

Convention: RC		Orientation workshop for members of the Chemical Review Committee
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:		
The orientation workshop was requested by the CRC and COP. It is stated in decision RC-6/3 and PoW 11 (RC).		
PURPOSE AND APPROACH:		
<p>COP 6 in decision RC-6/3 identified 17 Parties to designate experts to serve on the CRC. This rotation will constitute a Committee with more than half of the number of experts serving for the first time on the Committee at CRC10. The operation of the CRC involves many specific procedures and policies. In order for new members to fully participate in the pre-session and in-session work it is extremely helpful for the members to have a hands on orientation workshop. The previous two orientation workshops were considered as very effective and therefore continually requested by the CRC. The purposes of the workshop are to familiarize new members with the role and mandate of the Committee and its bureau as well as its operational procedures. The workshop will provide a platform to exchange experience and transfer knowledge related to the Committee's work. It will also help to foster efficient working relationships among members of the Committee.</p> <p>The secretariat will organize a workshop in May/June 2014 in Rome with the participation of all CRC members at that time (17 members whose terms of office will start in May 2014 and the other 14 members whose terms of office started in September 2011, total of 31 members).</p>		
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The workshop will be convened in 3 days through a series of plenary sessions and breakout groups. Plenary sessions will allow for the introduction of the key elements of the working procedures and policy guidance. 2. The work in breakout groups (BOGs) will provide an opportunity to gain practical experience through case studies on the review of notifications in the light of the information requirements and criteria of the Convention as well as on the preparation of decision guidance documents. Experience from the individual BOGs will be shared and discussed in Plenary. 3. The discussions in plenary and in the BOGs and the presence of some experienced CRC experts will provide an opportunity for the members of the Committee to share their experience and lessons learned in the work of the Committee 		
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will be familiar with the operation of the CRC in particular the working procedures and policy guidance developed to facilitate its work. • They will have shared experience, the challenges and lessons learned in the work of the Committee. • Participants will also be informed about the preparations for the forthcoming session of the CRC, in particular they will have a clear understanding of the pre-session work required. 		
VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015		
10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	3,000
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	55,140
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		58,140
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%		7,558
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		65,698