

ACAP Work Plan for 2009-2011 for approval by SAO's

ACAP will continue to implement projects approved by the Ministers to:

1. Develop an Integrated Hazardous Waste Management Strategy (IHWMS) focusing on the Northern Regions of the Russian Federation.
2. Complete inventory development (Phase I) and safe storage (Phase II) of obsolete pesticides in the remaining Russian Arctic and sub-Arctic priority Regions. Demonstrate environmentally sound destruction of 100 tons of obsolete pesticides (Phase III).
3. Assess the performance of Russian hazardous waste destruction facilities to identify sustainable solutions for destruction of hazardous substances, including obsolete pesticides, PCBs and other POPs in an environmentally sound manner using Russian and international standards.
4. Implement control technologies for reduction/elimination of dioxin/furan releases at pulp and paper mills, timber mills, cement factories and municipal waste treatment facilities in the Russian Arctic.
5. Complete the feasibility study on improved systems for management of mercury-containing waste in Northwest Russia, prepare Terms of References and business plan for a demonstration project in one or two regions of Northwest Russia and implement demonstration projects to address additional mercury-release sectors in Russia (products, coal-fired power plants, non-ferrous metal production).
6. Continue further cooperation with UNEP Global Mercury Partnership in achieving measurable mercury reductions of uses and releases at chlor-alkali and PVC-production facilities in the Russian Federation including improvement of storage facilities for mercury-containing waste.
7. Cooperate with Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Russian Federation to implement environmentally sound management demonstration projects for PCBs in Russia under IHWMS according to the Stockholm Convention.
8. Continue work on brominated flame retardants (BFR) as an information exchange network and simultaneously continue the identification of Phase II activities on reduction and elimination of BFRs.
9. Establish a new PSG to address contaminants in indigenous communities in remote areas of the Arctic to reduce human exposure to contaminants. Terms of Reference will be developed.
10. Implement model projects on safe handling, storage and treatment of local sources of contamination on Franz Josef Land (FJL).
11. Continue cooperation with the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and NEFCO to address "hot spots" in the Arctic.
12. Continue cooperation with NEFCO to finance and facilitate implementation of ACAP projects and mobilize the Project Support Instrument (PSI).

13. Collaborate with other WGs of the Arctic Council (AMAP and SDWG) on i.a. quick-action climate mitigation strategies.
14. Initiate co-operation to address the contamination issues of the oil and gas sectors in the Arctic based on the findings and recommendations of the Assessment of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic by AMAP.
15. Facilitate implementation of international actions addressing mitigation of mercury and persistent organic pollutants.
16. Enhance outreach and information exchange to promote successful projects of ACAP.