

Basel Convention Regional Center for South America Republic of Argentina – BCRC

2014-2015 Business Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Basel Convention Regional Center for South America (BCRC) was formally created as a result of a Framework Agreement entered into in July, 2005; however, it has been in operation since May 2002.

The BCRC has conducted the following tasks as part of the implementation of the 2002-2012 Strategic Plan (first quarter):

Project “Implementation of Measures against Illegal Traffic of Hazardous and Other Wastes” was set in motion. The Basel Convention Implementation Manual was published and translated as a result of this project. Also, on March 22 and 23, 2003, and in the context of this project, a workshop was delivered to the region’s customs authorities on the Implementation of Measures against Illegal Traffic of Hazardous and Other Wastes.

A workshop was held in July 2004 with the goal of fostering the ratification and implementation of the Responsibility and Compensation Protocol.

Activities have been developed to achieve synergistic cooperation and coordination with other International Environmental Conventions, such as the South American Regional Workshop on the Environmentally Sound Destruction of POPs and Decontamination of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)-containing Waste in the context of the Basel Convention and the Stockholm Convention.

Technical assistance was supplied to the countries in the region to help them create regulations on waste generation prevention, and to aid them in promoting environmentally sound waste management.

The BCRC has coordinated the implementation of Project GEF-2328-2760-4A40 “*Best Practices in PCB Management in the Mining Industry in South America*” in Chile and Peru. Valuable assessments are being produced in this context, as well as reference documents for the region and changes that will be conducive to the application of best practices and the introduction of the best technologies available in this sphere. This effort has been made with the aid of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNEP’s Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE).

In addition, projects and actions have been implemented in connection with mercury and mercury waste, namely the project on “Minimization and Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury-Containing Waste in Chlor-alkali Plants in Argentina”, which was developed as part of an agreement between the Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention (ESBC) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and project “Environmentally Sound Storage and Disposal of Elementary



Mercury and Elementary Mercury Waste in Argentina”, which is part of a Funding Agreement signed between the BCRC and UNEP’s DTIE.

Significant actions have been undertaken in the context of the above-mentioned projects in the sphere of mercury and mercury waste inventories and national action plans. As well, national task forces have been created with the involvement of both governmental and non-governmental players, including the industry, NGOs, business chambers and the relevant governmental sectors. This effort will be the groundwork for the successful implementation of both national and international mercury regulations, the development of which is currently in progress; as well, it has set in motion a number of exciting synergies, as is the case of the recent trading of mercury surpluses between members of the industry, which has served to prevent additional imports and exports.

Moreover, linkages have been strengthened between the BCRC and both regional and international players in the field of hazardous waste.

The Argentine Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development (SESAD) is currently assisting the BCRC through a financial contribution of USD 100,000, which will be used for projects and activities connected with the priority agenda of the Basel Convention and the region’s most urgent needs, i.e., mercury waste, electronic waste and used tires. Funds were first remitted in 2009, and administrative procedures were started in 2011 and finalized in 2012 to transfer the balance of these funds.

The BCRC has acted as a referent in several seminars across Argentina and the region on electric and electronic waste management. Its members have co-authored regional documents on this topic, and the organization is actively involved in the PACE task force (Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment) and in the development of PACE Technical Guidelines. Along these lines, the BCRC has succeeded at becoming a leader in universal waste management, and is now a relevant player in this sphere.

The initial actions of Project “Promoting Clean Technologies and Sustainable Management in Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Recycling through the Involvement of the Informal Sector” – an effort in which the BCRC has partnered with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) - are currently underway.

A final Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been agreed on with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia to enable cooperation in the context of environmental management along the lines of the Stockholm Convention on POPs and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, particularly in connection with the sustainable management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).

The proposed business plan is targeted on strengthening the capacity building role of the BCRC in the region - with a view to improving Basel Convention implementation -, and is aimed at facilitating synergies with the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), and the negotiations on the adoption of the future Convention on mercury and mercury waste.



The BCRC is being organizing a Steering Committee meeting to be held in the second semester of 2013.

Moreover, the Center is being developing three Global Environmental Facility (GEF) projects for Argentina along with Basel Convention Coordinating Center BCCC from Uruguay and SESD:

- Review and update of the national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs);
- Development of mercury management plans in Latin America and Caribbean;
- Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in the Latin American and Caribbean Region.

I.- ABOUT THE CENTER

I.a.- Vision

The BCRC-Argentina is a tool that serves to push forward sound hazardous waste management in the region through capacity building efforts in the fields of training, information dissemination, awareness-raising and technology transfer.

I.b.- Background

The BCRC functions at the National Institute for Industrial Technology (INTI), in the City of Buenos Aires. BCRC operations began in 2002 as a result of an agreement between the SESD and INTI. The BCRC acts as a liaison for the countries in the region through focal points, national authorities and the Regional Coordination Center for Latin America and the Caribbean, which is located in Uruguay, and provides assistance to the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela and Uruguay (see the APENDIXX A which lists the Basel Convention Focal Points served by the BCRC-Argentina).

The BCRC has carried out the following tasks as part of the implementation of its 2002-2012 Strategic Plan:

Project on the Implementation of Measures against Illegal Trafficking of Hazardous and Other Waste. The Basel Convention Implementation Manual was published and translated as a result of this project, which also led, on March 22 and 23, 2003, to a workshop for customs authorities on the Implementation of Measures against Illegal Trafficking of Hazardous and Other Waste.

A workshop was conducted in July 2004 to promote the ratification as well as the implementation of the Responsibility and Compensation Protocol in the region.

Activities were carried out with a view to promoting synergistic cooperation and coordination with other International Environmental Conventions, e.g., the South American Regional Workshop on the Environmentally Sound Destruction of POPs and Decontamination of POP-containing Waste in the context of the Basel Convention and the Stockholm Convention.

Technical aid was supplied to the countries in the region to help them formulate regulations to prevent waste generation and promote environmentally sound waste management.



The BCRC is coordinating the implementation of Project GEF-2328-2760-4A40 “*Best Practices in PCB Management in the Mining Industry in South America*” in Chile and Peru. Valuable assessments are being produced in this context, as well as reference documents for the region and changes that will be conducive to the application of best practices and the introduction of the best technologies available in this sphere.

In addition, projects and actions have been implemented in connection with mercury and mercury waste, e.g., project “Minimization and Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury-Containing Waste in Chlor-alkali Plants in Argentina”, which was developed as part of an agreement between the ESBC and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and project “Environmentally Sound Storage and Disposal of Elementary Mercury and Elementary Mercury Waste in Argentina”, which is part of a Funding Agreement signed between the BCRC and UNEP’s DTIE.

Significant actions have been undertaken in the context of the above-mentioned projects in the sphere of mercury and mercury waste inventories and national action plans. As well, national task forces have been created with the involvement of both governmental and non-governmental players, including the industry, NGOs, business chambers and the relevant governmental sectors. This effort will be the groundwork for the successful implementation of both national and international mercury regulations, the development of which is currently in progress; as well, it has set in motion a number of exciting synergies, as is the case of the recent trading of mercury surpluses between members of the industry, which has served to prevent additional imports and exports.

Moreover, linkages have been strengthened between the BCRC and both regional and international players in the field of hazardous waste. Such is the case of the preliminary MoU signed with Colombia’s Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, which is currently in its registration stages.

The BCRC has acted as a referent in several seminars across Argentina and the region on electric and electronic waste management. Its members have co-authored regional documents on this topic, and the organization is actively involved in the PACE task force and in the development of PACE’s Technical Guidelines. Along these lines, the BCRC has succeeded at becoming a leader in universal waste management, and is now a relevant player in this sphere.

The BCRC has recently launched the implementation of Project “Promoting Clean Technologies and Sustainable Management in Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Recycling through the Involvement of the Informal Sector” in the context of a partnership with the IDB.

The BCRC has also been involved in activities targeted on promoting synergies with other conventions (Montreal Protocol – training of cooling engineers) as well as mercury management organizations (Stockholm Convention, SAICM and future Mercury Convention).

The last semester of 2012, the BCRC was working to develop three Global Environmental Facility (GEF) projects for Argentina along with Basel Convention Coordinating Center BCCC from Uruguay and SESD:

- Review and update of the national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs);
- Development of mercury management plans in Latin America and Caribbean;



- Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in the Latin American and Caribbean Region.

I.c.- Legal Structure – Institutional Framework

The Argentine Government signed a Framework Agreement in July 2005 establishing the creation of the BCRC and making it compliant with local regulations.

BCRC operations were approved through a Supplementary Agreement signed on May 30, 2002, by the SEDS and the INTI.

The decision to set up the BCRC at INTI underscores its independence and autonomy as guaranteed by its internal regulations. The BCRC's legal and financial status is in accordance to provisions set forth by the Basel Convention and the ESBC.

Through INTI, the National Government ensures that the BCRC has sufficient autonomy and independence, particularly regarding its thematic and financial components.

The BCRC's above-described autonomy becomes particularly evident in connection with its thematic and financial components. This means that the BCRC conducts its activities within the thematic framework defined by the countries in the region and the Basel Convention.

BCRC autonomy regarding fund management lies in the need of guaranteeing that the resources allocated by the ESBC and other sources of funding will be used exclusively for BCRC priority activities. As well, it is a way of ensuring BCRC continuity and sustainability regardless of changes in national administrations.

The decision to select INTI as the seat of the BCRC has to do with the independence of the environmental enforcement authority, and is a symbol of recognition of INTI's expertise in Research Center Systems, its relationship with the industry and the outstanding quality of its infrastructure, equipment and human resources.

The staff BCRC is as follows:

- ✓ Director: Ms. Leila Devia, an attorney specializing in the Legal Framework of Natural Resources Management. PhD in Law. Professor. She has 27 years of environmental expertise. Full-time employee.
- ✓ Financial and Administrative Support: Ariel Ghizzardi; part-time consultant.
- ✓ Administrative Support: Mariela Chervin; part-time consultant.
- ✓ Hazardous Waste Specialist: Environmental Engineer M. Lía Fox. She has 8 years of expertise in the area. Part-time employee
- ✓ Mercury Specialist: Engineer Carlos Rodriguez. He has 15 years of expertise in sanitary landfills and pollutants. Professor; part-time employee.
- ✓ POPs Specialist: Andrea Chamorro; She has 2 years of expertise in the area. Part-time employee.

In addition, the BCRC has contracts with specialists in the context of its projects, and is aided by a number of experts from the SEDS, who are actively involved in BCRC's projects implementation. This is particularly true of the following areas:



- ✓ Technical and institutional Focal Points of Contact of the Basel Convention in Argentina.
- ✓ Hazardous Waste Agency
- ✓ Transboundary Waste Movement Unit

The Center holds a bank account at the Buenos Aires Province branch of Banco de la Nación Argentina, and receives payments through UNDP Argentina, the ESBC, GEF, the SESD, and other international donors and agencies.

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II- THE BCRC AND THE BASEL CONVENTION

II.a – List of Activities According to the Role of Each Center

Over the past few years, the BCRC has conducted workshops, conferences, courses and seminars on electric and electronic waste management. Thus it has fulfilled training and information dissemination requirements in the region on the various legal models that are available for regulating universal special waste streams.

Pursuant to the Strategic Plan, technical aid has been supplied in the region in the shape of pilot projects, and a PCB Management Project is currently being coordinated in Chile and Peru.

The BCRC has fostered debate in the region through its involvement in the RELAC (the regional Latin American and Caribbean platform for electronic waste) and other platforms by raising awareness on the concept of extended producer responsibility.

It has collaborated in the study of special cases and in the design of strategies, technical guidelines and regulations on technology transfer, e.g., it has undertaken a joint effort with the INTI Tire Center for the creation of a national regulatory framework on the sustainable management of used tires.

The BCRC has acted as a referent in seminars nationwide and across the region on electric and electronic waste management. Its members have co-authored regional documents on this subject, and the Center is actively involved in the PACE Task Force (Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment) and in the development of PACE Technical Guidelines. Along these lines, the BCRC has succeeded at becoming a leader in universal waste management, and is now a relevant player in this sphere.

The Center has also been involved in activities targeted on promoting synergies with other conventions (Montreal Protocol – training of cooling engineers) as well as mercury management organizations (Stockholm Convention, the SAICM Program and the future Mercury and Mercury Waste Convention).



The BCRC's recently updated website contains key information on environmental management of hazardous waste, mercury-containing material, PCBs and waste electric and electronic equipment.

The BCRC has derived funding from several sources and donors to sustain its broad range of activities, and has encouraged the creation of a synergistic environment between the government, the industry and NGOs which has brought forth a number of promising initial results.

B.- Opportunities for Improvement

BCRC operations are sometimes impaired by a lack of funding in the region. For the Center's activities to be effective, a sustainable financial mechanism needs to be implemented, so that assistance is delivered to BCRC-aided countries as planned. Technology transfer is encumbered in the sphere of training on project formulation and is hindered by complex legal situations.

It has become evident that managerial skills need to be strengthened and encouraged in the region, and that, following the trend of recent years, the results of BCRC efforts must continue to be disseminated.

Nevertheless, SESD of Argentina is financing the Center with cash transfers since 2008 for activities related to mercury, WEEE and tires being done in the country and the region.

C.- Cooperation with Other Conventions (Stockholm, Rotterdam and SAICM)

Activities have been undertaken to achieve synergistic cooperation and coordination with other International Environmental Conventions, such as the South American Regional Workshop on the Environmentally Sound Destruction of POPs and Decontamination of POP-containing Waste in the context of the Basel Convention and the Stockholm Convention.

The BCRC has coordinated the implementation of Project "*Best Practices in PCB Management in the Mining Industry in South America*" with the goal of taking steps to effectively apply the provisions of the Stockholm Convention.

The BCRC's technical capabilities are sufficient for training national laboratories on POPs analysis.

In addition, projects and actions have been implemented in connection with mercury and mercury waste, namely the project on "Minimization and Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury-Containing Waste in Chlor-alkali Plants in Argentina", which was developed as part of an agreement between the ESBC and the US EPA; and project "Environmentally Sound Storage and Disposal of Elementary Mercury and Elementary Mercury Waste in Argentina", which is part of a Funding Agreement signed between the BCRC and UNEP's DTIE.

In the context of minor projects, significant actions have been developed in connection with mercury and mercury waste inventories and national action plans. National task forces have been created with the involvement of both governmental and non-governmental players, including the industry, NGOs, business chambers and the relevant governmental sectors. This effort will be the groundwork for the successful implementation of both national and international mercury regulations, the development of which is currently in progress; as well, it has set in motion a number of exciting synergies, as is the case of the recent trading of mercury surpluses between members of the industry, which has served to prevent additional imports and exports. The BCRC has also assisted the Argentine Association of



Doctors for the Environment (AAMMA) in the context of project “Regional Mercury Minimization Campaign in Domestic Sources”. As well, a special mercury chapter has been developed on the BCRC’s website (<http://crsbasilea.inti.gob.ar/mercurio>).

The BCRC is collaborating on a number of tasks with Uruguay’s POPs Center, and is considering the possibility of putting itself forward for an eventual POPs Center nomination in the context of the Stockholm Convention.

In addition, BCRC is developing with BCCC from Uruguay different projects related to POPs and Mercury.

The BCRC is currently pushing forward a MoU with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia to encourage cooperation on environmental management in the context of the Stockholm Convention on POPs and the Basel Convention, particularly in connection with the sound management of PCBs.

D.- Partnership Activities

During this new period, in addition to dealing with the future Strategic Plan of the Basel Convention, the BCRC will continue to enhance interaction with the private, scientific and university sectors, and with environmentally-oriented NGOs. A number of initial actions have already been undertaken with the private sector in Argentina.

The following actions have been conducted in the field of waste streams with the involvement of the private sector:

- ✓ Tires: a regulatory framework has been developed with the participation of the SESD, the INTI Rubber Center and Industry Chambers dealing with tire production, retreading and recycling.
- ✓ Discussions have been conducted with members of mercury-dependent industries, chemicals producers chambers – particularly chlor-alkali plants -, and representatives of mercury waste management services, in order to coordinate project activities with a view to the entry into force of the mercury waste Convention.
- ✓ The BCRC has taken initial steps towards a joint strategy involving the electric and electronic equipment industry and the services dealing with electric and electronic waste, in order to develop and implement pilot projects in the context of the work carried out by PACE.

The BCRC brings NGOs into the process of project development and implementation so as to take advantage of their expertise and use their platforms to disseminate BCRC material and raise awareness on the risks entailed by the improper management of hazardous substances and waste. Such is the case of the joint effort made in 2008/2010 with the AAMMA, which brought forth Project SAICM QSP* on Mercury in Domestic Products, and which involved a regional campaign on the “Minimization of Domestic Sources of Mercury through Community Interventions Aimed at Protecting the Health of Women and Children in Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia and Peru”.

At the end of 2012, BCRC develop with AAMMA a project related to dissemination of Best Environmental Techniques (BET) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP) as regards treatment and disposal of mercury and their wastes.

Thus, in the context of the projects conducted by the BCRC, interaction has been encouraged between the public sector, NGOs, business chambers and industries that play a key role in the sphere of hazardous waste, mercury and mercury-containing products, tires, PCBs, WEEE and other materials.

With regard to the Project on PCBs in the mining industry implemented in Chile and Peru, the BCRC has secured the commitment of the public and private sectors of both countries, which apart from becoming actively involved, have made a direct financial contribution in the shape of co-funding of several project components and activities.

As regards Project “Promoting Clean Technologies and Sustainable Management in Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Recycling through the Involvement of the Informal Sector”, which was developed jointly with the IDB and with partial funding by GEF, the BCRC foresees active involvement of electric and electronic equipment producers and WEEE management services, as well as a total of USD 50,000 worth of potential financial contributions, to be made by international companies such as Dell, HP, Sony and Nokia, which will also act as project participants.

In connection with the university sector, a strategic analysis has been launched to evaluate the potential involvement of National University Antonio Jauretche, located in the Buenos Aires Province District of Florencio Varela, for a project specializing in clean production and sound environmental management of WEEE, namely:

- ✓ IDB Projects “Promoting Clean Technologies and Sustainable Management in Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Recycling through the Involvement of the Informal Sector”
- ✓ ECONORMAS MERCOSUR Project on “Support for the Enhancement of the Process of Economic Integration and Sustainable Development in MERCOSUR”. This is part of the cooperation efforts undertaken by the European Union and MERCOSUR, the Common Market of the South.

III.- REGIONAL NEEDS

Below is a list of the major needs in the region’s agenda, as identified at meetings of the Regional Centers Network:

- WEEE management
- Mercury and mercury waste
- Strengthening of the Regional Centers Network and its coordinators
- Environmentally sound management of PCBs
- Implementation of the Indonesia-Switzerland Country-led Initiative (CLI), which involves the Ban Amendment as well as Environmentally Sound Waste Management Systems.

IV.- PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

A. BCRC Maintenance and BCRC Staff Training

BCRC staff training

Objective: to train BCRC staff on technical cooperation project creation and management.

Specific tasks:

- ✓ Creating and managing international cooperation projects
- ✓ Managing genuine funding

Project Management Unit: BCRC

Outcomes: actual project implementation in the region

Indicators: number of funded region-specific projects

Budget: USD 20,000.

Participation at seminars, conferences and courses

Objective: To strengthen the role of the BCRC as a leader in the region

Specific tasks:

- ✓ Identifying and selecting events and the BCRC's mode of participation in them
- ✓ Searching for funds to enable participation in these events

Expected outcomes: participation of BCRC members in at least three events per year

Project Management Unit: BCRC

Indicator: number of events involving BCRC participation

Budget: USD 25,000.

Hardware and software procurement for the BCRC

Objective: to enhance the BCRC's managerial and communication capacities

Specific tasks:

- ✓ Hardware and software procurement

Expected outcomes: equipping the BCRC as necessary for the proper conduct of business and enabling appropriate communication facilities

Project Management Unit: BCRC

Indicator: updated and appropriate hardware and software

Budget: USD 12,000.

B. Activities for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan and the CLI Initiative

Continued implementation of Project GEF-2328-2760-4A40 “Best Practices in PCB Management in the Mining Industry in South America” in Chile and Peru.

Objective: project implementation and execution; creating a coordinated regional perspective for the development and implementation of best practices in PCB management in the mining industry in Chile and Peru; identifying potentially unknown PCB sources.

Tasks: regional project coordination; international consultant contract management and equipment acquisition; execution follow-up in Chile and Peru; publication of documents and technical guidelines; steering committee coordination; training of laboratory staff in Chile, Peru and Argentina (four workshops).



Expected outcomes: project implementation completion, appropriate level of project execution, workshop completion; Steering Committee meeting; execution by the relevant countries; document publication; laboratory training completion.

Project Management Unit: BCRC + Chile + Peru

Remaining budget: USD 600,000 (granted by GEF and other parties to the project).

Project “Promoting Clean Technologies and Environmentally-friendly Management in Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Recycling through the Involvement of the Informal Sector”.

Objective: to deliver solutions for the environmentally rational management, reutilization, enhancement, repair, treatment and disposal of WEEE, and to prevent illegal transboundary movements of used electric and electronic devices and hazardous waste such as heavy metals and brominated flame retardants.

Tasks: capacity-building targeted on the informal sector involved in WEEE management; creation of Good Practices Manuals on WEEE management; managerial capacity-building of the formal sector involved in WEEE management; creation of proposals for adapting the Regulatory Framework to WEEE management.

Project Management Unit: BCRC

Budget: USD 780,000 (USD 700,000 IDB funding plus USD 50,000 GEF funding; the balance shall be supplied by the Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development and INTI).

C. Synergistic Actions

Facilitation of technical cooperation on PCB management for the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia

Objective: to build technical capacities and to harmonize the regulatory framework in order to encourage environmentally sound PCB disposal in Colombia, pursuant to the goals set forth in the National Implementation Plan of the Stockholm Convention on POPs.

Tasks: Analysis and formulation of policy and regulatory instruments for the integrated management of PCBs in the context of the National Implementation Plan of the Stockholm Convention on POPs. Review of the development and implementation of the regulatory framework on PCB management in Argentina, with a focus on the problems that arose in this context and their solutions, so as to transfer the lessons learnt in Argentina to the Ministry of Environment of Colombia; all of the above shall be the responsibility of the BCRC. Assessing the progress of the implementation of the National Implementation Plan on PCB management in Colombia, and facilitating compliance with this plan; this shall be done jointly by the BCRC and the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia. A three-day mission in Colombia of two BCRC experts or consultants from Argentina, who shall be responsible for transferring PCB management knowledge, and for disseminating the Decision-making Tool developed as part of Project “Best Practices in PCB Management in the Mining Industry in South America”; this shall be organized jointly by the BCRC and the Ministry of Environment of Colombia. All travel and lodging costs of the experts shall be borne by the BCRC; the organization and development of activities in Colombia (events, meetings, technical visits, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of this country. A three-day mission in Argentina of two technical officials of the Ministry of Colombia, with the goal of attending meetings and conducting technical visits at agencies specializing in PCB management (Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development, BCRC and INTI Laboratories), private control laboratories, and facilities generating, storing and operating with PCBs, with a view to learning about the feasibility of PCB treatment in the country and the



opportunities for technology transfer into Colombia. All travel, lodging and organization costs shall be borne by the BCRC.

Project Management Unit: BCRC

Budget: USD 15,000 (funding shall be supplied by the Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina).

C. Additional Training Activities

Institutional Capacity-building of Administrative, Legislative and Judiciary Authorities in Latin America and the Caribbean with the Goal of Facilitating Basel Convention Implementation

Objectives: training administrative, legislative and judiciary authorities, as necessary, on all legal and technical aspects of the implementation of the Basel Convention, particularly CLIs and the Ban Amendment.

Description: preparing a training kit comprising two modules: a basic module on legal aspects of the Basel Convention (implementation of the responsibility protocol, the multilateral convention fulfillment protocol, country-led initiatives (CLIs) and the Ban Amendment), and another module dealing with country-specific issues in connection with technical implementation. This training shall be delivered following a seminar-workshop design. Both kits will have a virtual component and a classroom training component.

Specific tasks:

1. Assessment of the countries in the region that require either one or both training modules.
2. Preparation of training materials, design of the seminar-workshop, and online publication of the training platform.
3. Delivery of the seminar-workshops in the countries that may so require it.

Expected outcomes: effectively trained authorities of the countries in the region on the implementation of the Basel Convention.

Project Management Units: BCRC / Country governments.

Term of execution: two years

Budget: USD 50,000 per country where the workshop will be held (it is expected that the training will be conducted in at least four countries). The source of funding remains to be identified with the aid of the ESBC.

Formulation of Technical Guidelines for South America on the Control of Illegal Traffic, and Training of Customs Authorities.

Objectives: enhancing control of transboundary movements through the generation of appropriate tools and by means of proper training of customs authorities.

Description: training customs authorities in the countries in the region by identifying key points at country borders through the application of preset technical guidelines.

Specific tasks: formulation of technical guidelines for South America on the control of illegal traffic. Delivery of training to customs authorities. Two or three workshops on the application of these technical guidelines shall be held at key points along the countries' borders.

Expected outcomes: effective creation of the technical guidelines for the prevention of illegal traffic, and completion of training of customs authorities.

Project Management Units: BCRC and relevant authorities of the countries in the region.

Budget: USD 200,000. The source of funding remains to be identified.

Term of execution: 18 months

V.- Financial Information

- Contributions by the Argentine Government: BCRC staff and regular operations. The Director, the Director's Secretariat and the administrative and financial staff are on INTI's payroll. These employees are allocated to BCRC activities, and their salaries are paid by INTI.
- Cash contributions by the SEDS of Argentina: USD 100,000 (USD 33,000 have already been deposited, of which USD 22,000 have been expended). The balance of USD 67,000 shall be transferred in 2013/2014.

Major Donor Institutions

- ✓ Government of Argentina
- ✓ Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
- ✓ Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
- ✓ Government of Finland
- ✓ Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- ✓ UNEP DTIE
- ✓ World Bank
- ✓ IDB
- ✓ UNDP

Budget for Activities during the 2014-2015 Period

Income: USD 1,702,000

Expenditure: USD 873.000

Amount for which the source of funding remains to be identified: USD 829,000

BCRC maintenance expenses are borne by INTI, which has been acting as BCRC's host institution.

APPENDIX A

Basel Convention Focal Points

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