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BASEL CONVENTION



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION



STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		Environmentally sound management of household waste	
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	
Project start date: <i>01/01/2016</i>		Project completion date: <i>30/04/2017</i>	Total duration: <i>16 months</i>
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>POW activity 18 (S4) on Partnerships POW 20 (S7) Scientific support to parties to the Basel Convention Decision BC-12/13 on Household Waste Decisions BC-12/9, RC-7/7, SC-7/16 on Technical Assistance</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>One of the key problems related to waste faced by national governments and municipalities, particularly in developing countries, is the handling, storage and disposal of the increasing quantities and changing characteristics of household waste.</p> <p>Household waste includes nearly always hazardous substances and objects. Under the Basel Convention, waste collected from households requires special consideration (Basel Convention, Annex II, Y46). According to the needs assessment carried out in 2014, more than 18 % of the parties indicated that the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes is a priority for the implementation of the Basel Convention.</p> <p>At the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its twelfth meeting in May 2015 (COP 12), Parties proposed to initiate the development of a concept for a partnership that will assist governments and municipalities to support circular economy with the aim to reduce the amount of waste, recycle as much as possible valuable materials, separate and handle hazardous wastes safely, and create green jobs.</p> <p>COP 12 adopted decision BC-12/13 on creating innovative solutions through the Basel Convention for the environmentally sound management of household waste.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>To facilitate the work of the informal group to develop a work plan on the environmentally sound management of household waste as well as a concept for a partnership to assist municipalities, two face-to-face meetings (one meeting per year) are planned and the hiring of a consultant to assist the informal group in drafting working documents.</p>			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
<p>The following outputs will be developed by the informal group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A work plan on the environmentally sound management of household waste with a focus on the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition; A concept for a partnership to assist municipalities. <p>Indicator of success: Concept note and draft outline of work plan to be submitted to OEWG 10 (May 2016) Drafts to be submitted to BC COP 13 for consideration (May 2017) COP 13 pre-session document and INF documents submitted to COP13 for consideration.</p> <p>Means of verification: COP 13 pre-session documents and INF documents are made available on the meeting documents website.</p>			

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

It is proposed that a Partnership Working Group will be established by the Conference of the Parties in its next meeting in 2017. The Working Group shall be the operating mechanism for the Partnership and organizational matters, and serves as a forum for information sharing.

The Working Group shall operate under the guidance of and report to the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention, through the Secretariat of the Basel Convention.

The Working Group will decide on the priorities of the Partnership and will establish Project Groups to work on specific tasks. The Project Groups may establish Project Sub-Groups as needed. The Project Groups report to the Working Group which will review and approve the products and reports prepared by the Project Groups.

The project supports on the medium term the implementation of SDG target 12.5 where, by 2030, waste generation should be substantially reduced through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse. It also contributes to SDG target 11.6 by reducing the adverse environmental impact of cities paying special attention to municipal and other waste management.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The Informal Group will establish a work plan for the development of guidance documents and manuals for governments and municipalities on, inter alia, best practices, business models and innovative solutions for a circular economy. Gender differentiated stakeholder analysis in the various socio-economic contexts will be the basis for the work of the Group. It is foreseen that the output developed under the proposed partnership will address gender differentiated target groups, as appropriate, e.g. with respect to waste segregation in the households, waste collection and processing behavior and waste workers safety and protection.

We need to be concerned not only about the immediate toxic emissions from careless and unprotected waste handling and disposal, but also the long term inter-generational health challenges. The most vulnerable groups are women and children who form about 30% of the workforce in crude waste processing business. Mother's intake and body burden is transferred across the placenta and through breast milk. Women and girls are affected directly and as mothers of tomorrow.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

The Informal Group will organize side events during OEWG 10 and COP 13 to inform about the proposed partnership and reach out to potential additional members.

The proposed work plan of the partnership includes the establishment of a Partnership Project Group to raise awareness and disseminate the Partnership outcomes by compilation and dissemination of existing information and material to be developed by the Partnership. This, however, is subject to the discussion in the informal group and confirmation by the COP 13.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	<i>68,800</i>
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	<i>640</i>
TRAVEL	<i>140,000</i>
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	
GRANTS OUT	
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	209,440
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	<i>27,227</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	236,667