



BCCC-AFRICA IN CONJUNCTION WITH FMENV ORGANIZED TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the African Region and Federal Ministry of Environment – University of Ibadan Linkage Centre For Cleaner Production Technology and Hazardous Waste Management, University of Ibadan, Oyo State organized a three days' workshop training for Federal Ministry of Environmental Accredited Environmental Consultants on the 18 – 20 November, 2014 at Landmark Hotel, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria.

The objectives of the training is to enhance capacity building and the transfer of extant and the emerging know-knowledge to accredited environmental consultants to improve their performance and quality service delivery and to promotes knowledge and experience sharing among environmental consultants as well as FMENV regulators.



Photo: Participants with the Director of BCCC-Africa and some invited guest speaker

WASTE MANAGEMENT KEY TO POVERTY ALLEVIATION AMONG AFRICA'S YOUTH

As the African youth population grows steadily and with no employment to match the growth, prudent solid waste management offers a huge opportunity to address the ticking unemployment bomb, a workshop heard on Wednesday.

The Director of UN-Habitat's [Regional Office for Africa](#) Ms. Axumite Gebre-Egziabher kicked off the pitch for waste management at the workshop as a way of addressing unemployment.



See more: <http://unhabitat.org/waste-management-key-to-poverty-alleviation-among-african-youth/>

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FG develops policy on management of e-waste — Minister

The Federal Ministry of Environment said on Wednesday it had developed a draft policy and strategic plan on the management of electronic waste (e-waste) in the country.

The Minister of Environment, Mrs Laurentia Mallam, said this in Abuja at the Consultative Stakeholders' Workshop on the Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste in Nigeria.

Represented by Mr Abdul-Kazeem Bayero, the acting Director, Pollution and Environmental Health Department in the ministry, Mallam said the Federal Government was determined to address the challenge of e-waste.

"The Federal Ministry of Environment is determined to avert the environmental hazards of ever increasing toxic heavy metal contained in the electrical/ electronic equipment in our environment.

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Photo: Honorable Minister of Environment, Mrs Laurentia Mallam

EPA Proposes Smog Standards to Safeguard Americans From Air Pollution

EPA is proposing to strengthen air quality standards to within a range of 65 to 70 parts per billion (ppb) to better protect Americans' health and the environment, while taking comment on a level as low as 60 ppb, based on extensive recent scientific evidence about the harmful effects of ground-level ozone, or smog.

The Clean Air Act requires EPA to review the standards every five years by following a set of open, transparent steps and considering the advice of a panel of independent experts. EPA last updated these standards in 2008, setting them at 75 ppb.

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BAN Seeks Changes in Basel Guidelines to Enhance Reuse of Computers, Laptops and Cell phones

The Basel Action Network and its e-Stewards recycler/refurbisher certification program is currently undertaking two initiatives to promote responsible electronics refurbishment. The efforts are designed to reflect the environmental and social preference for longevity, reuse, and refurbishment of electronic equipment rather than disposal or recycling.

“It is best for the environment to insist that manufacturers make products that are designed for a long-life and are repairable,” said BAN Executive Director Jim Puckett, *“and then to create incentives for the proper collection, repair, and ultimately recycling of electronic waste in all countries. In most cases, reuse and not recycling should be the first priority for modern, repairable equipment.”*



Photo: Courtesy of Basel Action Network

China interested in waste energy

A leading Chinese firm has expressed interest to invest in the Waste-to-Energy project of the Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) by installing a plant at Lakhodair.

“The China Aviation Planning and Construction Development is willing to invest in the project which includes acquisition of land and installation and operations of plant at Lakhodair,” said Executive President Fang Jiyong.

He said his firm would be provided 2,000 to 2,500 tons of waste daily by the LWMC for production of energy through incineration technology. The amount of production of energy would depend on the characteristics of waste.

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ABOUT BCCC-AFRICA

The Basel Convention Coordinating Center for Training and Technology Transfer for the African Region (BCCC-Africa) was established on 20th Of September 1994 by the defunct FEPA (which has been absorbed into the Federal Ministry of Environment in June 1999) following Basel Convention COP2 approval. The Center has a dual mandate to serve as a National Institution as well as a Regional Institution. As a National Institution, it is to serve as a Federal Ministry of Environment linkage center with the University of Ibadan. This linkage center has a mandate for Cleaner Production Technology and Hazardous Waste Management. The Center also, as a Regional Institution, has the mandate to serve as the Basel Convention Regional Coordinating Center for Africa, to assist African Countries implement the 1989 Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste and their disposal. The Centre also coordinates the Basel Convention Regional Centre (BCRC) for Arabic-speaking African countries based in Egypt, French-speaking African countries based in Senegal and English-speaking African countries based in South-Africa respectively This is the only Linkage Center of the Ministry that is a United Nations designated capacity building center with mandate to service Wastes and Chemicals Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), these are the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

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