



**Basel Convention on the Control of
Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and their
Disposal**

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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**



**Stockholm Convention on
Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**Conferences of the Parties to
the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**

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**Matters for consideration or action by the
conferences of the Parties: decisions on joint activities**

**Draft joint workplan for the development of a clearing-house
mechanism serving the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
covering the biennium 2010–2011**

Note by the secretariats

As referred to in paragraph 9 of document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/EXCOPS.1/2, the annex to the present note contains a draft joint workplan for the development of a clearing-house mechanism serving the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions covering the biennium 2010–2011. Additional resources will be required for each convention to cover the information content to be included in the clearing-house mechanism as part of the respective programmes of work.

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Annex

Draft joint workplan for the development of a clearing-house mechanism serving the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions covering the biennium 2010–2011

	Activity	Deadline	Costs (\$)
1	Take stock of existing systems: Develop an inventory of information, tools and infrastructure and human and institutional networks that relate to the three conventions' current information-exchange activities.	March 2010	5,000
2	Undertake a needs assessment for the Basel and Rotterdam conventions: In consultation with Parties, Basel Convention regional centres and other stakeholders, as appropriate to each convention, assess needs in the context of a clearing-house mechanism.	August 2010	120,000 (60,000 per convention)
3	Analyse inventory and common needs for the biennium 2010–2011: Analyse the inventory to identify components common to the respective conventions' clearing-house mechanisms and related information-sharing initiatives and to identify and delimit clearly any unique components. Analyse common needs under the three conventions with regard to information exchange for the current biennium.	September 2010	5,000
4	Design a shared clearing-house mechanism: Design a shared clearing-house mechanism incorporating the most appropriate existing elements of the respective clearing-house mechanisms and related information-sharing initiatives while accommodating the unique needs of the three conventions.	October 2010	25,000
5	Implement shared clearing-house-mechanism components for the biennium 2010–2011: Implement shared components, including existing information repositories, tools and processes under the three conventions, using knowledge of the existing clearing-house mechanisms and other related information-sharing components.	December 2010	75,000
6	Migrate information: Migrate, where appropriate, the existing information held under the three conventions to the shared clearing-house mechanism.	February 2011	15,000
7	Modify existing websites: Modify, where appropriate, existing websites to make use of the shared clearing-house mechanism.	March 2011	20,000
8	Develop a web portal: Develop a web portal showcasing the functions of the shared clearing-house mechanism, for example, the ability to search documentation across the three conventions.	May 2011	25,000
9	Modify the guidance document: Modify existing and continuing standards development and develop joint guidance documentation and training materials (as described in document UNEP/POPS/COP.4/20, para. 18) to exchange information among regional, subregional and national networks, taking into account the common needs of Parties to all three conventions.	December 2011	10,000
10	Implement joint capacity-building and stakeholder consultation: Implement joint capacity-building, including the provision of training workshops and technical capacity enhancement activities for Parties to all three conventions; gather feedback to inform the future development of the clearing-house mechanism.	December 2011	60,000
	Total cost		360,000