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BASEL CONVENTION



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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

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| CONVENTIONS : | | PROJECT TITLE : | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN | | Regional preparatory meetings for the 2017 meetings of the conferences of the parties to 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 type="checkbox"/> Global <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National | Developing-countries and countries with economies in transition that are party to at least one of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and are located in the African, Asian and the Pacific, Central and Eastern European and Latin American and the Caribbean regions. |
| Project start date: 01/11/2016 | | Project completion date: 01/06/2017 | |
| Total duration: 6 months | | | |
| LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE | | | |
| <p>Activity 1 (BC): Thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention Activity 2 (RC): Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention Activity 3 (SC): Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>BC-12/23, RC-7/13 and SC-7/31: Venue and date of the next meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p> | | | |
| BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION | | | |
| <p>Following a request to the Executive Secretary by each of the three conferences of the parties (COPs) contained in decisions BC-11/20, RC-6/12 and SC-6/25, regional preparatory meetings were held for the first time prior to the 2015 meetings of the COPs, in order to assist parties with the challenges and opportunities that such back-to-back meetings present and to assist regional preparatory processes.</p> <p>A similar request is contained in decisions BC-12/23, RC-7/13 and SC-7/31 whereby the conferences of the parties request the Executive Secretary, in order to assist parties in preparing for the 2017 back-to-back meetings of the COPs, to support, within available resources, regional meetings to assist regional preparatory processes, coordinated with other regional meetings.</p> <p>The purpose of the regional preparatory meetings is to contribute to successful meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2017 by giving regions the possibility to consult each other in advance of the meetings, consider meeting documents, discuss substantive matters, identify regional priorities and challenges, and facilitate the preparation of regional positions.</p> <p>More specifically, these regional preparatory meetings will aim at providing an overview of the schedule planned for the 2017 triple COPs and of the issues on the agendas of the three meetings. They will in particular support parties to consult among themselves in preparation for convention specific as well as joint issues to be addressed during the COPs and will give opportunities to parties to prepare their regional positions.</p> <p>By ensuring informed participation of developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2017, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda which reaffirmed the continued need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision-making.</p> <p>The meetings will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among parties and relevant stakeholders at the regional level, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, thus promoting the integration of chemicals and wastes into national budgets, sectors and development plans, and enhancing private-public relationships and partnerships. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p> | | | |

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

1. Four regional meetings will be held over two days, one in each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean, to provide briefings on the organization of the 2017 meetings of the COPs and allow for regional consultations in advance of the triple COPs.
2. The meetings will be held in coordination with other regional meetings in the chemicals and waste cluster. The regional preparatory meetings to the 2015 COPs were held back to back with regional workshops to support with the ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
3. Funding is expected to cover one participant per eligible country that is a party to at least one of the three conventions as well as one funded participant per regional centre under the Basel and Stockholm conventions. Adding a second participant per eligible country that is a party to at least two of the three conventions could be envisioned, if additional funding is made available.
4. The Basel and Stockholm Convention regional centres will be involved in the regional meetings as hosting institutions for the meetings, co-organizers and/or participants to the meetings. Other observers to the meetings of the conferences of the parties will be invited to participate in the regional preparatory meetings, such as inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and business/private sector associations, to be decided in consultation with the members of the bureaux of the COPs for each respective region.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

1. Parties and observers are informed of the schedule of the COPs and are comfortable with the organization of the joint sessions;
2. Parties to the three conventions and observers are informed about the key issues on the agendas of the meetings and are better prepared for the negotiations;
3. Parties to the three conventions and observers have a good understanding of the opportunities offered by joint sessions with a view to enhancing synergies and cross-fertilization among the conventions;
4. Regional positions are discussed and consolidated.

Indicators of success:

1. Feedback/comments made by parties and observers during the 2017 triple COPs;
2. Representation of all regions in plenary and contact group discussions;
3. Number of issues on the agendas for which regions have coordinated positions.

Means of verification:

1. Regional statements made at the COPs;
2. Comments made at the meetings and recorded in meeting reports.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

Meeting participants will have access to briefing presentations, online tools (webinar recordings) and meeting proceedings to organize coordination at the national level among ministries, relevant agencies and stakeholders, as appropriate for the development of national/regional positions. Eligible participants to the regional preparatory meetings will help build national institutional memory about the negotiating issues or the positions that the region took on those issues. The outcomes of the discussions at the regional preparatory meetings will feed directly into negotiations at the 2017 COPs.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, in the nomination process of participants to the meeting, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding, the Secretariat will take into account the procedure for the allocation of funding from the voluntary trust funds for facilitating the participation of parties in meetings of the Conference of the Parties (BC-10/28, annex; RC-5/1, annex; SC-5/2, annex), paying special attention to gender balance. The Secretariat will also advise the participants of any potential gender impacts of proposals developed for consideration by the COPs.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

The regional preparatory meetings will be announced during Bureau meetings, preparatory briefings, such as webinars, permanent mission briefings and during other relevant meetings with parties to the conventions. Information on the outcomes of the meetings will be presented to the meetings of the conferences of the parties.



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| BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017 | |
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| STAFF PERSONNEL | 78,798 |
| CONTRACTUAL SERVICE | - |
| TRAVEL (incl. staff travel) | 492,489 |
| EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE | - |
| OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS | - |
| GRANTS OUT | - |
| DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET | 571,287 |
| <i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i> | <i>74,267</i> |
| TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET | 645,554 |