

**Convention: *Stockholm Convention***

**Support to parties to develop and implement national programme on unintentionally released POPs**

**LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:**

- PoW 22(SC) Scientific support to parties of the Stockholm Convention, related also to PoW 16 (SC) Training and capacity building activities to enhance implementation of the Stockholm Convention on regional level.
- Article 5, Annex C of the Stockholm Convention
- Decision SC-6/9 on the Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Decision SC-6/10 on the Guidelines on Best Available Techniques and Provisional Guidance on Best Environmental Practices

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The purpose of the programme is to provide parties with up-to-date guidance on minimizing and where feasible eliminating releases of unintentionally produced POPs, guidance on developing and maintaining source inventories and release estimates of unintentionally produced POPs, as well as training and support in using the guidance. The programme on unintentionally produced POPs includes two areas of activities: the work on the Toolkit guidance to assist parties in developing, updating and revising their inventories of unintentionally produced POPs as well as reviewing and updating their action plans and reporting under Article 15; and the updating of the guidelines on best available techniques (BAT) and guidance on best environmental practices (BEP). The revised Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans, and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants has been welcomed by COP-6, and training and awareness raising activities have been requested by parties.

Through the revision of the Toolkit, a new set of information and data has been generated, which will also assist parties when implementing BAT and BEP to minimize and, where feasible, eliminate releases of unintentionally produced POPs. Through decision SC-6/10, the COP has adopted the workplan for the review and updating of the BAT and BEP guidelines and guidance, including consideration of new information on areas of concern identified by parties such as brick kilns, charcoal production, artisanal metal production, primary iron and steel production, galvanising, quarantine waste incineration at borders, waste oil disposal and reuse, landfill gas and leachate management etc., consideration of other relevant information which became available through the Toolkit revision process, provision of BAT and BEP guidance for pentachlorobenzene, etc.

Decision SC-6/10 also includes provisions to revise the draft guidance on BAT and BEP for the use of PFOS and the draft guidance on the BAT and BEP for the recycling and waste disposal of articles containing PBDEs based on the comments received from parties and input from the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention.

The continuation of the activities under this programme will allow parties to efficiently make use of the new information, including through the development of additional BAT and BEP guidance on such new aspects / additional sources.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:**

1. Implement the workplan for the review and updating of the guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices as adopted by decision SC-6/10, including organization of two expert meetings to review and appraise new information for inclusion in the update and revision of the BAT and BEP guidelines and guidance;
2. Translate the Toolkit guidance into UN languages
3. Provide support to parties on the use of the revised Toolkit and on updating and revising inventories of unintentional POPs.

**RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- The Guidelines on BAT&BEP are updated with new information on priority PCDD/PCDF sources, PeCB sources, and other new information obtained through the Toolkit revision;
- The draft guidance on BAT and BEP for the use of PFOS and related chemicals and the draft guidance on BAT and BEP for the recycling and waste disposal of articles containing PBDEs is revised based on comments from Parties and review by the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention;
- Strengthened capacity of parties to maintain inventories of sources and estimates of releases of unintentionally produced POPs and to report such releases under Article 15.

<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT</b>	
1100	<i>P-3 Programme Officer post</i>	83,000
1200	<i>Consultants</i>	20,000
<b>30</b>	<b>TRAINING COMPONENT</b>	
3301	<i>Meetings and Conferences (two BAT BEP expert meetings)</i>	80,000
3302	<i>Training and workshops (Toolkit training)</i>	- <sup>1</sup>
<b>52</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT</b>	
5200	<i>Reporting costs (Translation)</i>	25,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>208,000</b>
<b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>		<b>27,040</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>235,040</b>

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<sup>1</sup> USD180,000 for training activities is budgeted under PoW 16 (SC)