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BASEL CONVENTION



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## BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

### PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b>		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		Strengthening and facilitating of the work of the BCRCs and SCRCs	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b>		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b>	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b>
<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: <i>01/01/2016</i>		Project completion date: <i>31/12/2017</i>	Total duration: <i>24 months</i>
<b>LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE</b>			
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)			
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION</b>			
<p>The Parties to the Basel Convention in Article 14 of the Convention 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 articulates on providing technical assistance to the developing country Parties and Parties with their economies in transition for the successful implementation of the Convention including through the establishment of regional centres. Through various COP decisions by the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm Conventions there are today 23 regional centres, fourteen out of these are BCRCs and 16 of the 23 are SCRCs.</p> <p>At the annual meetings of the directors of the BCRCs, which are being organized since 2008, the centres have frequently requested the Secretariat to provide the facilitation support to the extent possible. In addition, the centres have requested the Secretariat to participate in the steering committee meetings as well as technical assistance activities that the Centres implement.</p> <p>The overall objective of the activity is to strengthen the smooth functioning of the regional centres so that the technical assistance needs of parties for the implementation of the Basel conventions are met.</p>			
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>			
Coordination visits of the regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions to enhance governance (including participation in steering committee meetings) and operation of the regional centres.			
Criteria for selecting regional centres for visits: The centres can a) provide for field visits of the project activities being implemented by the centres; b) provide facilitation with the host government in the implementation of the Framework Agreements; c) organize a steering committee meeting linked to a) and b).			

## RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

### Expected results:

1. Follow up actions are taken after every annual meeting of the centres
2. Secretariat visits at least 4 selected BCRCs (one from each region) and 4 selected SCRCs (one from each region) including participating in their project activities each year;
3. The proposed activity contributes towards achieving these broader goals
  - 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 Business plans/workplans of the regional centres are required to take into account of the national implementation plans, and action plans, needs of the parties through direct consultations where they may reflect their assistance need to meet MDGs

### Indicators of success:

1. Increased efficiency in signing of SSFA and submitting of the reports
2. Increased number of parties benefited due to enhanced performance of the centres
3. Increased number of the priority areas in which assistance was provided

### Means of verification:

1. Activity reports of the centres
2. Feedback on the performance provided by the Parties receiving assistance from the centres

## PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

Organizing field visits to selected centres by the Secretariat and participating in their activities will enhance the Centres' visibility and support from the hosting Governments. In the coming years the centres still need support from the Secretariat to raise the visibility and facilitation support with their hosting governments. After a few years the centres are expected to pick up and become self sustaining.

## GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Regional centres are a training arm of the Secretariat in promoting the implementation of the three 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.

## OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

Information collected during the field visit of the regional centres will also be shared with relevant partners through appropriate channels.

## BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	6,400
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	120
TRAVEL	40,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>46,520</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>6,048</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>52,568</b>