

Convention: RC	Development of capacity to implement the Rotterdam Convention and follow-up activities
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme for the delivery of technical assistance for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/INF/19); • Decision RC-6/11 on Technical assistance activities of the report of the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of Parties (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/20); • Activity 15 of the approved programme of work and budget for 20014/15; • Rotterdam Convention – Article 4 on designated national authorities; Article 16 on Technical Assistance. 	
BACKGROUND:	
<p>In response to requests from new Parties and developing country Parties and Parties that are countries with economies in transition, and to assist in addressing the high turnover situation encountered in staff performing Designated National Authority functions, the Secretariat has developed a number of tools and approaches to provide assistance in the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention, with emphasis on organization of capacity building activities. The Secretariat will closely co-operate and coordinate with FAO and UNEP regional offices as well as regional centers of the Basel and Stockholm conventions and other regional partners, in the implementation of these activities.</p>	
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sub-regional workshops aimed at developing and enhancing capacities of Parties in the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene 2 sub-regional workshops for parties undergoing challenges in retaining staff in the DNA and not meeting their obligations under the provisions of the Rotterdam Convention; • Training and awareness-raising, fostering regional co-operation, identification of elements of national action plans, and strengthening national implementation, as well as follow-up to these capacity-building activities; 2. National workshops aimed at developing and enhancing capacities of Parties in the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (upon request): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene 4 National capacity building projects for facilitating the development of national institutional frameworks for the implementation of the Rotterdam convention; • Prepare relevant concept notes, meeting flows and draft agenda for individual capacity-building projects for the development of national institutional frameworks; • For new Parties and those experiencing difficulties in implementing the convention, provide training to focus on basic obligations under the Convention and the use of technical and policy guidance documents; • Enhance countries' capacity to prepare, draft and update national legal frameworks (such as legislative and administrative measures necessary for meeting obligations and procedures under the Rotterdam convention); • Follow up with individual parties requiring tailored assistance. Cooperate and coordinate with regional centers, sub-regional offices of FAO and UNEP in the provision of technical assistance 	
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated national authorities and key stakeholders are identified and trained in a sustainable manner in the various issues relating to the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention; • Awareness of the administrative, technical requirements and legal frameworks related to the Rotterdam Convention is enhanced; • Parties are aware of and provided with tools and guidance documents to implement the Convention; • Improved awareness of the challenges faced by Parties in implementing their obligations under the Convention; • Tailored assistance is provided to individual Parties upon request. 	

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015		
10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1100	<i>Professional staff</i>	26,239
1200	<i>Consultants</i>	90,000
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	50,000
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	394,000
40	EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT	
4100	<i>Expendable equipment</i>	2,000
52	MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT	
5200	<i>Reporting costs</i>	4,000
	DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	566,239
	Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	73,611
	TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	639,850