

Convention: *SYN*

Training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm conventions at the regional and national levels

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

- *Activity 17 of the Programme of Work 2014-2015, as adopted by the decisions BC-11/26, RC-6/16 and SC-6/30*
- *Articles 10 and 16 of the Basel Convention, Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention and Articles 12 and 20 of the Stockholm Convention*
- *Decisions BC-10/29, BC-10/2, BC-10/3, BC-10/13 and BC-10/23 of the Basel Convention*
- *Decisions RC-5/12, RC-5/10 and RC-5/14 of the Rotterdam Convention*
- *Decision SC-5/27 and SC-5/20 of the Stockholm Convention*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Training and capacity-building serves as a main tool to support parties in the implementation of the specific obligations under the three conventions. The activity will also address lack of information exchange and coordination, which is one of main constraints for the implementation of the conventions. Given that several issues are addressed by two or three conventions, regional training and capacity-building activities in these areas will bring such benefits as cost-effectiveness and efficiency. In addition, this activity will address individual needs of parties which experience difficulties in meeting obligations under two or three conventions, as well as the needs of new parties. To increase the cost-efficiency and effectiveness, training and capacity-building activities will cover issues that are relevant to two or three conventions.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

1. Sub-regional and regional training activities are implemented: USD 984,000 (USD 720,000 for 8 workshops at USD 90,000 each, 10 staff travel at USD 5,000 each, 8 consultants at USD 180,000, public awareness raising materials at USD 34,000);
2. Two sub-regional workshop (USD 65,000 each) support parties to evaluate continued need for endosulfan and introduce chemical and nonchemical alternatives: USD 130,000;
3. 2 workshops held (USD 8,000* each) to enhance capacity for parties to regulate lindane and to introduce alternatives: USD 16,000*;
4. National projects are implemented: USD 560,000 (USD 300,000 for 10 projects at USD 40,000 each, 10 staff travel at USD 5,000 each, 9 consultants at USD 180,000, public awareness raising materials at USD 30,000);
5. Facilitation, in cooperation with Regional Centers and key partners, of the development and submission of project proposals to donors: USD 70,000 (for 6 staff travels at USD 5,000 each).
6. Facilitation, in cooperation with Regional Centers and key partners, of the development and submission of project proposals to donors: USD 40,000 (8 staff travels at USD 5,000 each).
7. Training tools are translated/published: USD 65,000;
8. Pesticide aspects under the 3 Conventions are integrated into FAO field projects USD 180,000 (4 field projects at 45,000 USD each);
9. Parties' obligations under the 3 Conventions are addressed with assistance from FAO in national strategies to manage pesticides; USD 17,500 (for consultant and travel);
10. Regional entities address pesticide aspects of the 3 Convention issues in their regular programme and meetings USD 53,500.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- The national, sub-regional and regional training and capacity building activities will take into account the synergies process and will focus on areas relevant to two or three conventions, as relevant, including:
 - a. Training on trade aspects of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
 - b. Training for customs officers on the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
 - c. Training on strengthening national legislation for the sound management of hazardous chemicals and wastes using a life-cycle approach, including the development of legal/administrative and/or institutional frameworks
 - d. Strengthening coordination and information exchange on chemicals and wastes;
 - e. Training on chemicals / wastes regulated by at least two conventions (e. g. e-wastes and POPs containing wastes);
 - f. Training on mobilization of financial resources;
 - g. Support in developing hazardous chemicals and wastes management programmes;
 - h. Training on risk assessment and management tools;
 - i. Reporting;

- Cross-cutting issues relevant to the three conventions, such as mobilization of financial resources, national administrative and technical capacities, coordination at the regional/national level, mainstreaming of chemicals and wastes management issues into the development agenda will be also addressed in the trainings.
- The methodologies and training materials, including training manuals, tools, toolkits and other supporting documents will be developed/updated under the activity on development of tools and methodologies so they can be used to support the training activities.
- Facilitation of the development and implementation of projects and activities addressed by two or three conventions upon request from parties and in cooperation with regional centers.
- Promotion of measures to support States to become a Party to the convention(s) or to ratify, accept, accede to or approve relevant amendments and/or the protocol.
- Continue work to integrate pesticide aspects of the Basel-, Stockholm- and Rotterdam Conventions into the programme of FAO field projects on pesticide management;
- Provide to countries specific expert advice, guidance and assistance on the 3 Conventions through activities carried out under FAO field pesticide management projects;
- Contribute to FAO's work on Pest and Pesticide Management including the Joint Meeting on Pesticides, implementation of the revised Code of Conduct, FAOs work on highly hazardous pesticides; and FAOs Technical Assistance on strengthening pesticide management;
- Technically support regular sessions of regional entities covering pesticides and chemicals management.

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015

10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1100	<i>P-3 Programme Officer post (%)</i>	312,640
1200	<i>G-5 General Service Staff post (%)</i>	27,805
1300	<i>Consultants</i>	372,000
1400	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	215,500
20	SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT	
2200	<i>Sub-contracts</i>	450,000 ¹
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	119,500
3500	<i>Participants travel</i>	800,000
40	EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT	
4100	<i>Information/public awareness materials</i>	64,000
52	MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT	
5200	<i>Publishing/translation</i>	75,000
5300	<i>Other expenses</i>	20,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		2,456,445
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%		319,338
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		2,775,783
VOLUNTARY FUNDING RECEIVED*		0

* as of 1 September 2013

¹ USD 40,000 for field projects implemented in cooperation with FAO have been part of the budget fact sheet, but were not reflected in the COP-approved budget. It has been included in the budget fact sheet, since it an integral part of the overall PoW activity.