
Household Waste Partnership Working Group
Third meeting
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Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

Workplan of the Household Waste Partnership
working group for the biennium 2026–2027

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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, in its decision BC-13/14, established a working group of the Household Waste Partnership that would be responsible for overseeing organizational matters pertaining to the implementation of the partnership's activities, including the establishment of project groups and the review of their work products and reports, serving as a forum for information sharing and taking the lead in awareness-raising, outreach and coordination in relation to activities undertaken by the Partnership.

2. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also adopted the terms of reference² for the Partnership. Pursuant to paragraph 25 (b) of the terms of reference, the co-chairs of the partnership working group shall prepare a draft workplan of the partnership, based on the available resources, the mandate provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and the guidance from the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention, for consideration and adoption by the working group. Pursuant to paragraph 1 (g) of appendix I of the terms of reference of the Household Waste Partnership, the working group shall prepare proposals for a workplan of the Partnership for the next biennium as needed.

II. Implementation

3. On 3 September 2024, the Secretariat dispatched a survey to all members of the Household Waste and Plastic Waste Partnership working groups. The aim of the short survey was to advance the substantive preparations for the meetings of each Partnership working group by gathering proposals for activities to be undertaken, identifying leads and contributors for the implementation of activities, exploring opportunities for collaboration between the two partnerships, and soliciting suggestions for activities to be included in the workplans for the biennium 2026–2027.

* UNEP/CHW/HWPWG.3/1.

¹ This document has not been formally edited.

² <https://www.basel.int/Implementation/HouseholdWastePartnership/Overview/tabid/5082/Default.aspx>.

4. The Secretariat received 34 responses to the survey dispatched to all members of the Household Waste and Plastic Waste Partnership working groups. 12 members of the Household Waste Partnership working group provided substantive input to the question soliciting suggestions for activities to be included in the workplan.

5. To facilitate discussions on the workplan of the Household Waste Partnership for the biennium 2026–2027, the co-chairs prepared a draft workplan, as set out in the annex to the present note, which takes into account the results of the survey.

III. Proposed action

6. The working group of the Household Waste Partnership may wish to:

(a) Consider the draft workplan of the Household Waste Partnership working group for the biennium 2026–2027 set out in the annex to the present note and adjust it on the basis of the outcome of its consideration of the items on the agenda of its third meeting;

(b) Request the Secretariat to include the workplan of the Household Waste Partnership working group for the biennium 2026–2027, reflecting the outcome of its third meeting, in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting for consideration and possible adoption.

Annex

Draft workplan of the Household Waste Partnership working group for the biennium 2026–2027

Proposal by the co-chairs of the working group

(Draft of 30 September 2024)

<i>Project group</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outputs</i>
1. Project group on awareness-raising, outreach and collaboration	1.1. Further develop and disseminate education materials on household waste management.	1.1.1. Compilation of classroom exercise, events etc. to educate students on household waste. <i>Potentially in collaboration with Plastic Waste Partnership working group for some of the materials.</i>
		1.1.2. Outreach campaign, including social media, to promote and disseminate the materials. <i>Potentially in collaboration with Plastic Waste Partnership working group for some of the materials.</i>
	1.2. Develop and implement an information campaign, covering for example specific waste fractions, the waste hierarchy, segregation practices, increasing recycling rates, composting etc.).	1.2.1. Awareness-raising materials (e.g. posters, brochures, videos, storymaps etc.) on specific waste fractions (e.g. textiles, organics, batteries) and the waste hierarchy. <i>Potentially in collaboration with Plastic Waste Partnership working group for some of the materials.</i>
		1.2.2. Outreach campaign, including social media, to promote and disseminate the materials. <i>Potentially in collaboration with Plastic Waste Partnership working group for some of the materials.</i>
	1.3. Gather and disseminate information on household-related plastic waste.	1.3.1. Awareness-raising materials (e.g. posters, brochures, videos, storymaps etc.) on household-related plastic waste. <i>Potentially in collaboration with Plastic Waste Partnership working group for some of the materials.</i>
		1.3.2. Outreach campaign, including social media, to promote and disseminate the materials. <i>Potentially in collaboration with Plastic Waste Partnership working group for some of the materials.</i>
	1.4. Disseminate outputs developed under this workplan by other project groups, as applicable.	1.4.1. Outreach campaigns to promote and disseminate outputs of other project groups. 1.4.2. Webinar (or workshops, subject to availability of funding) series on outputs of the project groups. 1.4.3. Outreach Forum on selected topics. <i>Potentially in collaboration with Plastic Waste Partnership working group.</i>
	1.5. Strengthen communication, collaboration and outreach with potential partners and other initiatives	1.5.1. Activities for potential collaboration with different stakeholders and initiatives identified.
	1.6. Develop outreach and awareness-raising materials in collaboration with the Plastic Waste Partnership working group	1.6.1. Outreach and awareness-raising materials based on the Plastic Waste Partnership knowledge briefs
	2. Project group on case studies and best practices	2.1. Gather and disseminate case studies and best practices in managing household waste. These may cover, for example, alternatives, specific sectors (e.g. textile, plastics with hazardous constituents), traceability systems, electronics.
2.1.2. Online portal of case studies and best practices relevant to household waste management.		

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3. Project group on piloting	3.1. Develop and implement pilots to test and operationalize (at national and local level, as applicable) the overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste.	3.1.1. Concept note/project document for pilot project(s) on specific sections of the guidance or cross-cutting.
		3.1.2. Pilot project(s) implemented.
	3.2. Develop and implement pilots to test the use of education materials at schools.	3.2.1. Concept note/project document for pilot project(s) on use of the education materials.
		3.2.2. Pilot project(s) implemented.
	3.3. Develop and implement pilots on outputs developed by other projects groups under this workplan, as applicable.	3.3.1. Concept note/project document for pilot project(s) on outputs of other project groups.
		3.3.2. Pilot project(s) implemented.