



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		From science to action: Development of a road map	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Project start date: 30/11/2015		Project completion date: 30/11/2016	Total duration: <i>Twelve months</i>
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
Activity 12 (S6): Support the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions Activity 28 (S18): Executive direction and management BC-12/22, RC-7/12 and SC-7/30: From science to action Stockholm Convention: Article 9 on Information Exchange			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions support parties in gaining increased understanding of the in-depth scientific considerations relating to decision-making under the three conventions at global, regional and national levels for effectively achieving their goals. The conferences of the parties through their subsidiary bodies, expert groups and other international partners have established processes necessary for implementing the conventions and supporting parties to enhance the understanding of the relevant scientific aspects of the conventions when taking decisions.</p> <p>The conferences of the parties, at their meetings in 2015, by decisions BC-12/22, RC-7/12 and SC-7/30 entitled "from science to action" recognized the importance of further strengthening the science-policy interface for the effectiveness of the conventions and the need for scientific underpinning for decision-making in the sound management of chemicals and wastes at the national and regional levels.</p> <p>By decisions BC-12/21, RC-7/11 and SC-7/29 on the clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, the conferences of the parties furthermore requested the Secretariat to provide access to thematic information on eleven priority areas for the biennium 2016-2017, including on environmentally sound management of chemicals and of hazardous and other wastes.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to implement activities, as requested by the above decisions, to develop and present to the conferences of the parties at their meetings in 2017 a roadmap for further engaging parties and other stakeholders in an informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions at the regional and national levels, taking into account the roles of the scientific bodies of the conventions.</p> <p>The roadmap will assist in addressing the gaps in access to scientific information and knowledge, the lack of capacity to provide scientific input to the various processes under the conventions and the need for scientific and technical advice in relation to the implementation of the conventions.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>The following activities are related to those proposed under the clearing-house mechanism and their implementation is coordinated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a global assessment of ongoing initiatives related to mainstreaming science in the sound management of chemicals and wastes for the mapping of opportunities and gaps for enhanced science-based action with the assistance of a consultant; Identify key stakeholders to be involved in the process for development of a road map to enhance science-based action for the sound management of chemicals and wastes, as it relates to the implementation of the conventions at the regional and national levels; 			

3. Coordinate a consultative process for the development of a draft proposal for a road map for further engaging parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based decision making in the implementation of the conventions at the regional and national levels;
4. Organize a meeting of a small group of experts representing key stakeholders to review and contribute to the further development of the draft road map;
5. Use ongoing regional workshops and training activities to:
 - (a) Strengthen capacity in providing scientific inputs to the various processes under the conventions and;
 - (b) Collect inputs for the development of the draft road map;
6. Identify further ways to increase access to scientific information and knowledge;
7. Enhance the scientific and technical publication searchable library, taking into account the priority areas under the clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2016-2017;
8. Disseminate the results of the consultative expert process and collect feedback on the draft road map through the conventions' regional network (regional centres), and through workshops and webinars, and finalise the roadmap according to the comments received. This activity will additionally facilitate stakeholders' effective participation in the deliberations at the next COPs on the subject.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

1. Draft road map to further engage parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions at the national and regional levels;
2. Detailed mapping of opportunities and challenges for enhanced science based actions;
3. Information collected and streamlined through the conventions' websites;
4. Identification of further ways to increase access to scientific information and knowledge.

Indicator of success:

The draft road map is reviewed and approved by the Conferences of the Parties at their meetings in 2017.

Means of verification:

The draft road map will be available on the websites of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The project engages parties and other stakeholders on a medium to long-term basis to facilitate science-based action in the implementation of the conventions at the regional and national levels. The outcomes of the project will be also useful to foster increased, proactive intervention and provide added value contributions to mainstream science in policy making.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

A basic gender analysis will be conducted for gender relevant activities as part of the design phase. The implementation phase of the roadmap will take into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender will be considered when specific activities are designed and during their implementation and evaluation In any follow-up projects.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

Roadmap outreach will be undertaken through webinars and related workshops, and via the regional centres, including through the clearing-house mechanism.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	17,120
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	90
TRAVEL	20,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	37,210
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	4,837
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	42,047