



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		Pilot projects to implement the Basel and Stockholm conventions through regional centres	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	
Targeted Countries: Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions		Targeted Countries: Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions	
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 31/12/2017	
Total duration: 24 months		Total duration: 24 months	
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
PoW 19 (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)			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>The Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions established regional and sub-regional centres for capacity building, training and technology transfer to provide technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition (CEIT) for the successful implementation of the Convention. 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.</p> <p>According to the needs assessment carried out in 2014, more than 18 % of the parties to the Basel Convention indicate that the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes is a priority for the implementation of the convention. For more than 18 % of the parties to the Stockholm Convention strengthening of the legal and institutional frameworks is a priority as well as collecting data and inventories, regulation and control of intentionally produced new POPs (priority for about 14 % of parties) and implementing BAT/BEP, updating and revising inventories of UPOPs (priority for about 16 % of parties). This project is to assist parties through the respective Regional Centres in their efforts to implement activities identified as national priority work areas under the conventions.</p> <p>The project is a follow up to the Norway/EU funded regional centre small grants programme 2009 -2014 during which 21 activities were carried out (implementation of 4 Basel Convention projects, 11 Stockholm convention projects and 6 joint projects) benefitting more than 70 developing countries.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>Through an open tender and selection procedure by the secretariat, the regional centres will be invited to submit project proposals to implement activities identified in their respective business plans/work plans for the biennium 2016-2017, which aim at assisting eligible parties (LDCs and developing country parties) in addressing their obligations under the conventions. Project focus will be on the following prioritised areas of work for the biennium related to national capacity building for the management of chemicals and wastes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfer of know-how on PCB waste, obsolete pesticide stockpiles, e-waste, mercury waste, waste oil, ULAB, used tyres, health care waste, etc; 2. Promotion of the technical guidelines, such as on POPs waste, e-waste, mercury wastes; 3. Priority activities identified in the NIPs and the action plans; 4. Developing pilot projects on the specific POPs such as DDT, PCBs, BDEs, Endosulfan, PCPs that are relevant in a particular region. <p>The proposals would be required to be consistent with the expertise of the proposing centre, take into account the needs of the beneficiary parties, promote cost efficient and effective interventions, such as the use of local skills and expertise. The Secretariat will provide the funds through the respective Regional Centres for the implementation of the selected projects. Projects will have a maximum of 9 (nine) months duration. Individual projects will be funded with up to USD 47,500. There will be a balanced distribution of projects among the African, Latin American, Asian and CEIT regions with focus on specific topical issues for the region.</p>			

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

1. Part of the workplan/business plans of the regional centres, which are based on the needs of the countries are implemented;
2. Parties served by the centres get assistance enabling them to comply with their obligations under the conventions;
3. The projects leveraged, as appropriate, larger projects such as GEF funded MSP/FSP, national development projects, etc;
4. Increased awareness on the health and environmental impact of chemicals and wastes on men and women, boys and girls, as well as on the conventions in the regions.

Indicators of success:

1. Number of parties benefitting from the implementation of the pilot projects
2. Number of areas in which assistance was provided
3. Number and areas of projects that were implemented in each region
4. Number of regional centres involved in MSP/FSP to be submitted to GEF

Means of verification:

1. Project reports of the implemented pilot projects
2. Online Feedback from the parties on the assistance provided by the centres

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions will be invited to submit project proposals based on the business plans/workplans to the Secretariat on the identified priority areas of the conventions. This is expected to promote a competitive spirit among the centres in preparing best project proposals that ensure significant assistance to eligible recipient parties in meeting their obligations under the Basel and Stockholm conventions with a special focus on, but not limited to, strengthening synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and other MEAs within the chemicals cluster where possible.

In order to ensure the sustainability of the outcomes of the project the following will be taken into account:

1. Projects having multiplier effects, e.g., capacity building of the parties in implementing the Convention;
2. Projects aimed at developing of the training modules/training materials, train the trainers including by forging partnership with academia;
3. Projects that contribute in preparing awareness raising materials for different media;
4. Projects that promote partnership with relevant IGOs, NGOs and private sector;
5. Project proposals that exhibit clarity and control over outcome (measurable and tangible).

The project supports directly SDG target 12.4 related to sustainable consumption and production where, by 2020, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes should be achieved throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and their release to air, water and soil should be significantly reduced to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

In the call for proposals, gender equality will be included as a requirement for developing project proposals. Regional centres will be invited to consider gender equality when specific activities are designed and during the implementation of activities. A basic gender analysis will be conducted for gender relevant activities as part of the design phase.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

Information communication materials, training materials, project findings etc will be made available to use and for wider sharing under the conventions. Information contained in the project reports and any analytical and statistical information thus generated could be used for outreach and information sharing



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BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	135,200
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	3,080
TRAVEL	20,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	825,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	983,280
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>127,826</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	1,111,106