

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		Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE)	
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	
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 31/10/2017	Total duration: 22 months
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
POW activity 18 (S4) Partnerships, biennium 2016-2017 Decision BC-12/12 on PACE Decisions BC-12/9, RC-7/7, SC-7/16 on Technical Assistance			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>E-waste is one of the priority waste streams identified under the Basel Convention strategic framework. According to the needs assessment carried out in 2014, more than 18 % of the parties indicated that the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes is a priority for the implementation of the Basel Convention.</p> <p>The project builds on previous work done under PACE and will support the partnership working group to complete the outstanding tasks from the 2014-2015 work programme, including the revision of section 3 of the PACE guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment, which deals with transboundary movements of such equipment, the development of a strategy and work plan for the implementation of concrete actions at the regional and national levels, and the finalization of ongoing pilot projects and the development of a report on lessons learned.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>The PACE working group is finalizing the section 3 of the guidance document dealing with transboundary movements, and is supervising and assessing the outcome of the pilot projects initiated by the partnership in the previous biennium. In support of the documentation of these activities the following activities are planned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hiring of a consultant to summarize the outcome of the pilot projects and draft a lesson learnt report; 2. Translation of finalized section 3 of the guidance document into UN languages; 3. Editing, layout and printing of the finalized guidance document if adopted at COP 13. 			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
<p>Expected results: The output from the project will directly be used to draft pre-session and information documents for submission to COP 13 in 2017. The PACE working group will come up with agreed final text of section 3 with the aim that the COP will adopt the final version of the guidance document. The following results are to be achieved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final section 3 of the guidance document translated into UN languages (December 2016); 2. Final guidance document submitted to COP 13 for adoption (May 2017); 3. Summary of pilot projects and lessons learnt report based on a gender –differentiated approach submitted to COP 13 (May 2017); 4. If adopted by COP 13, publication of the final guidance document (July 2017). 			
<p>Indicator of success: COP 13 pre-session document and INF documents submitted to COP13 for its consideration.</p>			
<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COP 13 pre-session documents and INF documents are made available on the meeting documents website; 2. Final guidance document available on the PACE website. 			

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The COP will recommend that parties use the guidance document as main reference for the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment on regional, national and local level.

The PACE working group will also develop a strategy for a follow-up partnership to PACE for implementation of the PACE guidance document and its guidelines on regional and national level lead by the BCRCs. This strategy will build among others on the guidance document, related guidelines and lessons learnt from the pilot projects.

The project supports the implementation of SDG target 12.5 where, by 2030, waste generation should be substantially reduced through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse. The work under PACE is aiming at the environmentally sound reuse, repair, refurbishment and material recovery and recycling of used and end-of-life computing equipment which is currently one of the fastest growing waste streams worldwide.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The terms of reference for the consultant to draft the summary of the pilot project and lessons learnt report will include a gender –differentiated approach. This will help in particular the development a gender differentiated approach in the strategy for the follow-up partnership for regional and national implementation of PACE outputs. The main challenges on national and local level are the toxic emissions from careless and unprotected e-waste handling and disposal, but also the long term inter-generational health challenges. The follow-up partnership to PACE will address gender differentiate target groups, as appropriate, e.g. with respect to waste segregation in the households, waste collection and processing behavior and waste workers safety and protection. The most vulnerable groups are women and children who form about 30% of the workforce in crude e-waste processing business. Mother's intake and body burden is transferred across the placenta and through breast milk. Women and girls are affected directly and as mothers of tomorrow.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

The final guidance document will be published and made available on the BRS website in all UN languages. The brochure on "steps to implement the ESM of used and end-of-life computing equipment" will be designed and published. Both activities are budgeted in the project. There will be outreach activities to disseminate the outcome from PACE and to promote the implementation of the PACE guidance documents on national and local level, like side events at international and regional meetings, awareness raising campaigns on national and local level conceptualized by the strategy for regional and local delivery.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	28,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	30,160
TRAVEL	-
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	58,160
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>7,561</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	65,721