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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		Enhance access to scientific and technical publications (e.g. guidelines, guidance documents, manuals) searchable library	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	
<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>31/01/2016</i>		Project completion date: <i>31/01/2017</i>	
		Total duration: <i>12 months</i>	
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</p> <p>Activity 12 (S6): Support the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions</p> <p>Activity 24 (S15): National reporting</p> <p>Decisions BC12/21 and RC-7/11: Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>At their meetings in 2015, the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-12/21, RC-7/11, SC-7/29, by which they requested the Secretariat to provide access to thematic information relevant to the conventions through the clearing-house mechanism, on a number of priority areas, among which, (ii) environmentally sound management of chemicals and of hazardous and other wastes and (iii) priority waste streams inventories, such as e-wastes, mercury, persistent organic pollutants, and related technical guidelines.</p> <p>This project aims at enhancing access to scientific and technical publications in various areas through further developing/updating an existing tool on the conventions websites. The current version of the tool is available at: http://synergies.pops.int/Implementation/Publications/ScientificandTechnicalPublications/tabid/3790/language/en-US/Default.aspx</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>This project includes work of a consultant to enhance the scientific and technical publication search tool: to make the tool available in all three conventions' websites thematic areas (e.g. environmentally sound management (ESM) and waste stream inventories under BC, Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices (BAT/BEP) under SC, and Decision Guidance Documents (DGDs) under RC), increase its user friendliness and include newly developed documents.</p> <p>The development of specific documents in the area of priority waste stream inventories is subject to the approval by the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting, which will take place in 2016. If the OEWG-10 approves this work, the search tool will equally include the newly developed documents.</p>			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
<p>Expected results:</p> <p>Parties and other stakeholders can benefit from a user-friendly tool to search and identify relevant scientific and technical publications, under the conventions websites.</p>			
<p>Indicator of success:</p> <p>Enhanced searchable library available on the website.</p>			
<p>Means of verification:</p> <p>Conventions website</p>			

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY	
The tool will enable parties and other stakeholders to have a continuous access to up-to-date relevant scientific and technical publications.	
GENDER MAINSTREAMING	
Search features could include the possibility for parties to identify the technical and scientific information on hazardous chemicals and wastes that consider specific impacts on and, ultimately, may help to promote equality between men and women, girls and boys, in particular as to vulnerable groups. 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 through the CHM, could be paid. The CHM could indeed be used to better track or monitor, identify and collect information 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 activities aiming at ensuring better gender balance, in particular as to vulnerable groups who may suffer from a greater exposure to hazardous chemicals and wastes. CHM could help better grasping specific risks linked to these vulnerable groups.	
OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING	
All outputs of this project will be made available in the conventions websites in specific thematic areas, where they are relevant (e.g. ESM and waste stream inventories under BC, BAT/BEP under SC, and DGDs under RC). The content will also be shared through the InforMEA portal and presented to the next meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2017.	
BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	5,600
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	35,100
TRAVEL	-
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	40,700
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>5,291</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	45,991