Enforcement Networks in Asia
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Conclusions, first .... (1)

1. Customs and border protection officers are the first link in the “compliance and enforcement chain”. With important role in facilitating legal trade and combatting illegal ones.

2. Enforcement requires national laws and regulations to be complied with.

3. Frontline enforcement officers want “cross-cutting with multiple MEAs” and “hands-on training”.

4. Institutionalization of training is a must. Officers in HQs, officers in border areas, different enforcement agencies need different skills.
Conclusions, first .... (2)

4. Enforcement Networking at the regional-level must go hands-in-hands with the inter-agency coordination among enforcement partners in each country.

5. A Regional Enforcement Network:
   - Takes **time** to mature (a decade already in case of UNEP ROAP) - “Trust” is a major issue.
   - Is **costly ($ and human resource)** and require constant external financial and in-kind support, due to: multi-agency participation requirement and needs for joint enforcement work
   - May be best done through “**Networking with Networks**”
   - Often requires the stance of “**Leave it to the (enforcement) specialists**”
Who are the main Enforcement Stakeholders in Pakistan?

- Federal Board of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
- Directorate General of Training and Research (Customs)
- Environmental Auditors and Inspectors
- Anti-Narcotics Force
- Federal Investigation Agency
- Frontier Constabulary
- Frontier Corps
- INTERPOL National Central Bureau (NCB)
- National Highways and Motorway Police
- National Police Academy
- Pakistan Coast Guard
- Pakistan Railways Police
- Pakistan Rangers

Who else?
NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HS 2012 TRADE IN CHEMICALS ORGANIZED BY UNEP, WCO & DRC. FROM 27TH FEB TO 2ND MARCH, 2012 AT RRCO, PHUENTSHOLING, BHUTAN

HS2012 and trade in chemicals national workshops in Bhutan and Sri Lanka
UNEP ROAP Strategy on Enforcement

- Capacity-building & Motivation
- Networking
  - Joint operations & intelligence collection
  - Synergies among MEAs
- Focus on border areas/ hotspots
What we have

- Green Customs as Customs core training programme
- HS2012 training with MEA link
- Co-implementing enforcement part of the national HCFCs Phaseout Management Plans (HPMP)
- Financial incentives for eco-friendly trade

- Synergies among MEAs
  - Active participation in MEA related operations (e.g. Sky Hole Patching; DEMETER II; Seaport Inspection Month).
  - Help in investigation on TOC

- Joint operations & intelligence collection

- Networking
  - Project REN
  - ARPEC

- Focus on border areas/ hotspots
  - Project PATROL
  - Setting up country-level inter-agency/ministry coordination on border areas control for TOC.
Asian Regional Partners Forum on Combating Environmental Crime (ARPEC)

- An “informal” forum to enhance cooperation, collaboration and the exchange of best practice to develop the regional response to environmental crime across Asia and the Pacific.
- Meet every 6 months on a specific topic. The host agency to rotate.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The 13th Meeting to be hosted by Interpol on 27-28 November 2012 in Bangkok!!
PATROL (Partnership against Trans-national Crime through Regional Organized Law-enforcement)

“... Officials (such as immigration officers, police, customs and trade control) and policymakers in Cambodia, Thailand and Viet Nam have already started training and an assessment of training needs has been conducted in Myanmar....”

UNEP Annual Report 2011, page 70
Regional Enforcement Network for Chemicals and Waste

- 25 countries in Asia
- harmful chemicals, inc. ozone depleting substances (ODS)
- hazardous waste
Project REN’s Goal

To reduce unwanted transboundary movement of Harmful Substances and Hazardous Waste (HSHW) in Asia by preventing illegal trade and encouraging legal trade.
How?

.... through the improved enforcement cooperation regionally and globally and the targeted problem-solving capacity-building at the national level through a network, the project will enable enforcement officers to monitor and control transboundary movements of chemicals and waste more efficiently.
Project REN’s Activities

A. Technical Assistance for Problem-solving
B. Information/intelligence exchange
C. Enforcement operations and Environmental Enforcement Award
D. Networking and Awareness
E. Partnerships for Sustainability

ANNOUNCEMENT: The 1st Meeting of Project will take place in Cebu, Philippines, on 20-23 November 2012, partially jointly with The Workshop 2012 of the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes (Asian NT) &
Project REN’s Approach to its Delivery
Project REN’s Stakeholders

• “Steering Group” – 3 BCRCs (SEA, China, and Teheran), 1 WCO RILO A/P (Seoul), 1 WCO ROCB A/P (Bangkok), ICPO-INTERPOL, 1 national ozone officer, 1 national chemicals/waste focal point, 1 member from “Coordinating Agencies” (see below), 1 rep from UNEP CAP-ROAP, 1 rep from UNEP Chemicals, and the Project REN Coordinator (P3). Observers are: BRS Secretariats and Sida (Thailand).

• “Coordinating Agencies” - The main target group and project beneficiary; the front-line officers of National Customs Authorities from 25 countries in North East, South, and South East Asia.

• “Partner Agencies”, including National coordinators for chemicals and waste MEAs, with their role(s) as co-executor of selected project activities. They will carry out the activities as an integrated part of their own workplans, per agreement with UNEP and in consultation with Project Steering Group and based on their technical merit as well as ability to share the implementation costs financially or in-kind.
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