

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		Integrating gender issues into the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National	
TARGETED COUNTRIES: Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions		Project start date: <i>01/03/2016</i> Project completion date: <i>31/12/2017</i> Total duration: <i>22 months</i>	
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
SC-7/33: Programme of work and budget for the Stockholm Convention for the biennium 2016-2017 RC-7/15: Programme of work and budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2016–2017 BC-12/25: Programme of work and budget for the Basel Convention for the biennium 2016-2017 BRS Gender Action Plan			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>In line with applicable rules, regulations, and policies of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as to gender, being relevant to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and consistent with the decisions of the three conventions' bodies, the "BRS Gender Task Team" was established in July 2012. The Team is responsible for developing targets and an approach to gender mainstreaming with respect to the Secretariat's internal operations as well as the programmatic mainstreaming of gender issues in all Secretariat-executed activities, projects and programmes. In December 2013, the task team developed the "Gender Action Plan of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS-GAP)". The BRS-GAP includes a list of expected short, medium and long-term goals, such as baseline development, training and tools for gender related issues in projects and programmes as well as monitoring and reporting plans, and aims to ensure that principles of gender equality are firmly embedded in activities undertaken by the BRS Secretariat. The proposed activity aims to support the implementation of the BRS-GAP.</p> <p>The objectives of the activity are to develop an understanding by the parties and stakeholders on the issue of gender equality, particularly in the context of BRS activities; analyze issues in the scope of the BRS conventions from the gender perspective, including identifying vulnerable groups and different impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes on men and women, boys and girls; and promote the consideration of gender issues in hazardous chemicals and waste management at the national and regional levels.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing regionally balanced case studies to showcase best practices on integrating gender considerations into the policies, legislation, and practices for the implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Information on best practices and barriers in integrating gender considerations will be collected to promote better awareness of gender equality in the context of management of hazardous chemicals and wastes. Information will be sought and collected from intergovernmental organizations, including IOCM organizations, civil society organizations and Parties about initiatives and success stories related to gender mainstreaming of hazardous chemicals and waste management addressed by the three conventions. 2. Developing a video on the gender perspective in implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. A video will serve to raise awareness on gender in the context of sound management of hazardous chemicals and waste and be made available to the BRS stakeholders and a wider audience. 3. Developing and implementing a pilot project in the Gambia (tbc) with gender focus on specific challenges faced by vulnerable groups. A pilot project will be implemented in one country to identify areas where vulnerable groups and sub-groups are specifically impacted (e.g. e-waste, DDT, mercury, and others) and propose measures to address challenges faced by vulnerable groups. Experiences from the Rotterdam Convention work with vulnerable groups on sound management of pesticides will be taken into account. 			

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case studies on gender considerations are available; 2. Materials on hazardous chemicals and wastes for vulnerable groups are adapted for the pilot project; 3. Specific vulnerable groups are aware of hazardous chemicals and wastes or practices that may expose those groups to harmful effects in the pilot country; 4. Measures addressing hazardous chemicals and wastes management and gender issues are taken into consideration at the national level through the pilot project; 5. A video on gender perspective and vulnerable groups for the implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions is made available. <p>Indicator of success:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case studies (at least one per region) highlighting links between gender and BRS conventions topics are developed; 2. Concept note for the pilot project is available; 3. Report on the project implementation is available. <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case studies are posted on the website; 2. Information on the case studies and pilot project is included in the information document for the COPs 2017. 	
PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY	
<p>The approach for developing and implementing this activity is based on the technical assistance programme and the BRS-GAP. The activity will promote awareness-raising among BRS stakeholders, including the regional centres. This is a relatively new aspect in the context of the implementation of the BRS Conventions at the national level, therefore the outcomes of the proposed activities have the potential to promote gender-specific activities in other countries. This activity can also be replicated by the regional centres at the regional and local levels.</p> <p>This activity will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Goal 5 on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls and Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p>	
GENDER MAINSTREAMING	
<p>This activity is gender sensitive as its main objective is to develop an understanding by the parties and stakeholders on the issue of gender equality, particularly in the context of BRS activities.</p>	
OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING	
<p>Outreach activities will be integrated in the proposed activity. Case studies and outcomes of the pilot project 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. Furthermore, the video developed will be used for outreach purposes with a wider audience. Live webinars will allow open access to the training sessions. Webinar recordings will be available for download after the live webinar sessions.</p>	
BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	40,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	50,430
TRAVEL	10,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	5,000
GRANTS OUT	40,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	145,430
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	18,906
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	164,336