

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN	PROJECT TITLE : Coordination of and support for the Basel and Stockholm convention regional centres and cooperation and coordination between regional centres (PoW 19) - Enhanced visibility of regional centres	
FUNDING OPTIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible	TYPE / LOCATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	TARGETED COUNTRIES: Global
MANDATE Convention Article: Article 14 of the Basel Convention and Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decision BC-13/11, BC-13/2; BC-13/5; BC-13/12; BC-13/21, BC-13/22 of the Basel Convention; and SC-8/15; SC-8/5; SC-8/17; SC-8/24; SC-8/25 of the Stockholm Convention.		
Rationale The regional centres contribute to the implementation of the three conventions and play a key role as one of the main actors in the delivery of technical assistance and technology transfer at the national and regional levels. The Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres serve as an entry point for Parties to channel their needs for technical assistance in order to implement their obligations under the conventions. The activity is aimed at strengthening and ensuring the effective functioning of the regional centres in order to ensure their delivery of technical assistance and the transfer of technology to eligible Parties for the implementation of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions. The Secretariat will undertake a number of activities to enhance the effectiveness of the regional centres which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the visibility of the regional centres by providing necessary facilitation with Parties. One of the activities towards this will be participation of the secretariat in the steering committee meetings of the BCRCs as ex-officio member, and participation in one or two projects/training activities undertaken by the regional centres. Providing feedback to the regional centres by undertaking monitoring and evaluation of the activities implemented by them; • Provide support to establish and or update their information exchange platforms, web portals, etc. to enhance their visibility on the Internet and disseminate their information to a broader audience. Activities presented below contribute to the implementation of the technical assistance plan in 2018-2019. The cross cutting and specific thematic priorities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are set out in PoW activities 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, and 24 respectively.		
Outcomes and indicators of achievement Outcomes: Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions are able to implement their obligations under these conventions due to technical assistance and capacity building support provided by the regional centres. The regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions are provided opportunities to forge collaboration through coordination, and networking among themselves and with other relevant stakeholders by promoting the comparative advantage and specific expertise of each of these centres.		
Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional centres are seen as the main regional entities providing technical assistance in dealing with chemical and waste issues 2. Regional centres receive adequate guidance from the Secretariat in preparing and submitting their workplans/business plans and activity reports among others; 3. Webportals of regional centres are updated on regular basis. 		Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activity reports of the centres; 2. Workplans and activity reports submitted by the centres published on the conventions' website and presented to the COPs; 3. Web statistics.
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME		
Project start date: 01/2018	Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS**Sustainable Development Goals:**

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:

Regional centres, in addition to their regular activities, also are a training arm of the Secretariat in promoting the implementation of the conventions in the regions. The Secretariat will continue to engage the centres in its gender-related activities so that the centres will reach out to the regional, national and local stakeholders on the mainstreaming of gender into the chemicals and wastes management.

Integrated Approach:

Many of the regional centres are located within universities and have a close interface with academia, industries and waste management authorities and hence they have direct relevance with the integrated approach. Further to this, the centres in collaboration with the beneficiary country could get involved in the projects on national institutional strengthening that are approved by the special programme.

PARTNERS

The activity will be implemented for the regional centres in collaboration with various partners including UNEP's regional offices and the Chemicals and Wastes sub-programme coordinators, FAOs regional offices, the GEF Secretariat, the Special Programme Secretariat, the Minamata Convention Secretariat, network of National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs), bilateral donors, etc.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]

Activity	Output type	Budget
Update and put in place an integrated online platform for development and submission of workplans, activity reports and performance evaluation reports	Communication tools	40,000
Enhancing the visibility of those centres lacking visible websites and provide support to establish and or update their information exchange platform	Communication tools	20,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		60,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>7,800</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		67,800