



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		Using the clearing-house mechanism to reinforce access to information about the regional centres, technology transfer and transfer of know-how and available technical assistance	
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	Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, in particular developing countries and countries with economies in transition
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 31/12/2017	Total duration: 24 months
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>Activity 25 (S10): Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, including PIC database and Rotterdam Convention website in English, French and Spanish BC-12/21, RC-7/11 and SC-7/29: Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange SC-5/20: Guidance on technical assistance BC-12/9, RC-7/7, SC-6/15 and SC-7/16: Technical assistance</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>At their 2015 meetings, the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-12/21, RC-7/11 and SC-7/29, which require the Secretariat to provide, for 2016-2017, access to thematic information through the clearing-house mechanism, on 11 priority areas among which the following three: regional centres; transfer of technology and transfer of know-how; and available technical assistance. These three priority areas are linked through several decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decision SC-5/20 which invited the Stockholm Convention regional centres to develop and regularly update a list of technologies available to be transferred to developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition. 2. Decision VI/3 on the establishment and functioning of the Basel Convention Regional Centres for Training and Technology Transfer stresses the role of the centres in developing and conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars and associated projects in the field of the transfer of environmentally sound technology. 3. Decisions SC-7/16, BC-12/9 and RC-7/7 on technical assistance all welcomed the ongoing development of a database for the collection of information pertaining to the needs of parties for the implementation of the Convention, as well as information on available technical assistance. <p>This project aims at enhancing the access to information on these 3 priority areas which are clearly linked in several decisions: regional centres, technology transfer and transfer of know-how and available technical assistance. It aims at doing so by developing several components that could be added to the technical assistance needs database which is already part of in the clearing-house mechanism.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>The activities include the development of a list of alternative technologies for the environmentally sound management of hazardous chemicals and wastes (including information on who uses them, how much they cost, who could help transfer them, etc.) in order to prompt information exchange and help meet the needs expressed in the pre-existing database. This first component could be partly fed in by Regional Centres, as this is part of their mandate.</p> <p>A second component which could be added would be extracted from the surveys carried out on the technical assistance and technology on offer, allowing to match the needs with possible support (either financial, in-kind, transfer of technology, etc.).</p> <p>Finally, a third component could be to reinforce the visibility of the regional centres by helping feature their latest news and other information on our webpages, automatically extracting these from their institutional websites.</p>			

Hire a consultant to develop the following activities:

1. On the BRS website, make the webpages dedicated to the Regional Centres more dynamic, by including for example a “News” section, which would be automatically extracted from their websites, indicating for instance upcoming activities coordinated by each regional centre. Details will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Regional Centres taking place in Geneva in October 2015, during which several sessions will be dedicating to exploring which avenues the regional centres wish to develop in order to establish enhanced information exchange mechanisms, and increase their visibility. This activity would entail computer programming and quality control.
2. Develop lists, by region, of available alternative technologies for the environmentally sound management of hazardous chemicals and wastes (including information on who uses them, how much they cost, who could help transfer them, etc.). Make these lists available both on the BRS website and the Regional Centres website. This activity would entail computer programming, community moderation and quality control.
3. Provide information on technical assistance and technology transfer on offer (including application procedures, eligibility and formats). This activity would entail data re-packaging.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

1. Regional centres have an enhanced visibility and are able to increasingly facilitate technology transfer in their region;
2. Parties are better informed of how to request technical assistance and technology transfer, and their needs are better met.

Indicator of success:

1. Positive feedback from regional centres on their visibility and their ability to facilitate technology transfer in their region;
2. Positive feedback from parties on the user friendliness of technical assistance procedures presented in the websites;
3. New sections on regional centres available on the websites;
4. Lists of available alternative technologies available on the websites;
5. Technical assistance and technology transfer information and tools available on the websites.

Means of verification:

1. Conventions websites;
2. Direct feedback from parties and regional centres;
3. 2017 COPs meeting reports.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

This project builds on an existing database included in the clearing-house mechanism which aims at helping to better respond to Parties’ requests for assistance. The project components will provide for stronger information access to crucial information which can help parties use alternative technologies and reduce their exposure to toxic chemicals and wastes.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, special attention on gender issues, as it may appear from the information provided or collected or exchanged, could be paid. The CHM could indeed be used to better track or monitor, identify and collect information, at the regional level, on what may have an impact on gender issues. Thanks to these information, the CHM could, in addition, be used as a tool to help in better targeting TA activities, to be developed by the Regional Centres, aiming at ensuring better gender balance, in particular as to vulnerable groups who may suffer from a greater exposure to hazardous chemicals and wastes.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

All the information related to the project will be shared on the website. The outcome of the activity will be reported to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2017. Additionally this project will seek the active participation of a community of regional centres and possibly accredited organizations to contribute to the technology transfer component.



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BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	67,280
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	190
TRAVEL	-
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	67,470
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	8,771
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	76,241