



BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Development of/updating of technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants (POPs)	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<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	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>Activity 20 (S7): Scientific support to Parties to the Basel Convention BC- 10/9, BC-11/3 and BC-12/3: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants SC-7/14: Listing of polychlorinated naphthalenes Article 4 of the Basel Convention</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>In accordance with decision BC-11/3, the Conference of the Parties decided to update the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and decided to prepare or update specific technical guidelines concerning POPs, in consultation with the small intersessional working group. At its twelfth meeting, by decision BC-12/3, the Conference of the Parties adopted the technical guidelines listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants; 2. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride; 3. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, hexachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls or pentachlorobenzene; 4. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated terphenyls or polybrominated biphenyls, including hexabromobiphenyl; 5. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromodiphenyl ether, heptabromodiphenyl ether, tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether; 6. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromocyclododecane; 7. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with pesticides aldrin, alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, beta hexachlorocyclohexane, chlordane, chlordecone, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, lindane, mirex, pentachlorobenzene, technical endosulfan and its related isomers or toxaphene or with hexachlorobenzene as an industrial chemical. <p>In addition, by its decision BC-12/3, among others, the COP also agreed on updating the following guidelines: first, the general technical guidelines referred in paragraph 1 above; second, the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 4 or 7 above and/or developing new technical guidelines, as appropriate, taking into account decisions SC-7/12, SC-7/13 and SC-7/14, by which the Stockholm Convention listed new chemicals on Annex A (hexachlorobutadiene; pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters; polychlorinated naphthalenes); and third, the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 3 above, taking into account decision SC-7/14, by which the Stockholm Convention listed new chemicals in Annex C.</p>			

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

The main activities to be covered by the funding are:

1. In the absence of lead countries, the BRS Secretariat would engage consultants to carry out the development of new or updating of the above-mentioned technical guidelines; It is assumed that three consultants will be needed to work on the four documents.
2. In close consultation with the small intersessional working group (SIWG) on POPs wastes, the consultants would develop draft texts of the technical guidelines, review and address comments received by parties and others on all POPs wastes technical guidelines;
3. The consultants, through the SIWG on POPs wastes would resolve matters of harmonization between the general and specific technical guidelines and among the specific technical guidelines;
4. Review and propose low POP contents for these new POPs to the SIWG on POPs wastes; and
5. The consultants would submit through the Secretariat, draft technical guidelines to the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for consideration and possible adoption.
6. A face-to-face meeting, funded mainly through the BC Trust Fund (i.e. participant travel), of the small intersessional working group on POPs would also be organized. The purpose of the face-to-face meeting is to advance the updating of four POPs technical guidelines in preparation for COP-13 in May 2017 through consultation with the lead countries and organizations in charge of each of the guidelines as well as selected members of the SIWG. The objectives of the meeting are:
 - (a) Review and address comments received by parties and others on all POPs wastes technical guidelines;
 - (b) Discuss and resolve matters of harmonization between the general and specific technical guidelines and among the specific technical guidelines; and
 - (c) Review and discuss low POP content definition proposals in advance of COP-13.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

1. Four new and /or updated technical guidelines:
 - (a) Draft revised general technical guidelines for the ESM of POP waste;
 - (b) Draft technical guidelines for the ESM of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD);
 - (c) Draft technical guidelines for the ESM of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with pentachlorophenol (PCP) and its salts and esters; and
 - (d) Draft technical guidelines for the ESM of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated naphthalenes (PCN).
2. Parties to the Basel and Stockholm Convention would be able to implement the waste related aspects of the management of the newly listed POPs.
3. The development or update the technical guidelines will promote ESM of POP waste, involvement of industries related to POPs and it will increase awareness of the benefits of the sound management of chemicals and wastes at all levels.

Indicator of success:

The technical guidelines are revised and adopted by the Conference of the Parties and disseminated to parties and stakeholders for use.

Means of verification:

The revised documents will be available on the Basel Convention website.

(Important note: The SIWG on POPs would decide if the tasks required would be to update existing POPs technical guidelines to include HCBD, PCP and PCN or to develop specific technical guidelines for these POPs).

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

This project aims at further developing the technical guidelines on POPs wastes and to make them available to parties at COP-13 in 2017.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The activities of this project do not directly aim at promoting equality between women and men, girls and boys. Membership of the SIWG on POPs wastes is gender neutral, and participation of women is welcome. Currently about 30% of the members of the SIWG on POPs wastes are women. In line with the BRS Gender

Action Plan, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage parties and observers to take into account gender-related aspects in their nomination of participants.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

All outputs of this project will be made available on the Basel Convention website and presented to the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	240,800
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	910
TRAVEL	45,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	10,000
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	296,710
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>38,572</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	335,282