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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		Enhancing the effective participation in the work of the Rotterdam Convention's Chemical Review Committee and the Stockholm Convention's POPs Review Committee	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National	Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Project start date: <i>01/01/2016</i>		Project completion date: <i>31/12/2017</i>	
Total duration: <i>24 months</i>			
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>Decisions BC-12/9, RC-7/7 and SC-7/16: Technical Assistance Decisions BC-12/22, RC-7/12, and SC-7/30: From science to action Decisions BC-10/29, BC-10/2, BC-10/3, BC-10/13, BC-10/23 Programme of Work Activity 17 (S2/S3): Training and capacity building activities to enhance the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at the regional and national levels Programme of Work Activity 12 (S6): Support the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the Conventions POPRC-11/7: Effective participation in the work of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee Article 16 and Article 19 paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c) of the Rotterdam Convention; Article 12 and Article 20 paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c) of the Stockholm Convention</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>This activity aims at enhancing cooperation among the scientific and technical bodies of the three conventions. The scientific bodies often work on cross-cutting issues, have similar processes, review the same substances at the different stages of their life-cycle, consult the same experts, share members, etc. Thus, the bodies would benefit from increased mutual cooperation and information sharing. Since 2009, joint workshops on enhancing the effective participation in the work of the Rotterdam Convention's Chemical Review Committee and the Stockholm Convention's POPs Review Committee had been held in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. More recently, training activities focused on French and English-speaking African countries with the workshops held in Senegal and Zambia in November 2013 and February 2015 respectively. The workshops have provided an opportunity for information exchange and networking among the Committee members and enhanced the understanding of Parties and stakeholders on the work of the scientific bodies in those regions. The discussions and open dialogues at the workshops have shown the willingness of all stakeholders to improve the national and regional processes to enhance synergies in their administrative and legal infrastructures. The proposed activity will build upon those experiences and explore further topics of common interest for the scientific bodies. In particular the activities will support developing countries and countries with economy in transition in making informed decisions with regard to chemicals under Rotterdam and/or Stockholm Conventions which are under review by the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee or recommended for listing by the Conferences of the Parties in 2017.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>1. Developing case studies on data collection at the national level in relation to specific candidate chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Case studies will be prepared to collect data on use and production of the chemicals being under consideration or recommended for listing by the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee in countries in Latin America and the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Former members of the Chemical Review Committee and POPs Review Committee will be engaged to advise participating countries on this activity. The scope of the case studies will be the collection of information on sectors using and articles containing chemicals, such as decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE), dicofol, PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds, and short-chained chlorinated paraffins, proposed for listing by the POPs Review Committee, and chemicals, such as fenthion, liquid formulations containing paraquat dichloride and trichlorfon proposed for listing by the Chemical Review Committee. The case studies will look include information environmental and human exposure to selected chemicals. In this regard, academic institutions and regional centres with technical profiles will be consulted and/or involved.</p>			

2. **Facilitating multi-stakeholder national consultations (pilot projects)** in two countries in Latin America and the Central and Eastern Europe. The pilot projects will serve to stimulate the active involvement of different stakeholders, such as the academic community, research institutes and universities in the work of the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee. The pilot projects will be implemented by the regional centres in consultation with the members of the committees. The projects will aim at gathering data chemicals under consideration or recommended for listing by the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee from different stakeholders.
3. **Organizing two regional workshops to support effective participation of Parties and stakeholders in the work of the scientific bodies.** The workshops will serve as a platform to promote the understanding of the scientific and technical aspects of the Rotterdam and Stockholm and, as appropriate Basel conventions and facilitate the exchange of scientific and technical information among parties, current and former members of the Chemical Review Committee and POPs Review Committee and other stakeholders. One workshop will take place in Latin America and another one in Eastern Europe. The outcomes of the case studies will be presented at the workshops. The workshops will be implemented in close cooperation with Stockholm and Basel Convention Regional Centres in Latin America and the Central and Eastern Europe. The workshops' participants include Rotterdam Convention's Designated National Authorities, Stockholm Convention National Focal Points and Official Contact Points, custom authorities, CRC and POPRC members, other stakeholders (NGO, industries) from Latin America and the Central and Eastern Europe. The workshop will have specific practical hands-on sessions to train regional experts from these two on technical issues related to the three conventions, with focus on data collection.
4. **Undertaking the evaluation of the activities and the participation of Parties and others in the work of the committees.** The results of the evaluation for the POPs Review Committee will be reported its twelfth meeting as per decision POPRC-11/7.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

1. Data on use and production of the chemicals being under consideration or recommended for listing by the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee under the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee is available for members of the work of CRC and POPRC and Parties.
2. Regional expertise in Latin America and the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on data collection for selected chemicals is strengthened.
3. Environmental and human exposure, including health risks associated with unsound practices of management of selected chemicals, either already listed or under review by the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee is available for members of the work of CRC and POPRC and Parties.
4. The understanding of Parties and stakeholders on the operations of the subsidiary bodies and the processes for reviewing and listing chemical under the Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions is enhanced.
5. Awareness in significance of the involvement of Parties and stakeholders in the Committee's work is increased. Guidance on how to participate in the work of CRC and POPRC including submission of information relevant to reviewing of chemicals is provided. Parties and stakeholders are provided with concrete examples of data on production and use as well as environmental and health risks of specific chemicals.
6. Opportunities for information exchange and networking among Parties, Committee members, experts and other stakeholders is provided. Opportunity to discuss and explore a more synergized approach for the implementation of the conventions at the national and regional level is provided.
7. Different stakeholders, such as the academic community, research institutes and universities are more actively involved in the work of the Chemical Review Committee and/or POPs Review Committee.
8. Activities and the participation of Parties and others in the work of the committees are evaluated

Indicator of success:

1. Case studies (at least two in different regions) on use and production of selected chemicals are developed;
2. Data on environmental and human exposure from selected chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions is available;
3. Positive feedback from the participants attending the regional workshops;
4. More Parties and stakeholders submit information necessary for the POPRC to review chemicals;
5. More notifications of final regulatory action and proposals for listing severely hazardous pesticide formulations under the Rotterdam Convention are submitted;
6. Progress and final reports of the pilot projects;
7. Evaluation report is prepared.

Means of verification:

1. Case studies are posted on the website;
2. Workshop reports are available;
3. 2017 COPs pre-session documents and INF documents are made available on the meeting documents website;
4. POPRC-12 and CRC-12 meeting documents.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The approach for developing and implementing this activity is based on the technical assistance programme. Lessons learned from the previous training and capacity building activities under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will be taken consideration. One of the activities specifically focus on training experts on the regional level to facilitate parties to effectively participate in the work of subsidiary bodies and facilitating their access to scientific information.

The activity will build capacities of the developing countries parties in collecting information on specific chemicals, thus supporting science-policy interface work in developing countries. Strengthening the effective participation in the work of the Rotterdam Convention's Chemical Review Committee and the Stockholm Convention's POPs Review Committee promote the core function of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, thus supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives (specifically Target 3.9: by 2030 substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination), as well as SDG 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns (specifically Target 12.4: by 2020 achieve environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their lifecycle and minimizing their adverse impacts on human health and the environment).

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The proposed activity is gender-relevant. Participation of both men and women will be encouraged at the workshops. At the training workshops, a session will be dedicated to the gender equality for the sound management of hazardous chemicals and wastes. In the preparation of case studies, a particular attention will be given on different impacts of unsound chemicals management on men and women, boys and girls.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

Outreach activities will be integrated in the proposed activity. Information about the training and its results will be posted on the BRS website. The clearing house mechanism of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will be also used to disseminate the best practices and case studies. Live webinars will allow open access to the training sessions. Webinar recordings are available for download after the live webinar sessions.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	141,520
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	1,620
TRAVEL	243,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	6,000
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	4,000
GRANTS OUT	124,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	520,140
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>67,618</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	587,758