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**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:  
Basel Convention Partnership Programme**

## **Basel Convention Partnership Programme**

### **Addendum**

### **Draft workplan of the working group of the Partnership on Plastic Waste for the biennium 2026–2027**

#### **Note by the Secretariat**

As is mentioned in the note by the Secretariat on the Basel Convention Partnership Programme (UNEP/CHW.17/18), the draft workplan of the working group of the Partnership on Plastic Waste for the biennium 2026–2027 is set out in the annex to the present note.

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## Annex\*

## Draft workplan of the working group of the Partnership on Plastic Waste for the biennium 2026–2027<sup>1</sup>

<i>Project group<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Work products/outputs<sup>b</sup></i>
1. Prevention and minimization of plastic waste	1. Provide information, best practices and lessons learned on measures taken to prevent and reduce plastic waste, in particular on single-use plastic waste and packaging waste, and analyse the impacts and challenges, including environmental, socioeconomic and technical considerations.	4–6 spotlight briefs 2 insight briefs
	2. Provide information on best practices and identify challenges for improving the design of plastic products to increase their durability, reusability, repairability and recyclability, as well as to reduce and, where possible, eliminate hazardous constituents in plastic products.	1 spotlight brief 3–4 insight briefs <sup>c</sup>
	3. Provide information on best practices, challenges and opportunities on reuse of plastic products, especially packaging, including on identification of infrastructure development needs related to reuse, such as refill systems.	3 spotlight briefs <sup>c</sup> 1 insight brief
	4. Provide information that allows for comparison, including environmental and socioeconomic aspects, between plastic products and alternatives to plastic products, bio-based and non-bio-based plastic products, and biodegradable and non-biodegradable plastic products, taking into account a life-cycle approach.	1 spotlight brief 1 insight brief
2. Collection, separation and recycling of plastic waste	1. Provide information, best practices and lessons learned to improve the environmentally sound collection, separation and recycling of plastic waste.	3–5 spotlight briefs 6 insight briefs <u>Videos illustrating approaches to plastic recycling practices</u>
	2. Provide information on best practices on regulatory and voluntary measures, economic, technological tools, and other incentives for promoting the use of non-hazardous recycled plastics and the development of markets for recycled plastics and on the implementation of these measures and incentives.	1 spotlight brief 2 insight briefs

\* The annex has not been formally edited.

<sup>1</sup> New outputs proposed by the working group of the Partnership on Plastic Waste for the 2026–2027 biennium are presented as tracked changes in the draft workplan. Additional text is underlined and deletions are struck through to show differences with the 2024–2025 workplan. Further information is available in the workplans of the [project groups](#).

<i>Project group<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Work products/outputs<sup>b</sup></i>
3. Transboundary movements of plastic waste	3. Collect information on best practices and innovative technologies for separating or eliminating hazardous substances from plastic wastes during sorting and recycling.	4 3 spotlight briefs
	1. Develop and undertake capacity-building activities for implementation of the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste by relevant actors, including customs, and on linkages with the customs codes on plastics.	(a) Regional workshops to assist Basel Convention competent authorities and other key stakeholders in implementing the plastic waste amendments to the Convention; (b) Information on types of plastic waste covered by the entries of the plastic waste amendments in Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention.
	2. Provide information on actions taken by countries to implement the amendments to the Convention on plastic waste, on their interpretation of these amendments (e.g. “almost exclusively” and “almost free from contamination”) and on the challenges experienced in implementation.	Compilation of information on the national contamination levels being applied and challenges in implementing these levels.
	3. Provide information to promote compliance with regulations on the transboundary movements of plastic waste and enforcement in relation to transboundary movements of plastic waste.	2 spotlight briefs 1 insight brief
	4. Provide information on the transboundary movements of plastic waste.	Synthesis of information on import and export of plastic waste from available information sources, such as national reports and the UN Comtrade Database.
4. Outreach, education and awareness-raising	1. Update the communication strategy for the Partnership.	Updated communication strategy for the Partnership on Plastic Waste.
	2. Raise awareness about the work of the Plastic Waste Partnership and its ongoing progress.	(a) Development of materials that promote the Partnership on Plastic Waste and its objectives in general; (b) Dissemination of materials that promote the Partnership on Plastic Waste and its objectives in general.
	3. Develop and disseminate information materials, including through campaigns and initiatives, on prevention, minimization, environmentally sound management and transboundary movements of plastic waste, including on topics identified by, and on the outputs of, the other project groups and as appropriate, the pilot projects.	(a) Development and dissemination of electronic and visual communication, education and awareness-raising materials that promote the specific work and outputs of project groups 1, 2 and 3 and of other entities, as relevant and appropriate (subject to available resources); (b) Dissemination of Partnership-related materials at key events to be held in partnership with other organizations to promote information-sharing and capacity-building on environmentally sound management of plastic waste; (c) Synthesize, streamline and disseminate outcomes, best practices, outreach/education/awareness-raising tools developed under the Partnership’s pilot projects;

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		(d) Development of campaigns and initiatives to promote specific topics, <u>including joint forums, webinars and side events on issues of relevance to both household and plastic waste management<sup>c</sup></u>
		(e) <u>Concept notes on household and plastic waste education pilot projects to be implemented in primary and/or secondary schools developed and implemented through members, subject to the availability of resources.<sup>c</sup></u>
	4. Strengthen communication and outreach with potential partners and other initiatives (e.g. regional centres, partnerships, alliances, etc.)	Strengthened communication and outreach with potential partners and other initiatives (e.g. regional centres, partnerships, alliances).
Cross-cutting between project groups 1 and 2	Provide information on the environmentally sound management of plastic waste, including in specific sectors and waste streams, any barriers to such and recommendations to promote solutions.	<del>7-10</del> foresight briefs <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Project groups established by the working group of the Partnership on Plastic Waste.

<sup>b</sup> Spotlight briefs are short, concise documents containing synthesized information on measures, approaches and solutions that have been widely implemented by countries or regions and key findings and recommendations related thereto. Insight briefs are short, concise documents containing synthesized information on measures and approaches that are not yet widely implemented and exploring critical issues on a specific aspect of the environmentally sound management of plastic waste. Foresight briefs are concise documents in which issues and measures related to prevention and minimization and the environmentally sound management of plastic waste in specific sectors and waste streams other than packaging waste are explored.

<sup>c</sup> In collaboration with the working group of the Household Waste Partnership, where appropriate.