

Convention: RC		Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention back-to-back with the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions	
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PoW activity 2 • Decision RC-6/16 on Financing and budget for the biennium 2014–2015 • Decision RC-6/12 on Venue and date of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions • Article 18 of the Convention 			
PURPOSE AND APPROACH:			
<p>The conferences of the parties at their ordinary meetings in 2013 decided to convene in 2015 back-to-back meetings of the ordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (without a high-level segment or simultaneous extraordinary meetings) in Geneva that include joint sessions, where appropriate, on joint issues and that prioritize an agenda and schedule that focus on substantive matters related to implementation of the conventions and provide sufficient time for their consideration.</p> <p>This activity aims at facilitating the full and active participation of representatives of developing-country parties and of parties with economies in transition in the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention to improve the legitimacy of Convention decisions and encourage the implementation of the Convention at the local, national, regional and international levels. For instance, an important decision to be taken by the COP will be to establish the work programme and budget of the Convention for the biennium 2016-2017.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:			
<p>1. Funding for travel, including air tickets and Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA), will be provided for thirteen days for up to 100 participants for the Rotterdam Convention or a total of 300 eligible participants for the three conventions in Geneva, Switzerland, including one day without formal meetings, plus one day for pre-meetings (regional and bureaux meetings).</p>			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced representation of developed and developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition at the COP; • Effective participation in negotiations towards reaching agreements that are workable for all parties; • Improved legitimacy of decisions taken by the COP; • Strengthened implementation of the Convention at all levels; • Opportunities for participants to meet and consolidate their positions as regions; • Opportunities for developed and donor countries to discuss implementation issues with participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition; • Opportunities for participants to participate in side-events. 			
VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015			
30	TRAINING COMPONENT		
3300	Meetings and Conferences		820,400
	DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		820,400
	Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%		106,652
	TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		927,052