



Food and Agriculture
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BASEL CONVENTION



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION



STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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		Organization of the high-level segment during the 2017 meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	
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	Developing-countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing states, and parties with economies in transition, that are parties to the conventions
Project start date: <i>01/02/2017</i> (when travel arrangements are expected to start)		Project completion date: <i>01/07/2017</i> (when travel arrangements are expected to be completed)	
		Total duration: <i>5 months</i>	
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>Decisions BC-12/23, RC-7/13 and SC-7/31: Venue and date of the next meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. These decisions make reference to the fact that the next COPs will include a high-level segment.</p> <p>Funding for the travel of ministers and other high-level delegates has not been reflected in the programmes of work and budgets for the biennium 2016–2017 and is therefore <u>extrabudgetary</u>.</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>At their 2015 meetings, the conferences of the parties, in the above-mentioned decisions, decided that the next meetings of the conferences of the parties would be held back to back and would include a high-level segment which will be no more than one day's duration.</p> <p>A dynamic and engaging high-level segment will provide a platform for ministers and other high-level delegates to advance the implementation of the conventions to achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and wastes. The participation of ministers and other high-level delegates would help to raise political awareness of and support for the conventions and give a boost to their implementation.</p> <p>The organization of the high-level segment will build upon views expressed by parties at the meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2015, as well as successful approaches used for past high-level segments. It will be coordinated by the Secretariat in close collaboration with the bureaux of the three conventions.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>The high-level segment, which will be no more than one day's duration, will take place during the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to be held back to back in Geneva, Switzerland, from 24 April to 5 May 2017.</p> <p>The theme and format of the high-level segment will be developed building upon views expressed by parties during the 2015 meetings of the conferences of the parties and through consultations with the bureaux of the conventions in the run-up to the 2017 meetings.</p> <p>Funding for travel, including air tickets and Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA), will be provided for a total of one day for up to 65 funded participants, in particular ministers and other high-level delegates.</p>			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
<p>Expected results: Involvement of ministers and other high-level delegates will help raise political awareness and support for the conventions, in particular their implementation.</p> <p>Indicator of success: Participation of at least one minister per country party and of other high-level delegates.</p>			

Means of verification:

List of participants to the 2017 COPs high-level segment.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will be offered the opportunity to participate in online briefings, permanent mission briefings as well as regional preparatory meetings so as to receive information on the organization of work and the high-level segment of the 2017 triple COPs.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, in the nomination process of participants to the HLS and related meetings, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding and organizing group and panel discussions during the HLS, the Secretariat will also pay special attention to gender balance. Also, gender issues and linkages to the environmentally sound management of chemicals and wastes may be suggested to be considered as part of the issues for discussion at the high-level segment.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

The announcement of the high-level segment will be made through the websites of the conventions and a series of briefing webinars. After the meetings, the outcomes of the high-level segment will be reported through press releases and meeting documents on the website. Coverage by reporting services such as the Earth Negotiations Bulletin of IISD Reporting Services may be provided subject to availability of resources.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	-
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	-
TRAVEL	182,975
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	182,975
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>23,787</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	206,762