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BASEL CONVENTION



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION



STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		Annual joint meeting of the directors of BCRCs and SCRCs to enhance coordinated regional delivery of technical assistance	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 31/12/2017	Total duration: 24 months
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>PoW19 (S8, S9): Coordination of and support to the Basel and Stockholm Conventions regional centres and Cooperation and coordination between regional centres Decision BC-12/10 (paragraph 13 and 15) Decision SC-7/17 (paragraph 14 and 16)</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>Under Article 14 of the Basel Convention, Parties agree that, according to the specific needs of different regions and sub-regions, regional or sub-regional centres for training and technology transfers regarding the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimization of their generation should be established. Similarly, Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention mandates the establishment of arrangements, such as regional centres for the provision of technical assistance to the developing country Parties and Parties with their economies in transition for the successful implementation of the Convention. Over the years the conferences of the parties to the Basel and Stockholm Conventions have adopted I decisions establishing the regional centres under each of the Conventions as well as decisions providing mandates to the regional centres. To date there are a total of 23 regional centres, out of these fourteen are BCRCs and 16 are SCRCs. Seven of the 23 centres serve both as a Basel and Stockholm Convention regional centres. The annual meetings of the directors of the BCRCs and SCRCs have been held regularly since 2008. These meetings have been very useful in order to share experiences including the best practices among the centres and have contributed to improving synergies amongst the centres. The meetings also provide platform to initiate bilateral, multilateral cooperation agreements including the promotion of regional networking among the centres to address the identified regional assistance needs in various areas. The overall objective of the activity is to strengthen the regional centres by enhancing coordination and cooperation amongst the centres to ensure that the technical assistance needs of parties for the implementation of the Basel and Stockholm conventions are met and that synergies in the implementation also contribute to the implementation of the Rotterdam and Minamata conventions</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Annual joint meeting of the Basel and Stockholm Convention Regional Centres Compilation of the selected activities undertaken by the Regional Centres 			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
Expected results:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Annual joint meeting of the directors of BCRCs and SCRCs is held; Follow up actions are taken after every annual meetings of the centres Regional Centres under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions have been acknowledged by UNEA as one of the important institutional arrangements for mainstreaming and coordinated delivery of technical assistance for the sound management of chemicals and wastes. The activity will help the centres to target their activities towards meeting the MDGs 			
Indicators of success:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting is held Enhanced performance of the regional centres in the next evaluation Recommendations are compiled and a follow up plan is made and implemented 			
Means of verification:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat report on the meeting to the COP The meeting report published in the regional centre page in the Convention's website 			

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The Secretariat organizing the annual meeting of the stakeholders with a provision of regular follow up actions is a desirable activity in order to encourage the partners involved in providing technical assistance supporting parties to meet their obligations.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Regional centres are a training arm of the Secretariat in promoting the implementation of the conventions in the regions. The Secretariat will continue to engage the centres in its gender-related activities so that the centres will reach out the regional, national and local stakeholders about the gender mainstreaming into the chemicals and wastes management.

The gender equality will be one of the guiding principles in the selection of topics and discussion points for the annual meetings. Participants will be encouraged to be aware of cultural and social aspects when implementing national and regional projects. Multi-cultural and gender awareness will also be promoted during the annual meetings.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

The outcome of the annual joint meeting will be shared through the publication in Convention's website

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	23,680
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	4,520
TRAVEL	130,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	14,000
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	172,200
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	22,386
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	194,586