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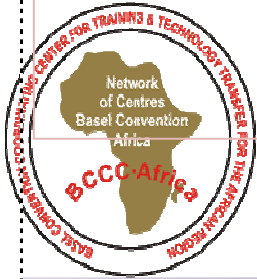


Photo: Crude e-waste recycling in Africa

MTN, ERICSSON TO DRIVE E-WASTE RECYCLING IN BENIN

MTN Benin, has partnered with Ericsson under their Ecology Management Program, to launch the first electrical and electronic equipment waste collection and awareness drive in Benin.

With the new development, Ericsson's Program covers the collection, decommissioning, transport, storage and disposal of obsolete technology

This campaign is geared towards creating awareness and minimizing the potential environmental impact associated with the disposal of decommissioned electrical and electronic equipment in the country.

- See more at:
<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2015/02/mtn-ericsson-drive-e-waste-recycling-benin/#sthash.0qZdLVKP.dpuf>

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GOVT URGES PRIVATE SECTOR TO ESTABLISH E-WASTE PROJECTS

BCCC-Africa held an Inception workshop last week Thursday 5th February 2015 in Lagos for a joint project being undertaken with United Nations University/StEP, Bonn, Germany titled " Person in the Port (PiP) ". The project is a follow up to the Secretariat of Basel Convention E-waste Africa Project 2009 -2012. It entails putting a person in two major ports, Tin Can and Apapa ports in Lagos; Nigeria to work with BCCC-Africa as Coordinator, NESREA (Nigeria's EPA) and Nigeria Customs and the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria and other stakeholders in the port to ascertain the actual number of e-waste imported into Nigeria through physical checks/counting and correlating with Nigeria Customs import data.

The objectives of this 6 months research study with Nigeria as a pilot are to:

- Gather information and reliable data on the importation of used EEE and waste EEEE into Nigeria
- Ascertain the sources (exporting countries),
- The amounts imported, the categories and conditions of the importations,
- How they are labelled and shipped and their fate on arrival in Nigeria. This lack of information on these thematic issues forms the basic aim of this research work.



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more:
<http://www.nguardiannews.com/property/property/197186-govt-urges-private-sector-to-establish-e-waste-projects>



STUDY FINDS RISING LEVELS OF PLASTICS IN OCEANS

Some eight million metric tons of plastic waste makes its way into the world's oceans each year, and the amount of the debris is likely to increase greatly over the next decade unless nations take strong measures to dispose of their trash responsibly, new research suggests.

The [report](#), which appeared in the journal Science on Thursday, is the most ambitious effort yet to estimate how much plastic debris ends up in the sea.

[Jenna Jambeck](#), an assistant professor of environmental engineering at the University of Georgia and lead author of the study, said the amount of plastic that entered the oceans in the year measured, 2010, might be as little as 4.8 million metric tons or as much as 12.7 million.

By 2025, she said, the amount of plastic projected to be entering the oceans would constitute the equivalent of 10 bags per foot of coastline.

"This is a significant study," said Nancy Wallace, director of the [marine debris program](#) at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who saw the paper before it was published.



See more:

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/13/science/earth/plastic-ocean-waste-levels-going-up-study-says.html?_r=0

Culled from: The New York Times

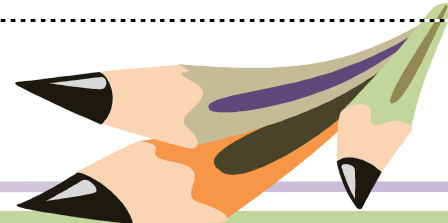


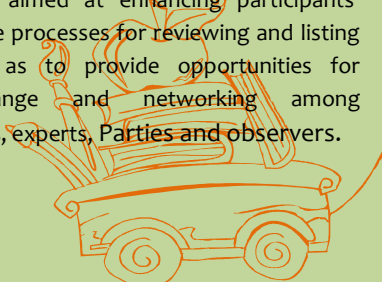
Photo: Prof. Osibanjo with other Participants in Lusaka, Zambia

BCCC-Africa partners the Secretariats of BRS to organise a Joint workshop for enhancing the effective participation in the work of the Rotterdam Convention's Chemical Review Committee and the Stockholm Convention's POPs Review Committee

The Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions, the three Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) administered by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) partners with The Basel Convention Coordination Centre for Africa (BCCC-Africa) in Nigeria to organise and conduct a Joint workshop for enhancing the effective participation in the work of the Rotterdam Convention's Chemical Review Committee and the Stockholm Convention's POPs Review Committee held in Lusaka, Zambia between 10 – 12 February, 2015.

Thirty Four funded participants (2 participants from 15 countries, 3 POPRC/CRC members and 2 experts from BCCC-Nigeria) were in attendance.

The Workshop aimed at enhancing participants' understanding of the processes for reviewing and listing chemicals as well as to provide opportunities for information exchange and networking among Committee members, experts, Parties and observers.



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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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