

<b>Convention: SC</b>	<b>Training and capacity-building activities on BDEs and PFOS in products and articles including aspects on acceptable purposes and specific exemptions</b>	
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>		
Activity 16 of the Programme of Work 2014-2015 as adopted by decision SC-6/30 Decision SC-6/2 on exemptions Decision SC-6/7 on a work programme on brominated diphenyl ethers and PFOS, its salts and PFOS-F Decision SC-6/15 on technical assistance		
<b>PURPOSE AND APPROACH:</b>		
<p>This activity will support parties in meeting their obligations under the Stockholm Convention, taking into account Rotterdam and Basel Conventions provisions by strengthening their capacities, expertise and knowledge on two of the recently listed chemicals, PFOS and BDEs, focusing on specific exemptions and acceptable purposes. Whereas the exemptions for older POPs have expired, these industrial chemicals were listed in 2009 with many specific exemptions and acceptable purposes – in the case of PFOS, its salts and PFOS-F, and with the exemption of recycling in the case of BDEs. Therefore it is important for Parties to have a good understanding of what this entails and how to meet their obligations in this respect, which is one of the objectives of the planned training activities.</p> <p>In addition, BDEs and PFOS are industrial chemicals that have been integrated into articles and products throughout their production chain. Information on the chemicals used and on the composition of products and articles is often not easily available. The activities will provide information and support to parties to help them identify new POPs in products and articles, also when these reach the stage of waste, along with information on alternatives and substitutes. Guidance to undertake inventories on articles have been developed in the framework of activities related to national implementation plans. Further, a publication on main cases where these chemicals have been substituted will be available to be used and shared during the implementation of this activity.</p>		
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Global/regional training activities aimed at enhancing the understanding of these new chemicals and the different aspects to consider such as their sound management and opportunities for the phase-out by substitution or use of alternatives, their specific exemptions and acceptable purposes, their detection in products and articles: 179,000 (for 3 training workshops at 59,600 each). Webinars will also be held to support the training.</li> <li>2. Dissemination of existing information through online meetings, webinars and website.</li> </ol>		
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties' understanding on their commitments under the conventions related to these chemicals are increased.</li> <li>• Parties have a greater capacity to reduce exposure to new POPs through the identification and phasing-out of new POPs in products and articles.</li> <li>• Prevention and minimization of generation of hazardous waste.</li> <li>• Parties' capacity for the sound management of these chemicals in enhanced.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT</b>	
1100	<i>Professional Staff</i>	41,983
1200	<i>Consultants</i>	12,000
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	5,000
<b>20</b>	<b>SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT</b>	
2200	<i>Sub-contracts (Global/regional training)</i>	179,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>237,983</b>
<b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>		<b>30,937</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>268,920</b>