



## BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

### PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b>		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Updating of the interim technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non waste under the Basel Convention	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b>		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b>	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b>
<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	<i>n/a</i>
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>			
Activity 20 (S7): Scientific support to Parties to the Basel Convention Decision BC-12/5: Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention Article 4 of the Basel Convention			
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION</b>			
<p>At its twelfth meeting, by its decision BC-12/5, the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted on an interim basis the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention.</p> <p>In addition, in paragraph 5 of decision BC-12/5, the COP acknowledged the need to look further into the guidance on the distinction between waste and non-waste, and agreed to include the further elaboration of work on this issue in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017 in order to prepare draft revised guidelines for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, in particular with reference to paragraphs 31a and 31b of the technical guideline on the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residual lifetime and age of used equipment;</li> <li>2. Management of hazardous wastes from failure analysis, repair and refurbishment operations in developing countries;</li> <li>3. Obsolete technologies, including cathode ray tubes; and</li> <li>4. Presence of hazardous components in used equipment;</li> </ol> <p>In this connection, the COP invited parties and others to provide comments on the issues mentioned in paragraph 5 of the decision to the Secretariat five months before the opening of the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for consideration at its meeting. Parties were invited by an official letter from the Executive Secretary sent in August 2015 to provide comments as stated above. Additionally, the SIWG on e-waste members were reminded of this invitation through electronic means. The email was sent in October 2015.</p>			
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>			
The main activities to be covered by the funding would be:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the absence of a lead country, the BRS Secretariat would engage a consultant to carry out the updating of the above-mentioned technical guidelines;</li> <li>2. In close consultation with the small intersessional working group (SIWG) on e-waste, the consultant would develop draft texts of the technical guidelines, review and address comments received from parties and others;</li> <li>3. The consultant, through the SIWG on e-waste would submit through the Secretariat, draft technical guidelines to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-13) in May 2017 for consideration and possible adoption;</li> <li>4. A face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group on e-waste would also be organized in 2016. The purpose of the face-to-face meeting is to advance the updating of technical guidelines in preparation for COP13 on May 2017 through consultation with the members of the SIWG. The objectives of the meeting are: (i) to review and address comments received by Parties and others on the technical guidelines; and (ii) to consider, discuss and resolve pending issues of the technical guidelines in order to prepare the final draft texts to be submitted to COP13 in May 2017.</li> </ol>			

## RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

### Expected results:

1. Updated technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention.
2. Parties to the Basel Convention would be enabled to address the e-waste problems in an environmentally sound manner and to bring illegal trafficking of such waste under control.
3. The further development of the technical guidelines will promote increased resource-efficiency, involvement of industries related to e-waste 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 is revised and adopted by the Conference of the Parties and disseminated to parties and stakeholders for use.

### Means of verification:

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

## PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

This project aims at further developing the technical guidelines on e-waste and to make it available to parties at COP-13 in 2017. The OEWG-10 may likely decide to review and update the technical guidelines based on the inputs to be provided by parties.

## GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Equal participation of men and woman in the SIWG on e-waste is encouraged. Currently about 40% of the members of the SIWG on e-waste are women.

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 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

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	33,600
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	290
TRAVEL	55,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	10,000
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>98,890</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>12,856</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>111,746</b>