste);
- Ensure consistencies/coherency in the strategic documents
- Coastal and marine pollutions are of major concern. Plastic waste issues are critical in this direction.

A second presentation was also delivered by Mrs. Amachree on Abuja meeting document on “development of strategic sub-regional programme on chemicals and commented on the previously identified six priorities work areas’.

She presented 14 programmes out of which 6 priority programmes were selected taking into consideration possible available funding under GEF.

The 2 sub working groups meet again with the same TORs and after the presentation of their input, the summary of the priorities of the working Groups is in Annexe :3

4.4. Draft document on promoting synergies in the implementation of chemical-related MEAs

Prof. Komla Sanda presented a document on synergies (working document no.6).

Issues relevant to promoting a coordinated implementation of the chemicals-related MEAs were categorised under the following broad headings:

- National coordination and consultation;
 - National chemicals and waste inventories and assessments;
 - Strengthening of technical capacities;
 - Technology transfer and transfer of knowledge;
 - Policy and regulations;
 - Exchange of information and knowledge between member states;
 - Protection of human health; and
 - Regional cooperation.
- Commenting on the presentation, the chairman reiterated that the document seeks to identify activities supporting synergic implementation of MEAs to be included in the umbrella sub-regional strategic action plan on chemicals and hazardous waste. This in his opinion will promote synergy in the development of capacities for the implementation of chemicals-related Conventions namely Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam as well as SAICM. This, he indicated, should also cover the Vienna Convention, the Montreal Protocol and Bamako Convention.

During plenary discussions that followed, the meeting noted that the presentation was very relevant to the work of the sub-region; It was noted that institutional Bodies which are establish by laws are more useful to make work sustainable with regard to the financial support they are able to get from the national budget :

More light was thrown on the BAT-BEP forum, a UNEP/UNIDO initiative for LDCs countries in Africa and the project is implemented in ECOWAS region, SADC region and COMESA region. The Forum is a voluntary organisational framework to promote the implementation of the provisions of the Stockholm Convention under Article 5, Annex C on unintentionally produced POPs.

Lack of funding to implement programmes and project stressed.

4.5. Draft document on the Sub regional Priorities Within the Context of Rio + 20 Outcomes

Mrs. Abiola Olanipekun made an instructive and informative presentation on “Sub regional Priorities within the Context of Rio + 20 Outcomes. She made an in-depth and concise analysis of the RIO + 20 outcome document, whereby she focused on the thematic areas and the means of implementation. The thematic areas on “Chemicals and Waste” comprised 21 major issues that the sub- region should mainstream into its Strategic Programme currently under development in order to make it aligned and consistent with the international framework.

4.6 Draft document on the Third Session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-3)

Mrs. Abiola Olanipekun gave a concise presentation on key issues of the Agenda of ICCM-3 ;

- Progress on emerging policy issues ;
- New nomination of emerging issues.
- She then focused on the regional priorities to be included in the African report to ICCM-3 where the ECOWAS Commission and ministries and high-level representative from member countries should synergize to play an important role in pushing the following regional priorities:
 - The Globally Harmonized System for the classification and labelling of chemicals;
 - Mainstreaming of sound management of chemicals into development agendas;
 - Heavy metals;
 - Sub-regional poisons centre networks;
 - Illegal traffic and waste;
 - Training/guidance on economic instruments;
 - Elimination of Lead in Paint; and
 - Chemicals in Products/articles.

For a fruitful participation in the ICCM-3, Ms. Abiola Olanipekun suggested that the ECOWAS Commission can assist in preparing the meeting on the following issues:

- Encourage active participation of countries within the sub-region through letters to relevant Ministries and Focal Points;
- Support for interpretation during Africa regional meetings at the session;
- Request to the Regional Focal Point for meeting of countries within the subregion during the session; and at that occasion to make an informal introduction of the subregional Strategic Programme to ECOWAS members states for information

In response to the request above, the ECOWAS Commission indicated that the geographical coverage of the conference which is involving AU member states and its location out of the ECOWAS sub-region cannot allow the Commission to take any action without involving AU and the other Regional Economic Communities.

The meeting suggested the need for recommendation to ministers during ICCM-3 to support the financing of SAICM activities in the sub-region and addition of new activities to the global plan of action on hazardous substances in the life cycle of EEE

4.7 Draft terms of reference (ToRs) for the preparation of Project Identification Form (PIF) and Application for the Project Preparation Grant (PPG) for a sub regional project on waste electric and electronic equipment (WEEE)

The draft ToRs were introduced to the participants by Prof Komla Sanda. The focus was on the activities to be undertaken by a consultant who will be hired by the ECOWAS Commission to draft PIF and PPG for submission to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to fund request for the development and implement a sub regional project on WEEE.

Following the introduction of the document the participants made inputs and amendments as follows:

- Under “qualifications” include practical knowledge on the implementation of chemicals –related MEAs including SAICM;
- Summarize the Background in the document
- On language, the consultant needs to have working knowledge of one of the three languages and to submit report in both English and French.
- There is a need for more information about the content of the project before improve the TORs. The draft project document must be made available

4.8. Sharing information the regulation of E-waste sector in the sub-region

It was agreed to have a short presentation on experience on regulation of E-waste sector in the sub-region. Ghana and Nigeria made presentation to share their experience.

Participants were informed that Ghana EPA is currently preparing a bill on National Environmental (Electrical, Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2011.. The outline of the bill and the participatory procedure adopted and the challenges faced were briefly presented. Nigeria (NESREA) also made a shortly presentation their WEEE regulation that is already adopted and currently being enforced. The presenters shared their experiences in coordination, stakeholder participation and other various related issues.

It was agreed that countries need to have their national legislations on E-waste, but some aspects need to be handled at the sub regional level to avoid illegal traffic or movement of WEEE in the sub region.

4.9. Sharing information's on plastic waste issues

On the request of ECOWAS Commission, the Working Group share information on plastic waste issues. It came out that, some members States, are taking initiative on plastic waste management (, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal. Some have specific legislation on the case.

After discussion, it was agree that at the sub regional level the first steep will be to conduct a survey showing the situation around the sub-region and suggestions the way forward to develop complementarily with the commitment that some countries have taken.

5.0. Recommendations

5.1. On the priorities

Priority ranking for chemicals and hazardous wastes was made by the sub working groups of the meeting is in [annexe 2](#) and [3](#). It should be noted that :

- the priorities should be consistent with the topic by using the appropriate phrasing "*chemicals and hazardous wastes*" instead of "*chemicals*" only.
- "*banned, obsolete, restricted chemicals and hazardous wastes including E-waste*" should be used instead of "*toxic and dangerous goods*"
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5.2. On additional issues to be incorporated in the draft strategic programme and action plan

The discussions brought out that :

- The health issue should be considered during the upcoming steps of the work of the technical group to have it included as appropriate in the sub regional strategy
- Mainstream the international paradigms and key priorities in the sub regional strategy documents

Some issues were also identified by the sub working group and validated in the plenary and will be taken into account as appropriate in the development of the strategic programme and action plan (Annex 4)

5.3. On the final outline of the strategy document to be presented as follows :

- Element of the table of contents
- Executive summary
- Table of contents
- Conclusion
- Action Plan

The suggestion ahead will be harmonized with the format of other strategic programmes and action plans on chemicals and hazardous wastes and the other on E-waste. The ECOWAS Commission will take appropriate action to ensure that the strategy documents are coherent both in substantial matters and in editorial issues based on other strategy documents of the Commission.

The draft 0 of the strategic programme of E-waste needs to be developed further as the draft of chemicals and hazardous was in annexe 6, ensuring the coherence of the two strategic programmes.

The Actions Plans from Abuja, need to be improved with the outcomes of the sub working Group and the ECOWAS Commission needs to suggest with resource persons the frame of the presentation of the six priorities of the two Actions Plans

5.4. Actions for the ECOWAS Commission for ICCM3 and regional meetings on chemicals and hazardous waste in Africa

It was agreed that, ECOWAS Commission may attend the meeting on ICCM3 planned from 17 to 21 September 2012 in Nairobi, and the need to:

- i. Encourage active participation of countries within the sub-region through letters to relevant Ministries and Focal Points
- ii. Request to the Regional Focal Point for meeting of countries within the sub-region during the session
- iii. Introduce the sub-regional Strategic Programme to ECOWAS members States during the session for inputs and endorsement.;

For regional meetings on chemicals and hazardous wastes in Africa, the ECOWAS Commission will find the way to support, when possible, in accordance of its rules, interpretation during Africa regional meetings

5.5. The way forward

The way forward (Annexe 5), was presented and the ECOWAS Commission will take necessary measures for its implementation

6. Closing of the Meeting.

Chair thanks participants for the opportunity they give to him to share the meeting and appreciate the ongoing work, which will improve chemicals and hazardous wastes sound management in the sub-region.

Director of Environment of the ECOWAS Commission thanked all participants for their commitment and the work well done. On behalf of all participant, Prof Oladele Osibanjo thanked the ECOWAS Commission for the organisation of the meeting and ensured their availability to continue support to the ongoing work.

The meeting was closed at 6:10 PM

Done on this day, 16th August, 2012 in Accra, Ghana

6.0 Annexes

- i. Agenda of the meeting
- ii. Priorities of the strategic programme on chemicals and hazardous wastes
- iii. Priorities of the specific sub-regional strategic action plan on WEEE.
- iv. Issues need to be incorporated in the strategic program me and actions plans
- v. The way forward
- vi. List of participants
- vii. Review draft of the sub regional strategic programme on chemical and hazardous wastes ([Ms Abiola](#))

ANNEXE 1

Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes		
11th-16th August 2012 – Accra - Ghana		
REVISED AGENDA OF THE MEETING		
11th – 12th Preparatory meeting between Environment Directorate and Resource Persons for Draft document review		
DAY 1		
9H 00 -10H15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks • Introduction of participants • Presentation of workshop objectives • Presentation and adoption of program • Introduction of the meeting documents 	ECOWAS
10H15- 10H30	Coffee Break	
10H30- 12H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Draft Document on E-waste in the ECOWAS sub-region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions • Presentation of the Draft Document on ECOWAS E-waste Strategy • Discussions 	Prof. O. Osibanjo
12H00-13H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Draft Action Plan on E-waste from Abuja meeting • Organization of Working Groups 	Prof. O. Osibanjo
13H00-14H30	Lunch	
14H30- 18H00	Working Groups session (coffee break at 16H00)	
DAY 2		
9H 00 -10H	Report from working Groups on E-waste	Chair of the Working Groups
10H00- 11H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Draft Document on Chemicals and Hazardous Waste in ECOWAS sub-region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions 	Mrs Abiola Olanipekun/ Mrs Miranda Amachree
11h00-11H30	Coffee break	
11H30- 13H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Draft Action Plan on Chemicals and Hazardous Waste from Abuja meeting • Discussions 	Mrs Abiola Olanipekun/ Mrs Miranda Amachree
13H00-14H30	Lunch	
14H30- 18H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of Working Groups • Working Groups 	

DAY 3		
9H 00 -10H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Draft document for identification and prioritization of activities to be included in the strategic action plan on chemicals and on EEE-waste in the perspective to promote synergy • Discussion 	Prof. Komla Sanda
10H00- 11H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Draft Document on the Sub-regional priorities within the context of Rio+20 outcomes and upcoming third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-3) • Discussion 	Mrs Abiola Olanipekun/ ??
11h00-11H30	Coffee break	
11H30- 13H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of Working Groups • Working Group 1 : Draft Document on the Sub-regional priorities within the context of Rio+20 outcomes and upcoming third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-3) • Working Group 2 Draft document for identification and prioritization of activities to be included in the strategic action plan on chemicals and on EEE-waste in the perspective to promote synergy 	Chair of the Working Groups
13H00-14H30	Lunch	
14H30- 16H00	Report from working Groups 1 and 2	
16H00 -16H30	Coffee break	
16H30 -18H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation TOR of the development of the Project Identification Form on the sub regional programme on E-waste • Discussion 	Prof. Komla Sanda
DAY 4		
9H 00 -11H	Working Groups session on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Strategic Programme on Chemicals and hazardous waste II. Synergy activities for the implementation of Conventions and prioritization of chemicals and hazardous Action Plan 	Working Groups Moderator
11H00- 11H30	Coffee break	
11H30- 12H30	Working Groups session (cont.....)	Working Groups Moderator
12H30-14H00	Report of Working Groups	Working Groups Moderator
14H00-15H00	Lunch	
15H 00-16H 00	Discussion on plastics waste management	Chairman Participants
16H 00-18H00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion of the meeting report • Adoption of the report • Closing Remarks 	Chairman ECOWAS

ANNEXE 2 : PRIORITIES OF ACTIONS PLANS ON CHEMICALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

PRIORITIES	STRATEGIC SUB-REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON CHEMICALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
Priority 1	Education and training (public awareness) on Chemicals and hazardous waste
Priority 2	Strengthening of legal, policy and institutional infrastructures, including domestication of International agreements on Chemicals and hazardous waste
Priority 3	Mainstreaming of Sound Management of Chemicals AND Hazardous waste into national Planning and Development
Priority 4	Prevention of illegal traffic of banned, obsolete, restricted chemicals and hazardous wastes including E-waste and ozone layer depleting substances
Priority 5	Development of a sub-regional approach to managing priority chemicals of concern such as mercury, cadmium, lead, POPs and other chemicals of concern at the national and sub-regional levels
Priority 6	Establishment of integrated national programmes for the sound management of chemicals at the national level in a flexible manner

ANNEXE 3 : PRIORITIES OF ACTIONS PLANS ON EEE WASTE

PRIORITIES	STRATEGIC SUB-REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON EEE WASTE
Priority 1	Establishment and mainstreaming of e-waste legislation, regulation and standards in the ECOWAS region
Priority 2	Public awareness and education for Political class, Policy makers, importers, retailers, scavengers, Civil Society Organizations and the general public on e-waste issues
Priority 3	Establishment of an information-sharing network for the ECOWAS region: establishment of an information network among participating agencies, related customs agencies, recyclers and shippers of used electronic products
Priority 4	Pilot Scheme on Collection, Segregation and Recycling of e-waste through a Public Private Partnership with OEMs in Africa
Priority 5	Development of national implementation plan for e-waste management and Regional training on ESM of e-waste
Priority 6	Promotion and implementation of Product take back as part of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) by OEMs

Annexe 4:

ISSUES NEED TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE STRATEGIC PROGRAMME AND ACTIONS PLANS

Objective: Mainstreaming Rio + 20 outcomes as well as synergies with respect to the chemicals-related multilateral agreements (MEAs)

- Establish a sub regional network of the focal points and national DNAs
- Set up a technical Committee on Chemicals and Wastes
- Develop a directory of experts in the Sub Region
- Compile Case Studies of Best Practices from the ECOWAS member states and organize fora for sharing them in the different countries
- Develop a Sub Regional Policy for Chemicals and Hazardous Waste (Incorporate into no.12 of the the action plan on chemicals and hazardous wastes)
- Establish Multilateral Environmental Agreements Regional Enforcement Network aimed at assisting member states to enforce trade-related obligations under the chemicals related conventions through regional cooperation (WANECE). Such network will be of particular relevance to deal with trade, movement and illegal traffic of chemicals, articles and wastes. (This should be included as an activity under no 14 of the action plan)
- Establish Partnership with the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional centers
- Involve industry and other stakeholders in activities on chemicals and hazardous waste
- National laws should be updated to include the new chemicals that are added under the Stockholm, Rotterdam, Basel and other Conventions
- Encourage member States to Update their NIPs to include the new POPs
- Health concerns need to be more take in to account for the development of the strategic programme and Action Plans

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ANNEXE 5 :

WAY FORWARD¹

S/N	Task	Deliverables	Actors
I.	Finalization of the Working Group meeting documents	I. Report of the meeting II. Outline of the strategic program on Chemicals and hazardous waste III. Draft of the strategic program on Electronics Waste IV. Priorities of the Action plans on : i) Chemicals and hazardous waste and ii) Electronics Waste	ECOWAS Commission
II.	Development of Terms of Reference (TOR) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Development of the strategic programme and action plans on Chemicals and hazardous waste II. Development of strategic programme and Action Plans on E-waste III. Development of the specific implementation programme / project document on E-waste 	I. TORs Development of the strategic programme and action Plans on Chemicals and hazardous waste available II. TORs Development of the specific implementation programme on E-waste available III. Development of the specific implementation programme/ project document on E-waste	ECOWAS Commission
III.	Recruitment of resource persons and or consultant(s)	Consultants selected	ECOWAS Commission
IV.	Completion of surveys (a, b,c) of point 2	The 3 Surveys are completed	Consultants
V.	Stakeholders consultations and advocacies	Views of Stakeholders (Civil society, Informal Sector, Private sector) collected	ECOWAS Commission Working Group
VI.	Completion of survey for the development of the PIF and the PPG on E-waste programme	PIF and the PPG on E-waste implementation program programme developed	Consultants
VII.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the surveys documents - Development TORs for the development of the PIF and the PPG on E-waste programme 	I. 3 Surveys are improved II. TORs for the development of the PIF and the PPG on E-waste programme available	ECOWAS Commission Working Group
III.	Finalisation and taking into account the inputs of the WG in the draft document	Finalised draft documents	Resource persons or Consultants
IX.	Consultation and advocacy of documents with financial and technical partners	Collective comments and views of financial and technical partners	ECOWAS Commission & Resource Persons
X.	Sub regional technical workshop to review the draft documents	Technical validation of the draft documents	ECOWAS member States & takeholders
11.	Presentation of document to the Minister	Validation of documents	ECOWAS member States
12.	Presentation of document to the Council of Ministers for mainstreaming and implementation	Adoption of documents	ECOWAS Commission and member States

¹ The time frame will be defined in accordance with ECOWAS Commission process and funds availability

ANNEXE 6:**Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes****M- Plaza Hotel, Accra - Ghana****11th - 16th August, 2012****LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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