



BASEL CONVENTION



**The Regional workshop on ways and technologies for
Hazardous Waste Management In light of the Tunisian
experience**

Cartage, Tunisia, 8-10th of September, 2015

The Executive Summary

Preface

According to the request of the Arab countries to exchange their successful experience among them in the field of hazardous waste management and the continues role of BCRC-Egypt in promoting the technology transfer and according to request of the Tunisian state hosting one of BCRC-Egypt regional events "successful experience in the on ways and technologies for Hazardous Waste Management the center was organizing a regional workshop for three days for officials technicians in Arab countries.

Objectives

Present the system of industrial and special waste management and the system of disposal plastic waste and methods of waste management activities, health technology and environmental rehabilitation of industrial enterprises in the field of waste management, in addition to the various field visits.

Participants

The workshop targeted the National technical officials responsible for or involved in hazardous Waste Management. There were 9 participants from 9 Arab countries which were: Republic of Djibouti, Arab Republic of Egypt, Kingdom of Morocco, Iraq, Republic of Sudan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Libya, and Syria.

The Opening Ceremony

The opening words were delivered by:

- **Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**, (By **Prof. Mostafa Hussein Kamel**, Director of BCRC-Egypt).
- **Prof. Mostafa Hussein Kamel**, Director of BCRC-Egypt.
- **Mr. Walid ElAraby**, representative of the League of Arab States
- **Prof. Oladele Ozibanju**, Director of the Basel Convention Coordinating Center in Africa, Nigeria.
- **Dr. Michael Sik**, Director of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries
- **General, Abdul Fattah Helmy**, Governor Deputy of South-Sinai.

-By the end of the speeches, Prof. Mostafa Kamel congratulated the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the selection of Dr. Mohammed Khashashneh for the presidency of the Parties Conference 2015-2017.

Summary

The meeting, through its sessions, addressed many issues related to:

- The Awareness Raising and Experience Sharing on the ESM of Hazardous Waste.
- Experience and Challenges on Management of ESM of POPs.
- Laboratories Analyzing Persistent Organic Pollutants.
- Clearing -House Mechanism (CHM).

Recommendations

- Set up a database and an electronic network between the Arab countries concerning chemicals and hazardous waste, by the national focal points, through the preparation of a Clear house mechanism project for the Arab States and conducting a training course for the drafting of this project which should be financed by the Arab States.
- Signature of memorandums of understanding with laboratories which are capable of conducting trainings in the analysis of persistent organic pollutants field with providing the required financial support.
- Conduct training programs in the field of persistent organic pollutants analysis.
- Support the addition of the Stockholm Convention activities to BCRC-Egypt to be a Stockholm center to enhance its effectiveness.
- Provide BCRC-Egypt with financial support.
- Explore the feasibility of setting up a regional environmental accredited laboratory by BCRC-Egypt, to follow up with the environmental situation in the Arab countries.
- Arrange a visit to the Cairo University Research Park.
- Present projects on conducting inventory of chemicals and hazardous waste through BCRC-Egypt.
- Prepare a study to analyze the current situation:
 - ❖ The inventory of POPs labs in the Arab region, to form an idea of the human and physical resources available.
 - ❖ Creating a database of the experts in the field of hazardous waste and chemicals.
- BCRC-Egypt should set up a clearing house mechanism and the Basel Secretariat should be requested to provide BCRC-Egypt with the required financial support.