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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		Workshop: Information exchange to support the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	
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
Project start date: 01/11/2016		Project completion date: 15/12/2016	Total duration: 12 months (3 day workshop)
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
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			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
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 revise the draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy outlined in joint document UNEP/CHW.12/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/36-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/56 based on comments provided by parties and others. Several comments received to date are related to a more comprehensive and collaborative approach in identifying parties' information needs. Similarly, comments received suggest a better articulation of information needs and priorities in the revised draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy and their translation in more concrete activities in the proposed programme of work to be presented at the conferences of the parties in 2017.			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
This project aims at organizing a workshop with nominated regional and or national representatives to: 1. Identify existing national and regional information sources; 2. Review, identify and prioritize parties' information needs collected by other means and processes; and 3. Outline possible information exchange projects in the context of the joint clearing-house mechanism that could be bridge information gaps and answer information needs.			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
Expected results:			
1. Inventory of available information sources that could be used by parties and others to support the implementation of the conventions; 2. Awareness raised amongst parties on the benefits of the joint clearing house mechanism to support the implementation of the conventions; 3. The revised draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy will be articulated to answer peer reviewed information needs and priorities; 4. The identified information exchange projects will help the Secretariat to better articulate the proposed joint clearing-house mechanism programme of work and budget activities to be presented at the conference of the parties in 2017.			
Indicator of success:			
1. Information needs of parties identified; 2. Number of new information sources identified; 3. Number of proposed information exchange potential information exchange projects/activities, addressing the information needs and gaps; 4. The draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy and the proposed programme of work to be presented at the conference of the parties in 2017 are in line with parties' expectations.			

Means of verification:

1. Conventions' websites;
2. Feedback from parties.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The approach and methods used for this project could be re-used for the next biennium to ensure that joint clearing-house mechanism activities are supporting parties' information needs in a better way.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, appropriate gender balance in the participation of the workshop will be encouraged by the Secretariat. It is important to note that, in general, special attention on gender issues, as it may appear from the information provided or collected or exchanged, could be paid thanks to CHM. 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 activities, including Technical Assistance and workshops among others, 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

The necessary documentation to support the workshop will be made available on the conventions websites ahead of the workshop. Preparatory webinars will be conducted to inform participants about the objectives, tasks and expected outcomes. Finally the revised joint clearing-house mechanism strategy and the proposed programme of work will be made available on the conventions websites after the workshop. The outcomes of the activity will be reported to the meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2017.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	6,400
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	120
TRAVEL	40,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	46,520
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>6,048</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	52,568