

WORKSHOP ON E-WASTE IN WEST AFRICA

*the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement and
the United States Environmental Protection Agency*

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose and goals of the workshop are:

1. To develop a better understanding of e-waste issues in the region and to raise awareness of the issue;
2. To discuss the region's needs and the gaps in responding to the challenges of e-waste; and
3. To identify next steps in the region to address these needs and gaps, including the environmental compliance and enforcement challenges and solutions to help respond to the e-waste issues.

The outcomes of this workshop will feed into other meetings and projects taking place on e-waste in the region, including a July workshop in Nigeria.

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 24

8:30-9:00 ***Registration***

9:00-10:00 **Welcome and Purpose of Workshop**

- Official Welcome - *Jonathan Allotey, Ghana Environmental Protection Agency*
- Purpose of the Workshop – *Jane Metcalfe, United States Environmental Protection Agency and Meredith Reeves, International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement*

10:00-10:30 **The Health and Environmental Impacts of E-Waste** – *Susan Dittke, EnviroSense*
Brief presentation on the health and environmental impacts of e-waste followed by a short Q&A/discussion session.

10:30-10:45 ***Coffee Break***

10:45-12:30 **The Scope of the Challenges of E-Waste in West Africa** – *Moderator: Michel Seck, Basel Convention Regional Centre in West Africa*

Participants will be invited to present the scope of the e-waste issue in their country, including main challenges, current initiatives, compliance and enforcement gaps and needs, and areas that would benefit the most from capacity-building efforts.

- Nigeria (half an hour, including Q&A and discussion) - *Dr. Ngeri Benebo, Nigeria National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency*
- Ghana (half an hour, including Q&A and discussion) – *John Pwamang, Ghana Environmental Protection Agency*
- Other countries in the region (1 hour (10 minutes each) including Q&A and discussion)
- Discussion of Common Themes and Challenges (30 minutes)

- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Actions Currently Being Taken to Respond to E-Waste Challenges Globally and in West Africa** – *Francesca Cenni, Basel Convention Secretariat*
Presentation and discussion on current international processes and their relevance to e-waste, as well as challenges in the implementation of these international processes in the region, including the Basel Convention and laws and programs from Europe, the US, and other regions.
- 15:00-15:15 **Coffee Break**
- 15:15-16:00 **Case Study: E-Waste Association of South Africa (eWASA)** – *Keith Anderson, e-Waste Association of South Africa*
Representatives from eWASA will share their experiences dealing with the e-waste issue in South Africa and how they have responded to these challenges, including a discussion of eWASA.
- 16:00-16:30 **Approaches from Asia** – *Piyanee Thangtongtawi, Thailand Ministry of Industry*
Representatives from Asia will share their experiences dealing with the e-waste issue in Asia and how they have responded to these challenges.
- 17:30 **Dinner at the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons**

Thursday, June 25

- 8:30-9:00 **Networking and Coffee**
- 9:00-9:15 **Summary of Day One and Overview of Day 2**, *Moderator: John Pwamang, Ghana Environmental Protection Agency*
- 9:15-9:45 **Outline of Major Components of a Draft Action Plan for West Africa**, *Moderator: John Pwamang, Ghana Environmental Protection Agency*
- 9:45-11:45 **Small Group Break-Out Discussion Sessions**
Coffee and snacks will be available.
- 11:45-13:00 **Report Back from Break-out Groups and Presentation of Draft Action Plan**,
Moderator: John Pwamang, Ghana Environmental Protection Agency

END OF WORKSHOP