



BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		PROJECT TITLE : Tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention	
FUNDING OPTIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		TYPE / LOCATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	TARGETED COUNTRIES: Developing-country parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and parties with economies in transition.
Project start date: <i>01/11/2015</i>		Project completion date: <i>01/07/2016</i>	Total duration: <i>8 months</i>
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
Activity 4 (BC) Tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention BC-12/19: Work programme and operations of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2016-2017			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>In its decision BC-12/19, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided that the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-10) will be of four days' duration, with up to three days of plenary sessions with simultaneous interpretation provided, to be applied flexibly by the Executive Secretary.</p> <p>The current project is aiming at ensuring representation of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition at the OEWG-10 and assisting parties to actively participate in the discussions at the meeting. This will ensure a more balanced outcome of OEWG-10 and ensure that views of all parties including those from developing countries are reflected in the decisions thereof. This will facilitate the discussion of agenda items dealt with by the OEWG at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>The full and effective participation of developing-country parties, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and parties with economies in transition improves the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Open-ended Working Group and encourages the implementation of the Convention at all levels. As such, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda, which reaffirmed the continued need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision-making, and to the specific chemicals and waste related Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>The meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is the global forum which catalyses cooperation and coordination among all parties and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and private sector, thus promoting the integration of chemicals and wastes into national budgets, sectors and development plans, and enhancing private-public relationships and partnerships. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for travel, including air tickets and Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA), will be provided for a total of five days (four days OEWG meeting and one day pre-meetings) for up to 136 funded participants in Geneva, Switzerland. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided and a meeting report will be prepared for up to three days of plenary sessions, of which two days will be covered by Basel Convention Trust Fund (BCTF) and one day by Technical Cooperation Trust Fund (BDTF). 			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
<p>Expected results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Representation of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition at the OEWG-10 is ensured; Simultaneous interpretation at the meeting is provided and a meeting report is prepared as decided by the COP; 			

3. All parties are assisted to actively participate in the discussions at the OEWG-10 and provide their inputs.

Indicators of success:

1. Interpretation services provided for at least 3 days of plenary sessions and the meeting report produced in the six official languages of the United Nations;
2. Participation of at least one representative per party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition (subject to availability of funding).

Means of verification:

1. List of participants;
2. Report of the meeting;
3. Feedback from parties and observers on the organization of the meeting.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

OEWG assists the COP in developing and keeping under continuous review the implementation of the Convention's work plan, specific operational policies and decisions taken by the COP for the implementation of the Convention. It considers and advises the COP on issues relating to policy, technical, scientific, legal, institutional, administration, finance, budgetary and other aspects of the implementation of the Convention and reports to the COP on the activities it has carried out.

At its thirteenth meeting in 2017, the COP is expected to adopt the work programme of the OEWG for the biennium of 2018-2019 and adopt a decision on future institutional arrangements for the operations of the OEWG, taking into account the comments received from parties and others on experiences gained with regard to the arrangements of OEWG-10.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will encourage parties and observers to take into account gender-related aspects in their nomination of participants to the meeting, in order to have a balanced gender representation within delegations. The Secretariat will also advise, where relevant, of any potential gender impacts of the proposals developed for consideration by the 2017 COP.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

The announcement of the meeting will be made through the website of the Convention and a series of briefing webinars. After the meeting, the outcomes of the meeting will be reported through press releases and meeting documents on the website. Coverage by reporting services such as the Earth Negotiations Bulletin of IISD Reporting Services may be provided subject to availability of resources.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	-
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	-
TRAVEL	669,512
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	669,512
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	87,037
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	756,549