

<b>Convention: RC</b>		<b>Import responses for chemicals newly listed in Annex III</b>
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>		
<p>The elements described in document the Programme for the delivery of technical assistance for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/INF/19) and Decision RC-6/11 on Technical assistance provide the basis for a Technical Assistance activity addressing the strengthening of national capacities related to severely hazardous pesticide formulations. The activity is in support of activity 15 of the approved programme of work and budget contains 2014/15) which includes, amongst others, activities related to the chemicals newly listed in Annex III to the Convention.</p>		
<b>BACKGROUND:</b>		
<p>Parties have to provide a response concerning future import within nine months after circulation of a Decision Guidance Documents for a chemical newly listed in Annex III. A national decision-making process involves stakeholder consultation, cooperation and coordination at national level. Prior to providing such a response, stakeholders request further additional information on the status of use of newly listed chemicals, as well as available alternative control methods and alternative chemicals.</p>		
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>		
<p><b>National workshops aimed at developing and enhancing capacities of Parties in the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (upon request):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Sub-Regional workshop (for 3 countries) aimed at developing and enhancing capacities of Parties to manage newly listed chemicals. Assist to take import decisions on newly listed chemicals, using information in the DGD and other sources. Identify the quantities of pesticides used in the recipient countries which are newly listed in Annex III, as well as the major crops to which these pesticides are applied; link up with FAO's work on ecosystem approaches for crop protection and production.</li> <li>2. Organize and convene a national workshop to elaborate alternative strategies suitable under the local conditions and distribute such information widely at the national level;</li> <li>3. Conduct studies in pilot countries and compile information on alternatives;</li> </ol>		
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthened capacity to review and assess risks related to newly listed chemicals,</li> <li>• Dissemination of DGD information of these chemicals;</li> <li>• Assess and Identification alternative strategies and draft action plans for meeting obligations for newly listed chemicals under the Rotterdam Convention</li> <li>• Assessment reports of chemical and non-chemical alternatives;</li> <li>• Gather information on alternatives to newly listed chemicals and make available to all Parties;</li> <li>• Training and awareness-raising materials for capacity building;</li> </ul>		
<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT</b>	
1100	<i>Professional staff</i>	26,240
1200	<i>Consultants</i>	46,000
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	30,000
<b>20</b>	<b>SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT</b>	
2200	<i>Sub-contracts</i>	10,000
<b>30</b>	<b>TRAINING COMPONENT</b>	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	320,000
<b>40</b>	<b>EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT</b>	
4100	<i>Expendable equipment</i>	10,000

<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>		
<b>52</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT</b>	
5200	<i>Reporting costs</i>	<i>4,000</i>
	<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>446,240</b>
	<b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>	<b>58,011</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>504,251</b>