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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		Legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under 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 Convention
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 31/12/2017	Total duration: 40 days over the biennium 2016-2017
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>By its decision BC-12/8 on national legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic, the Basel Convention COP took note of the analysis on possible synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, building on lessons learned under the Basel Convention (set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/INF/51), and requested the Secretariat to transmit the analysis to the conferences of the parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. The three conferences of the parties requested the Secretariat to prepare, for the consideration at their 2017 meetings, recommendations on possible synergies between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, building on lessons learned under the Basel Convention.</p> <p>Funding for this activity has been foreseen in activity 33 (S20) of the programmes of work and budgets of the three conventions for the biennium 2016-2017.</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>Combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes is an area for enhanced cooperation and coordination identified by the conferences of the parties to the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention in decisions BC-IX/10, June 2008, RC-4/11, October 2008 and SC-4/34, May 2009 (hereinafter "the synergies decisions"). Accordingly, the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions were requested to collaborate on the dissemination of good practices and, if necessary, the elaboration of guidance and training in that area.</p> <p>By its decision BC-11/26, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted the work programme 2014-2015 of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, whereby it requested the Secretariat, among other things, to develop an analysis on possible synergies under the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm conventions in combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, building on lessons learned under the Basel Convention. The analysis report set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/INF/51 was developed by the Secretariat in answer to this request with the assistance of a consultant and with the support of a financial contribution from Japan. The analysis was considered by BC COP-12 and also by RC COP-7 and SC COP-7. Subsequently, all three COPs made a similar request for the Secretariat to continue its work on the matter, for the consideration of the 2017 BRS COPs.</p> <p>The development of the recommendations will build on the analysis on possible synergies under the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm conventions in combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes initially developed by the Secretariat for the consideration of BC COP-12. The recommendations will aim at identifying possible synergies between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, building on lessons learned under the Basel Convention.</p> <p>This activity will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages; Goal 11 on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p>			

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	
<p>Development of a report including recommendations on possible synergies between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, building on lessons learned under the Basel Convention, for the consideration of the BRS 2015 COPs.</p>	
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parties to BRS have an increased understanding of preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes; Parties to BRS are provided with the opportunity to enhance cooperation and coordination among the BRS on preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade; Parties to BRS are provided with the opportunity to increase policy coherence among the BRS on preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade. <p>Indicator of success: Report is prepared and submitted as meeting document to the BRS 2017 COPs for their consideration.</p> <p>Means of verification: Meeting documents containing the report available on the BRS websites for the 2017 COPs</p>	
PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY	
<p>All three conventions have, at their core, control measures with respect to the international trade / transboundary movements of the covered chemicals and wastes. A synergized approach to preventing and combating illegal trade and traffic, although an area for synergies identified in 2008/2009, has yet to materialize itself through the development of concrete recommendations. These recommendations will be submitted to all three COPs, thereby enabling the adoption of a coherent and solid platform for further action.</p>	
GENDER MAINSTREAMING	
<p>In general, as far as BRS legal and policy matters are concerned, and in line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage governments to take into account gender-related aspects in nominating representatives to the meetings of the convention bodies and in other relevant activities where suitable. The Secretariat will also advise, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the legal and policy matters considered.</p>	
OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING	
<p>Information on this activity will be shared through briefings with the Permanent Missions in Geneva, posting on the website of the conventions, press releases when relevant, various presentations/speeches by the Secretariat on its work on preventing and combating illegal traffic in the context of its cooperation with partners, webinars, meeting documents prepared for the COPs and publication of conclusions/decisions adopted/agreed by the COPs.</p>	
BUDGET [USD]FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	3,200
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	20,050
TRAVEL	-
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	23,250
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>3,023</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	26,273