

Workshop on Combating Illegal Hazardous Waste Trade Through Seaports

A Seaport Environmental Security Network Capacity Building Workshop

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Sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, The Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, and the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement.

A workshop to assess needs, share practical skills, and develop tools to detect and prevent the illegal trade in hazardous waste and increase international enforcement collaboration of applicable laws.

Introduction to the Seaport Environmental Security Network

The Seaport Environmental Security Network (SESN), convened by the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE), works to build capacity for environmental compliance and enforcement, raise awareness of the challenges facing ports, and facilitate collaboration among government officials on ways to detect and stop illegal and dangerous international shipments of hazardous wastes.

The goals of the SESN are:

- Raise awareness of illegal movements of hazardous waste through seaports, their environmental risks, and the need to take action against them.
- Build capacity for inspections and enforcement actions.
- Facilitate international enforcement collaboration among government officials on ways to detect and stop illegal and dangerous shipments of hazardous waste.

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Sunday, 21 June 2009

15:00 - 18:00	Pre-registration at the Ghana College for Physicians and Surgeons
17:00 - 18:00	Informal coffee and tea hour at the Ghana College for Physicians and Surgeons

Monday, 22 June 2009

07:00 - 08:00	Registration at the Ghana College for Physicians and Surgeons
Plenary Session 1: Plenary Moderator: Jonathan Allotey, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana	
08:00 - 08:45	Welcoming Remarks Hon. Sherry Ayithey, Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Ghana Ag. Director General, Mr. Nestor P. Galley, Ghana Ports & Harbours Authority Dinah Brandful, Assistant Commissioner, Ghana Customs, Excise and Preventive Service Gerard Wolters, Inspector-General for International Enforcement Cooperation, VROM
08:45 - 09:45	Panel 1: Key Elements of Port Controls Moderator: Jonathan Allotey, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Panelists: Ton Post, Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (VROM), The Netherlands Marc de Strooper, Federal Environment Inspectorate, Belgium Jürgen Braun, Bremen Harbor Police, Germany During this panel, panelists will provide short presentations on principles and good practices of port inspections and on practical inspection experience at seaports.
09:45 - 10:00	Preparing for the Site Visit to Tema Port Facilitators: Henk Ruessink, VROM, The Netherlands Harry Barnes-Dabban, Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority Dinah Brandful, Ghana Customs, Excise and Preventive Service The facilitators will present a brief overview of the objectives of the site visit and the activities that will take place at the port. Facilitators also will introduce the Needs Assessment Process to participants.

<p>10:00 - 15:00</p> <p><i>Buses will depart the Conference facility at 10:00 and arrive at 11:00.</i></p> <p><i>Buses will depart Tema port at 14:00 and arrive at the Conference facility at 15:00.</i></p>	<p>Working Session 1: Site Visit to Tema Port</p> <p>Facilitators: Harry Barnes-Dabban, Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority Dinah Brandful, Ghana Customs and Excise Prevention Service Henk Ruessink, VROM, The Netherlands</p> <p>During the site visit to the Tema Port, participants will be introduced to administrative and logistical processes at the port and will discuss the tools available to law enforcement authorities that operate in the port.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Processes at Tema Port, <i>Felix Kwakye, Systems Administrator</i> <i>Transport to Golden Jubilee Terminal</i> • Welcome Remarks, <i>John Jenkins, Terminal Manager</i> <i>Lunch and Coffee Break</i> • Simultaneous Subgroup Sessions <i>Participants will split into two groups for the simultaneous subgroup sessions. Groups will go to both workshops consecutively.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Scanning Equipment and Laboratory Tools, <i>Samuel Boakye-Yiadom and Sheila Vegbedor</i> B) Inspections of Containers, <i>Rose Obeng-Manu</i>
<p>15:00 - 15:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon Break (cold drinks provided)</p>
<p>Plenary Session 2 Plenary Moderator: Maman-Sani Issa, Cotonou Port Authority, Benin</p>	
<p>15:15 - 16:15</p>	<p>Panel 2: Pilot Inspections and Exchange Programs</p> <p>Moderator: Henk Ruessink, VROM, The Netherlands</p> <p>Panelists: Huib van Westen, VROM, The Netherlands Isaiah Kyengo, National Environment Management Authority, Kenya</p> <p>Pilot inspections and exchange programs are two highly valuable methods for sharing experience and learning from peers. During this panel, Huib van Westen will discuss the benefits of conducting pilot inspections. Isaiah Kyengo, a Kenyan inspector participating in an exchange program in the Netherlands, will share his impressions on the value of exchange programs from a visitor's perspective. Based on discussions held during the site visit to Tema port, the moderator will facilitate a discussion on participants' perspectives on pilot inspections and exchange programs and will explore whether there is an interest in a similar program in their home countries and within the SESN.</p>
<p>16:15 - 17:15</p> <p>(7 minute presentations, followed by Q&A)</p>	<p>Panel 3: Partnerships to Respond to Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste</p> <p>Moderator: Maman-Sani Issa, Cotonou Port Authority, Benin</p> <p>Panelists: Fion Li, Regional Intelligence Liaison Office Asia/Pacific Nicole Maric, Container Control Programme, UN Office on Drugs and Crime Michel Seck, Basel Convention Regional Centre, Senegal Henk Ruessink, Transfrontier Shipment of Waste program, EU IMPEL</p> <p>Panelists will share successes and challenges related to the implementation of new and ongoing initiatives that respond to transboundary movements of hazardous waste. Fion Li will share information on activities of the Regional Intelligence Liaison Office Asia/Pacific and on the WCO DEMETER initiative. Nicole Maric and a colleague from the JPCU at Tema port will discuss the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Container Control Program, which aims at assisting law enforcement agencies in developing countries to identify and inspect high-risk containers. Mr. Michel Seck will describe the important role of the Basel Conventional Regional Centres in implementing the Basel Convention. Henk Ruessink will discuss the activities of the EU IMPEL Transfrontier Shipments of Waste network.</p>

17:15 - 17:45	<p>Panel 4: Country Case Examples on Seaport Compliance and Enforcement</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Ngeri S. Benebo, National Environment Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency, Nigeria</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity for participants from Nigeria and Thailand to share practical experiences on controlling transboundary shipments of waste by presenting for example cases of detected waste. Panelists will focus their comments on ways in which networking and enforcement cooperation can be beneficial to their work.</p>
17:45 - 18:00	Day Summary , Dinah Brandful, Ghana Customs, Excise and Preventive Service
19:00	Dinner, Ghana College for Physicians and Surgeons

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Plenary Session 3 Plenary Moderator: Piyanee Thangtongtawi, Ministry of Industry, Thailand	
09:00 - 09:15	Opening Session for Day 2 , Henk Ruessink, VROM, The Netherlands
09:15 - 10:00	<p>Introductory Remarks on the Role of Inter-ministerial Cooperation in Combating Illegal Hazardous Waste Trade and Examples from Country Experience</p> <p>Facilitator: Debbie Kopsick, United States Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Inter-ministerial cooperation, with all agencies with enforcement responsibilities sharing information, facilitates successful detection and interdiction of illegal traffic at seaports.</p> <p>Countries with experience in the inter-ministerial cooperation process at seaports will be invited to share their experiences during this session.</p>
10:00 - 12:30 <i>Coffee will be provided.</i>	<p>Working Session 2: Inter-ministerial Cooperation for Effective Respond to Hazardous Waste at Seaports</p> <p>Facilitator: Debbie Kopsick, United States Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>During this working session, the facilitator will present two exercises to demonstrate ways that inter-ministerial cooperation can help ensure effective response to transboundary movements of hazardous waste through seaports. Exercises will focus on initiating a dialogue between agencies and on strengthening the negotiation process.</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
Plenary Session 4 Plenary Moderator: Henk Ruessink, VROM, The Netherlands	
13:30 - 14:00	<p>Panel 5: Country Case Examples on Seaport Compliance and Enforcement</p> <p>Panelists: Maman-Sani Issa, Cotonou Port Authority, Benin Harry Barnes-Dabban, Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity for countries to share practical experiences on controlling transboundary shipments of waste by presenting for example cases of detected waste. Panelists will focus their comments on ways in which networking and enforcement cooperation can be beneficial to their work.</p>

14:00 - 15:00	<p>Panel 6: Activities of the Seaport Environmental Security Network</p> <p>During this Panel, presenters will discuss ideas and recommendations for activities of the Seaport Environmental Security Network based on two of the stated goals of the network: Capacity building and Facilitating international and operational enforcement collaboration. The topical focuses are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Networking, Information, and Intelligence Exchange Fion Li, Regional Intelligence Liaison Office Asia/Pacific Huib van Westen, Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment 2. International and National Operational Enforcement Collaboration Marc de Strooper, Belgium Environment Inspectorate 3. Capacity Building Debbie Kopsick, United States Environmental Protection Agency Francesca Cenni, Basel Convention Secretariat
15:00 - 15:15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:15 - 16:15	<p>Interactive Discussion Session: SESN Needs Assessment</p> <p>Facilitators: Debbie Kopsick, United States Environmental Protection Agency Meredith Reeves, INECE Secretariat</p> <p>During this session, facilitators and participants will discuss the outcomes of the needs assessment for the Seaport Environmental Security Network.</p>
16:15 - 16:45	<p>Conclusions and Next Steps</p> <p>Facilitators: Henk Ruessink, VROM, The Netherlands Dinah Brandful, Ghana Customs, Excise and Preventive Service</p> <p>Facilitators will conclude the workshop with a summary of the presentations and recommendations on next steps for the Seaport Environmental Security Network.</p>
16:45 - 17:00	<p>Closing Remarks, John Pwamang, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana</p>