

Convention: SYN		Integrated assessment of technical assistance needs for the three Conventions
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 13(S1) of the Programme of Work 2014-2015, as adopted by the decisions BC-11/26, RC-6/16 and SC-6/30</li> <li>• Article 16 of the Basel Convention, Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention and Articles 12 and 20 of the Stockholm Convention</li> <li>• Decision BC-11/11 of the Basel Convention</li> <li>• Decision RC-6/11 of the Rotterdam Convention</li> <li>• Decisions SC-6/15 and SC-6/17 of the Stockholm Convention</li> </ul>		
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>		
<p>In the framework of a newly synergised Secretariat, the development of a coherent technical assistance programme requires an integrated and continuous assessment of Parties' technical assistance needs as well as the development of information materials and the delivery of technical assistance activities designed to respond to those needs. For this, an innovative methodology must be developed to allow for a comprehensive and up-to-date overview of Parties needs, incorporating various information sources available at the Secretariat (requests made by the Parties, results of surveys, National Implementation Plans, National Actions Plans, national reports, Regional Centres' business/workplans, etc.) for each of the three conventions.</p>		
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update of the existing electronic questionnaires for the collection of information relevant to the technical assistance needs of Parties under the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (staff costs).</li> <li>2. Development of a questionnaire for the collection of information relevant to the technical assistance needs of Parties under the Basel Convention (staff costs).</li> <li>3. Development of an interactive and searchable database to integrate, store and facilitate the use of information collected through the needs assessment questionnaires as well as from other sources for the three conventions (consultant: USD 10,000; staff costs).</li> <li>4. Translation of relevant information on the needs assessment in five UN languages: USD 25,000 (USD 5,000/translation per language).</li> </ol>		
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questionnaires for the collection of information for the Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention are updated and a questionnaire for the Basel Convention is developed.</li> <li>• Database that facilitates the collection, storage and use of information on the needs of Parties in a systematic way is developed and ready to be used;</li> <li>• Information on the needs of Parties is collected, analyzed and used as a basis for the development of the technical assistance programme of the Secretariat.</li> <li>• Information on the needs of the Parties is made available to Parties in the 6 UN languages through the Secretariat's website.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT</b>	
1100	Professional Staff	9,440
1200	Consultants	10,000
<b>20</b>	<b>SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT</b>	
2200	Translation	25,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>44,440</b>
<b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>		<b>5,777</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>50,217</b>