### **LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:**

This programme is supporting implementation of the PoW activity 23 (SC) entitled *Effectiveness evaluation and the global monitoring plan*, as well as implementation of decisions SC-6/22 and SC-6/23

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The global monitoring plan for persistent organic pollutants (GMP) is a core activity required by Article 16 of the Stockholm Convention It is designed to enable the evaluation of the effectiveness of the measures agreed in the Convention in achieving the objective of protecting human health and the environment from POPs. The global monitoring plan, besides providing a major input for effectiveness evaluation, is a unique source of consistent data on POPs levels in air, as well as on human exposure to POPs from all regions. The programme also strengthens POPs sampling and analytical capacity in developing countries, supplemented with the targeted regional capacity building projects co-funded by the GEF and implemented by UNEP Chemicals in close consultation and cooperation with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention. Sustainability of the core monitoring activities in all UN Regions is of utmost importance, as repeatedly concluded by the GMP global coordination group. The first phase of the GMP has been implemented during the period 2006-2010, and the second GMP phase commenced in 2011. During the biennium 2014-2015 implementation of the second phase of the GMP has to be concluded as the pre-requisite to perform the effectiveness evaluation at COP-8 in May 2017;

### **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

The following activities will be implemented:

- Support the global coordination group (GCG) and the regional organization groups (ROGs) under the GMP to implement the second GMP phase as outlined in the implementation plan (UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/31/Add.2) and to produce the regional monitoring reports;
- 2. Organize two meetings of the global coordination group in 2014 and 2015, as well as intersessional GCG/ROG communication via webinars and teleconferences;
- 3. Support training and capacity building activities in support of regional GMP implementation in cooperation with strategic partners
- 4. Implement the second phase of the human milk survey in cooperation with WHO and UNEP Chemicals;
- 5. Support sustainability of air monitoring activities through continuing strategic partnerships with the air monitoring programmes such as AMAP, EMEP, GAPS; MONET and EAAMP
- 6. Support the collection, processing, storing and presentation of POPs monitoring data in regions lacking such capacity.

# **RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- Sustainable monitoring data from at least two different points in time are available from all regions enabling the detection of changes in levels over time;
- Second regional monitoring reports are available from all five UN Regions;
- 10th and 11th Summer School on Ecotoxicology, environmental chemistry and POPs monitoring;
- POPs monitoring data warehouse with 5 regional nodes, supporting the production of the regional and global monitoring reports, the effectiveness evaluation and global public access to POPs monitoring data.

# VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015<sup>1</sup>

10 PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT 1100 P-3 Programme Officer post 194,000 20 SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT 2200 Sub-contracts 2201 Support to ROGs 225,000 2202 GMP data warehouse 60,000 2203 POPs monitoring 115,000 30 TRAINING COMPONENT 3300 Meetings and Conferences

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The total COP-6 approved budget is composed of: USD120,000 in the SCTF for the two global coordination group meetings, USD 520,000 in the SVTF to implement the second GMP phase in the regions (non staff cost).

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015		
3301	10 <sup>th</sup> Summer School	60,000
3302	11 <sup>th</sup> Summer School	60,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		714,000
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%		92,820
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		806,820