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List of Acronyms

BATs	Best Available Techniques
BC	Basel Convention
BCRC-Egypt	The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for Arab States in Cairo
BEPs	Best Environmental Practices
COP 9	Ninth Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention
CTs	Cleaner Technologies
EEAA	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
e-goods	Electric and electronics goods
e-waste	Electric and electronics wastes
HW	Hazardous Wastes
ISO	International Organization for Standards
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PSC	Project Steering Committee
RAC/CP	Regional Activity Center for Cleaner Production
S BC	Secretariat of the Basel Convention
SCC	Steering Committee of the Center
SMEs	Small to Medium Enterprises
UNON	United Nations Office in Nairobi
WHO	World Health Organization

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1. Executive Summary

The workplan for 2008 included activities linked directly with, complement and consolidate activities started since 2006 and continued in 2007. The basic objectives of these series of activities were to further assess the hazardous waste management situation in the Arab countries, and to contribute through capacity building workshops and pilot projects to the successful implementation of the Basel Convention. Meanwhile the workplan for 2008 supported the implementation of some governance activities including the organization of two project steering committees, the review mission of the project and resource mobilization activities. training junior staff with the BCRC-Egypt started during the implementation of the pilot activities. Most of the Junior staff were from Egypt. Invitation to Arab countries to send freshly appointed staff did not result in any nomination.

The project also touched base with the NGOs dimension, and organized a workshop for region's active NGOs to introduce to them the elements of ESM of hazardous waste management under the UN conventions Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam, to discuss the important role the civil society can play in this important issue, and to encourage them towards partnerships with the government sectors in confronting problems associated with hazardous wastes. One of the most important issues for sound management of hazardous wastes is the national legislations. BCRC-Egypt had activities both in 2006 and in 2007 regarding review of national legislation and providing support to the region's countries for updating their legislations. In 2008, the issue developed to address enforcement and resource mobilization for enforcement as well, and a workshop is held in November for these important issues. Also, the project prepared and signed the MOUs for two important projects in both Jordan and in Morocco. Also, the BCRC-Egypt director and the international facilitator participated in the first steering committee meeting of the auditing and monitoring hazardous waste generation project held in Amman. The importance of the mentioned two projects came from the fact that they are the biggest satellite activities implemented by the BCRC-Egypt since its establishment, and that they will demonstrate case studies for the hazardous waste generation auditing and monitoring and for managing hazardous wastes from Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) which constitute a common need among the member Arab countries. The results of the auditing and monitoring project with Jordan will be presented in the relevant workshop to be convened either in December 2008 or in late January 2009 depending upon the progress of the project and the results. The 2008 activities for strengthening the regional cooperation and coordination emphasized through the draft regional strategy for combating illegal traffic and dump of hazardous wastes in the Arab territories prepared within the context of the relevant pilot project in cooperation with other international and regional organizations.

Other BCRC-Egypt capacity building projects have been started and ongoing, others initiated, and few are underway. These include the hazardous waste management plan for Cairo University, other public awareness, information and education activities, and the destruction of obsolete pesticides pilot activity respectively.

2. Objectives

The 2008 workplan had eight major objectives to be fulfilled through the approved workshops and pilot projects, these were:

- Encourage region's countries towards strategic and policy planning for hazardous waste management and control,
- Establish regional cooperation and coordination among the countries of the region in combating illegal traffic from and to the member countries,
- Promote sound management of hazardous wastes from traditional industries,
- Enhance the long term planning for sound management of hazardous wastes in the region.
- Raising the awareness of sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes among the decision makers, the officials, the civil society and the public,
- Improve the enforcement of the hazardous waste laws,
- Facilitate networking among the countries of the region, and
- Enhance cooperation with international and regional organizations active in the region.

The activities completed during this year contributed to the fulfillment of most of these objectives. The progress indicated under the specific activities will further reflect the level of fulfillment of each objective.

3. Activities Progress

Table (1) summarizes the activities progress for 2008 workplan.

3.1 Governance Activities

3.1.1 Mid-Term Review

The BCRC-Egypt facilitated the onset of the Mid-term review for the Finland funded project and supported its operation before, during and after the mission. The mission concluded from 14-15/1/2008. The final report of the mission can be accessible through the web link http://www.bcrc-egypt.org/downloads/psc3/new/Report%20of%20the%20Mid-Term%20Review_BCRC-Egypt_Final_version.pdf .

3.1.2 Third and Fourth Project Steering Committee Meetings

The third Project Steering Committee Meeting was held on the 16th January 2008 to oversee, guide, coordinate, monitor and endorse the project progress during the year 2007, and the 2008 proposed workplan and the related budget breakdown. The minutes of the meeting can be accessible through the web link http://www.bcrc-egypt.org/downloads/psc3/new/Minutes_Project_Steering_Committee_PSC-3_Rev%2014-2-08.pdf .

The fourth steering committee meeting is expected at the end of November- beginning of December 2008.

3.1.3 Meeting of the Second Steering Committee of the Center (SCC-2)

The meeting was conducted back to back with the PSC-3 meeting held in 16/01/2008. The meeting endorsed the PSC-4 decisions and discussed other issues related to the operation of the center and its future. The minutes of the meeting can be accessible through the web link; http://www.bcrc-egypt.org/downloads/psc3/new/SCC-2_minutes.pdf .

3.1.4 Participation in meetings and workshops

The BCRC-Director participated in the following meetings:

- 1-Conference of Parties to the Basel convention # 9 in Bali Indonesia, 23-27 June, 2008 (Prof. Mortada El Aref)
- 2- Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee , Fourth meeting, Geneva, 13-17/10/2008 (Prof. Mohamed Hani Moubasher)

The International Facilitator participated in the following meetings:

- 1- First physical meeting of the interim group for the partnership for action on computing equipment (PACE) and for the mobile phone working group meeting (MPWG), Geneva 12-14 March, 2008.
- 2- The First Arab international conference on Environmental Legislations, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 5-7 July, 2008.

Both the BCRC-Egypt Director and the International facilitator participated in the following meetings:

- 3- Training on the “Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)”, 5-6 April 2008, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 4- Meeting of the Arab Coordination Unit for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), 7-8 April, 2008, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 5- Meeting of the Arab Team Responsible for following up with International Environmental Agreements connected with chemical substances and Hazardous wastes, 9-10 April 2008, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- 6- First Steering Committee meeting of the project Monitoring and Auditing HW Generation in a Selected Industrial Sector in Jordan, 12-14/8/2008, Amman, Jordan.

During these meetings the BCRC-Egypt participants promoted the activities of the center and exposed to other participants and organizations the achievements of the center, and distributed flyers and publications for references.

3.1.5 Compiling an indicator system for follow-up of performance in HW management and in implementation of the Basel Convention

The mid term review and the steering committee proposed that BCRC-Egypt should develop a system for follow up of performance in project implementation, in HW management and in implementation of the Basel convention. The indicators should be linked to the expected results of the project activities. It was also recommended that items appeared in the National Reporting to the Basel convention can be used as a reference for compiling these performance indicators. Meanwhile developing fact sheets for the countries served by the BCRC-Egypt could serve as another measure of performance when it comes to the implementation of the Basel convention. The fact sheets should be updated periodically by the member countries. The project facilitator and a junior research fellow started to gather the information; which were very scarce, and started to prepare the fact sheets, and in developing the indicators system. The process is lengthy and cumbersome and faced with a lot of constraints manifested mainly by the very weak and very often no response from the member Arab countries to the BCRC-Egypt related queries.

3.1.6 Development of a Five Year Business Plan for BCRC-Egypt Including Identification and Preparation of Phase II of the Finland Funded Project”

BCRC-Egypt has drafted the terms of reference for the development of the business plan and circulated it to the SBC program officer and to the Finland expert Mr. Raimo for their input and did not receive their input yet. BCRC-Egypt will proceed with a national consulting firm to prepare the business plan putting into consideration the needs to raise the capacity of the BCRC-Egypt and the countries of the region. Focus should be on institutional strengthening and capacity building activities.

3.1.7. Resource Mobilization activities

One of the important recommendations that came out of the MTR and the PSC-3 was connected with the resource mobilization issue. BCRC-Egypt responded to the recommendations of the MTR and the PSC-3 by inviting Arab countries to send junior staff to learn while working with the BCRC-Egypt. The center encouraged the Arab countries focal points to identify newly graduated or junior staff to join the activities of the center and listed down the list of activities and the training they will get during their engagement with the center. Unfortunately non of the member countries seized the opportunity. BCRC-Egypt interpreted the no response to this initiative was either due to the limited resources or to limited staff within the Focal points that they can take leave from their work for one- to three months training with the BCRC-Egypt. We think that we should continue to encourage junior staff from the member Arab countries to join the center’s activities and gain the experience in dealing with a wide variety of hazardous waste management issues. Nevertheless, BCRC-Egypt identified three newly graduated students and assigned them to work with two important projects of the 2008 workplan; the BCRC-Egypt Capacity Building through “Assessing Hazardous Wastes Generation and Practices and Preparing a Waste Management Plan for Cairo University Research Labs Inside its

Campus, and the project aiming at developing regional strategy and action plan for combating illegal traffic and dump of hazardous wastes in the Arab territories. The experience of having those three newly graduated students was useful and successful.

3.1.8 Biennium Financial Auditing

A public accountant was contracted to examine the BCRC-Egypt books and accounting system for the biennium ended 31/12/2007. The auditor did his work during the Month of February 2008 and presented his report in the 10th. of March 2008. A copy of the auditor's report is attached as annex I

3.2 Workshops and Seminars

Three workshops were proposed for this year's activities. Two workshops have been completed successfully and the third one is planned for end of February-Early March 2009.

3.2.1 Regional Workshop for Promoting the Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes within the Context of the Basel Convention among Regions NGOs

The workshop was proposed and approved during the Second Meeting of the Project Steering Committee Meeting (PSC-2) held in March 2007 among other issues, and due to delay in implementation was again presented to the PSC-3 Meeting in January 16th, 2008 and approved. The activity was proposed by one of the oldest and most active NGO in the region; the Day of Hospital for Environment and Development. The observation made by the NGO was that very few NGOs at the National and regional levels are interested in the Hazardous waste Management, and a lot of effort is needed to raise the awareness and encourage potential NGOs to do so. Due to the limited fund allocated for the workshop; invitation sent out to six NGOs at the regional level and to 15 NGOs at the National level. Those NGOs invited to the workshop were known to the BC focal points as active and interested in environmental and human health protection. Also, the invitation was extended to the NGOs governing body in Egypt and to the Arab NGOs Network for Youth and Environment. About 30 participants participated in the workshop activities over the two days, four out of the thirty represented NGOs from Yemen, Syria, Jordan and Algeria.

The workshop was held in Cairo 29-30 April, 2008, where the concepts of sound management of hazardous wastes under the Basel Convention and the possible role and initiatives that could be shared with the NGOs were introduced and discussed. Also, concepts for mobilizing public participation in monitoring, reporting and supporting sound management of hazardous wastes was presented and shared with participants. Hazardous wastes awareness message and action was developed with the NGOs during the workshop and the BCRC-Egypt was requested to pursue its implementation within a Public-Private- Civil Society partnership context.

The workshop report is accessible through the web link; <http://www.bcrc-egypt.org/downloads/psc3/new/report.pdf> for the Arabic report, and the link; http://www.bcrc-egypt.org/downloads/psc3/new/Report_of_the_workshop.pdf for the English version.

3.2.2 Regional Workshop for Monitoring and Auditing Hazardous Wastes Generation and Management Facilities in the Industry Sector; with Special Session on Pharmaceutical Waste Stream.

The workshop is linked to project 3.3.1 in Jordan which aims at developing a monitoring and auditing system for hazardous waste generation from the industry sector. So far, negotiation with the Jordanian counterpart to organize the workshop in Amman at the end of February-early March 2009, otherwise it will be organized in Cairo.

BCRC-Egypt has collected some of the reference materials for the workshop and is currently identifying experts to review the Jordan project results and to further prepare for the workshop.

3.2.3 Workshop on Hazardous Waste Management Legislations, Law Enforcement Mechanisms and Resource Mobilization.

This workshop was linked to project 3.3.9 aimed at assisting the member country Mauritania prepare their hazardous waste national legislation, and due to the political situation, there was a delay in starting the project activities. The workshop was supposed to have the Mauritania case study presented. However, BCRC-Egypt decided to proceed with holding the workshop in November 2008, without having to wait for starting the project in Mauritania as it was not clear when it will be started.

The workshop raised very important issues and focused on a common problem in many Arab countries which is the weak enforcement of environment legislation.

The workshop witnessed the participation of representatives from 13 Arab countries in addition to Egypt. The third day of the workshop was devoted to training the environmental court Judges, judiciary officials, hazardous waste executives, environmental police representatives and representatives of the focal points on the legal issues and procedures.

The full Arabic report can be accessed through the BCRC-Egypt website link; www.bcrc-egypt.org

3.3 Progress in Pilot Projects

The policy of the BCRC-Egypt of implementing pilot projects that directly contribute either to the institutional and technical capacity of the member countries, and on the regional level or to demonstrate the sound environmental practices regarding hazardous wastes. Most of the pilot projects proposed here also have the awareness dimension embedded inside. Besides the listed project, there are other project activities that were substantially implemented in 2007 but did not yet presented their final reports, e.g. e-waste assessment projects in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, and the hazardous waste assessment from oil and gas sectors in Yemen. Final payments for these projects will be released upon submitting their reports, and they are included in the budget for 2008. Other uncompleted 2007 projects with substantial activities yet to be done in 2008 are relisted among 2008 activities presented hereafter.

3.3.1 Pilot Project: “for Developing Regional Strategy and Action Plan for Combating Illegal Traffic of Hazardous Wastes in the Arab Region”

The activities of this year focused on collecting information and consulting with regional organizations and member countries as to the general framework of the strategy and action plan. The lack of information and the weak coordination in some Arab countries between the competent authorities slowing the process for developing the strategy and action plan. Another consultative meeting is planned in the beginning of 2009 to present the results achieved so far and to agree on second phase activities of the project. The first draft of framework strategy have been issued and will be circulated for comments before the planned meeting.

3.3.2 Pilot Projects for Hazardous Waste Inventories in Egypt, Syria and Sudan

Inventory units established with the support of the project in the hazardous wastes management directorates in the Basel convention competent authorities in Egypt, Sudan and Syria are currently functioning;

In Sudan, the unit has been established and they have completed an inventory for used lead acid batteries in Khartoum the capital of Sudan.

In Egypt, the unit has been established and they have completed an inventory for hazardous waste generation in one of the new industries zone; the 10th. Of Ramadan city have been also conducted successfully by the unit instituted with the support of the BCRC-Egypt.

In Syria, the process for establishing the unit went through a lengthy process. Also, the process for acquiring the hardware needed for the unit again was lengthy.

Currently, the process for testing the capacity of the established unit to conduct inventories is undergoing. They started activities on hazardous wastes from the oil and gas sector in Syria, but the results is not yet obtained. The administration in Syria

requested formally to extend the project for four more months before they can submit their final report.

3.3.3 Pilot project: "Compilation of comprehensive guidelines for sound management of liquid hazardous wastes"

This activity was proposed for 2007 by the Focal Point of Bahrain and it was planned that the guidelines will be developed and tested in a pilot project implemented by the Bahrain Focal point in collaboration with BCRC-Egypt, but due to unforeseen reasons Bahrain could not accept to implement the activity, and due to the importance of the guidelines and the need expressed for these guidelines by other Arab countries, BCRC-Egypt went on developing the guidelines to be used as a tool for Basel Convention competent authorities in the Arab Countries.

The draft guidelines were prepared by the recruited consultants and reviewed by BCRC-Egypt and the consultant was requested to work on reducing the volume of the document he prepared so that it becomes more handy and usable. The draft guidelines prepared by the expert exceeded 120 standard pages, and covered all aspects of liquid hazardous waste management from cradle to grave including the management procedures. It is expected that both the Arabic and English versions of the final copy of the guidelines be ready and posted on BCRC-Egypt web site by the end of this year.

3.3.4 Pilot Project: "Development of Best Practices for the Management of Hazardous Wastes from Traditional Industries – Case History in Morocco"

This activity was also proposed for 2007 work program but due to delay in implementation for administrative reasons from the Morocco side it is relisted among the activities for this year.

During 2008 the project concept was further developed and an MOU was signed with the Moroccan Water and Environment Directorate. The transfer of the first installment of the project budget according the MOU completed in July 2008. The delay in the transfer of the first installment was due to the fact that the Moroccan party took a long time to create the account of the project due to very lengthy and bureaucratic procedures.

Following the receipt of the funds the project management developed the TORs for a consultancy service to recruit a consultancy firm to work with the Moroccan party in implementing the project. The legal procedure for selecting one firm among the applied firms was then followed, and a contract with the successful firm was signed and inception activities started in Marrakesh.

A workshop for all stakeholders is planned for January 2009.

Annex 2 is a report received from Moroccan party detailing the progress in the project so far.

3.3.5 Pilot project: BCRC-Egypt Capacity Building through “Assessing Hazardous Wastes Generation and Practices and Preparing a Waste Management Plan for Cairo University Research Labs Inside its Campus”

The project started three months ago through assigning the project coordinator and the technical officer who together with BCRC-Egypt project facilitator and director prepared an exhaustive questionnaire (http://www.bcrc-egypt.org/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=77&Itemid=78) was designed and distributed to more than 150 lab unit inside Cairo university Campus. The questionnaire, the concept paper of the project and the Basel Convention hazardous wastes and hazard characteristics annexes 1, 2, and 3 (http://www.bcrc-egypt.org/downloads/Cairo_Projects/Basel_Annex.pdf) were all posted as reference information on the BCRC-EGYPT web site.

Feedback obtained from about 111 lab units was fed into a data base and currently being analyzed.

A consultative meeting with the heads of institutes inside the campus is expected by mid December, 2008 to present, share and discuss the findings and the draft hazardous wastes management plan to be prepared by the BCRC-Egypt.

3.3.6 Pilot Project: “Monitoring and Auditing HW Generation in Selected Industrial Sectors in Jordan”

The project aims at designing and demonstrating a system for monitoring and auditing hazardous waste generation in selected industrial sectors in a specific geographic area in Jordan. The project main goal is to develop and test a monitoring system for the generation hazardous wastes involving all interested and affected parties and stakeholders. Following the development of the project concept paper and signing the MOU with the Jordanian party, inception activities from the Jordanian side started with identifying the stakeholders and synergies with other activities. Then a call for a steering committee meeting was issued and the meeting was held in August 13, 2008. BCRC-Egypt was invited to the steering committee meeting and the BCRC-Egypt director and the international facilitator participated in the meeting.

The meeting discussed the synergy with the two projects currently implemented by the Jordanian Ministry of Environment (City Link II and Manifest System Project), and collaboration with one of the biggest industries in Jordan; the pharmaceutical sector.

The steering committee of the project endorsed the approach proposed by the project manager and later after the steering committee the project personnel were identified

based on a set of TORs developed by the project manager. It is expected that the representative of Jordan to the PSC-4 presents update to the members during the meeting.

3.3.7 Pilot Project: “BCRC-Egypt Capacity Building; Monitoring Disposal by Incineration of Obsolete Pesticides in Cement Rotary Kilns in Egypt; an Assessment.”

The present project aims at building and testing BCRC-Egypt Capacity in documenting and demonstrating sound disposal of a pilot quantity of Obsolete Pesticides in a rotary cement kiln in Egypt. The project will be implemented directly with the Basel Convention competent authority in Egypt and will involve other competent Ministries (Ministry Of Agriculture). The ultimate objective is to protect environment and public health from vulnerable stock pile of obsolete pesticides stored in unsound manner.

Preliminary discussions with ministry of Environment and Ministry of agriculture to agree on modality of implementation and the time table of the project started. Initial plan developed and is currently refined. It is expected that a joint research committee will visit the store site by mid January 2009 and will agree on the way forward.

3.3.8 Pilot Project: “Development of Hazardous Wastes Legislation for Mauritania”

The MOU for the implementation of this pilot activity was developed and forwarded to the Mauritanian party and until this meeting the MOU was not signed by them due to the political situation. It is expected that once the political stability in Mauritania maintained the process will be revived and the activities linked to the development of their hazardous wastes national legislation will be completed.

Public Awareness

BCRC-Egypt continued its efforts to raise the awareness not only among the public and the government officials but also among the industry and civil society sectors. BCRC-Egypt issued its newsletter twice this year and published them on its web site.. Other awareness activities embedded within the governance activities, the proposed projects and workshops included media coverage and interviews with organizers, experts and participants, and the development and dissemination of fact sheets and success stories in cooperation with the national focal points both on the local and regional levels.

The translation of documents of the MPPI on used and end of life mobile phones have been completed and verified successfully, posted on the BCRC-Egypt website, and are being reproduced. Feasibility and Negotiation to translate into Arabic selected publications of the RAC/CP (e.g. guidelines for the application of Best Available Techniques (BATs), Best Environmental Practices (BEPs) and Cleaner Technologies (CTs) in industries of the Mediterranean countries, and good house keeping practices: program design and application in industry) are ongoing.

BCRC-Egypt most accessible interface with the public and with all other stakeholders; the BCRC-Egypt web site, has been updated, and timely fed with all reports, technical documents, and awareness materials.

Table (1) Summary progress for 2008 activities

Activity code in the workplan	Activity description	Progress until 31/10/2008	Progress Indicators	Means of verification	Comments from BCRC-Egypt
3.1.1	Mid-term Review	Completed successfully	Correspondences and reports	Final report	
3.1.2	Third and Fourth Project Steering Committee meetings	Third completed, Fourth planned for end of November	Invitation to the meetings, meeting minutes, approved workplans and budgets available on BCRC-Egypt website for the 22 member Arab countries	PSC-3 and PSC4 Approved minutes reports.	
3.1.3	Second Steering Committee meeting of the Center (SCC-2)	Completed successfully			
3.1.4	Participation in meetings and workshops	In progress, 7missions	Missions	Mission reports	To Syria, to Geneve, to Saudi Arabia (2), to COP 9 and to Jordan
3.1.5	Compiling an indicator system for follow-up of performance in HW management and in implementation of the Basel Convention	In progress	Base line information sheets Relevant Correspondances and consultative meetings	report	
3.1.6	Development of a Five Year Business Plan for BCRC-Egypt	In Progress	TORs Announcement Recruitment of proper consultant	Contract Report	TORs developed and circulated to the SBC and Finish consultant for review
3.1.7	Resource Mobilization	In progress	Junior staff working with the project	Contracts Attendanc	

Activity code in the workplan	Activity description	Progress until 31/10/2008	Progress Indicators	Means of verification	Comments from BCRC-Egypt
	activities		correspondances	e record reports	
3.1.8	Biennium Financial Auditing	completed	TORs Recruitment procedure	Report contract	
3.2.1	Regional Workshop for Monitoring and Auditing Hazardous Wastes Generation and Management Facilities in the Industry Sector; with Special Session on Pharmaceutical Waste Stream.	In progress	Reference materials gathered Agenda prepared TORs for consultants Invitation letters distributed	Workshop Workshop report List of participants	The workshop is linked to project 3.3.1 in Jordan
3.2.2	Workshop on hazardous waste management legislations, law enforcement mechanisms and resource mobilization	Completed successfully	Reference materials gathered Agenda prepared TORs for consultants Invitation letters distributed	Workshop Workshop report List of participants	Linked with project 3.3.9 which may be cancelled due to political situation in Mauritania
3.2.3	Regional workshop for promoting the Sound management of hazardous wastes within the context of the Basel Convention among regions NGOs	Completed successfully	Reference materials gathered Agenda prepared TORs for consultants Invitation letters distributed	Workshop Workshop report List of participants	Follow up activities with one NGO initiated
3.3.1	Pilot project: BCRC-Egypt Capacity Building through	In progress	Correspondences Data sheets designed and distributed TORs and contracts	Data sheets completed Final	Linked with governance activity 3.1.7

Activity code in the workplan	Activity description	Progress until 31/10/2008	Progress Indicators	Means of verification	Comments from BCRC-Egypt
	“Assessing Hazardous Wastes Generation and Practices and Preparing a Waste Management Plan for Cairo University Research Labs Inside its Campus		for coordinators	report	
3.3.2	Pilot Project: “for Developing Regional Strategy and Action Plan for Combating Illegal Traffic of Hazardous Wastes in the Arab Region”	In progress	TORs for consultants and coordinators	Draft strategy report	Estimated 65% progress
3.3.4	Pilot Project: “Monitoring and Auditing HW Generation in a Selected Industrial Sector in Jordan”	In progress	TORs for project staff Steering committee meetings List of stakeholders identified	Progress reports Final reports Workshop	Linked with activity 3.2.1
3.3.5	Pilot Project: “BCRC-Egypt Capacity Building; Monitoring Disposal by Incineration of Obsolete Pesticides in Cement Rotary Kilns in Egypt; an Assessment.”	In progress	TORs for consultants MOUs Site visit List of stakeholders	Site visit report Final report	5% progress, the project initiated with EEAA and concept time schedule shared
3.3.6	Pilot projects for hazardous waste inventories in Egypt, Syria and Sudan	In progress	Expenditure reports Draft reports Follow up correspondences/mission reports	Final reports	Sudan and Egypt completed their projects , Syria project

Activity code in the workplan	Activity description	Progress until 31/10/2008	Progress Indicators	Means of verification	Comments from BCRC-Egypt
					is still undergoing and request for extension received by BCRC-Egypt.
3.3.7	Pilot project: "Compilation of comprehensive guidelines for sound management of liquid hazardous wastes"	In progress	TORs Contract Draft report	Final report	
3.3.8	Pilot Project: development of best practices for the management of hazardous wastes from traditional industries – Case history in Morocco	In Progress	Concept paper MOU Correspondances Draft report Follow up missions	Project final report	
3.3.9	Pilot Project: "Development of Hazardous Wastes Legislation for Mauritania"	Pause	MOU Correspondances Expert recruited	Report Case history in activity 3.2.2	BCRC_egypt keep communicating with Mauritania Focal point, but no feedback because of political situation.
4	Public Awareness	In progress	News letters timely issued Website maintained and updated	News letters timely issued Website maintained and updated	BCRC-Egypt always present in interview with TV and satellite channels

Annexes

Annex I

Biennium (2006/2007) audit report.

**تقدم أشغال المشروع التجريبي المتعلق
بالإدارة السليمة لنفايات الصناعة التقليدية بجهة مراكش - المغرب**

مباشرة بعد تحويل الموازنة المخصصة للمشروع من طرف المركز الإقليمي للتدريب ونقل التكنولوجيا بازل بالقاهرة إلى كتابة الدولة المكلفة بالماء والبيئة المغربية أواسط شهر يوليوز 2008، أعطيت الأوامر للمصلحة المعنية من أجل إعداد النصوص المرجعية لاختيار مكتب للدراسات لإنجاز هذا المشروع. وقد قامت المصلحة المعنية بإعداد جميع الوثائق الإدارية والتقنية من أجل اختيار مكتب الدراسات وفق المسطرة القانونية المغربية التي تتطلب ضرورة نشر الإعلان في الجرائد الوطنية وفي الموقع الإلكتروني للوزارة لمدة أربعة أسابيع وتكوين لجنة بقرار للإشراف على تقييم العروض المقدمة من طرف الخبراء. وهذا ما تطلب وقت كبير، بحيث تم نشر الإعلان في الجرائد الوطنية يوم 30 غشت وقد توصلت الوزارة بعرضين فقط بينما رفضت باقي مكاتب الدراسات المشاركة بحجة الموازنة الضعيفة المخصصة للمشروع. وقد اجتمعت اللجنة المخصصة لتقييم العروض يوم 3 أكتوبر وفق القانون المغربي وتم اختيار فريق عمل للإشراف على هذا المشروع.

وبعد ذلك تمت دعوة فريق العمل الذي يتكون من خبيرين لتوقيع الاتفاقية معه آخذا بعين الاعتبار بنود بروتوكول الاتفاق الموقع مع مركزكم.

وبعد ذلك تم إخبار شركاء المشروع بجهة مراكش من أجل تحديد موعد خلال الأيام المقبلة لإعطاء الانطلاقة للمشروع وتقديم فريق العمل الذي سيشرف على إنجاز هذا المشروع لجميع الشركاء بجهة مراكش.

وتجدر الإشارة إلى أن تحويل الموازنة خلال شهر يوليوز لن يكون وقتا مناسباً لأن شهري يوليوز وغشت يتزامن مع العطل الإدارية للموظفين وهذا ما ساهم كذلك في تأخر الإعطاء الانطلاقة للمشروع. كما أن ضرورة المرور عبر المسطرة القانونية لاختيار الخبراء ساهم كذلك في تأخر انطلاق المشروع. كما نخبركم أنه من المنتظر أن يتم تنظيم ورشة بمراكش بعد إعداد الخطة لتطوير إدارة النفايات الخطرة (يناير 2009) ونطلب منكم المشاركة معنا في هذه الورشة وفي الورشات الأخرى.