

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

- PoW Activity 24 (S15): National reporting, related also to PoW 14, 16 and 17 on technical assistance to parties.
- Synergies decisions : BC.Ex-2/1, RC.Ex-2/1, SC.Ex-2/1
- Decision BC-11/7: National reporting
- Decision SC-6/21: Reporting
- Related also to PoW 15 (BC), Pow 16 (SC) and PoW 17 (Synergies)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This project includes activities related to the area of reporting in general, aspects related specifically to the Basel Convention and to the Stockholm Convention, as well as to the synergistic aspects of reporting under these two conventions.

Basel Convention Reporting activities: as per Article 13(3) of the Basel Convention (BC), Parties shall transmit, before the end of each calendar year, a national report on the previous calendar year. To fulfill this obligation, every year, Parties send qualitative and quantitative information to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention. The Secretariat processes the reports received, and translates into English those which are provided in Arabic, Chinese and Russian. Thus, support for translating the material received is necessary.

Additionally, based on the needs observed through workshops realized in 2011 and 2012 in the area of reporting, the Secretariat has been requested by the Conference of the Parties to develop a generic inventory tool for hazardous wastes and other wastes. This tool shall serve multiple countries which do not have the means to develop or to buy such system. For that, the Conference of the Parties at its meeting in 2013 already allocated 20.000 USD in the core budget of the BC to facilitate the development of the tool. However, more funds are necessary to fully develop the system.

Stockholm Convention Reporting activities: as per Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention (SC), Parties shall transmit national reports every four years to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention. The reports contain qualitative information on the measures taken to implement the Convention and on the effectiveness of such measures. Additionally, Parties are required to report quantitative information which includes statistical data on the production, import and export of the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B, among others. Based on these obligations, the Secretariat has developed an electronic reporting system, where Parties can report directly online. However, for each cycle of reporting, the Secretariat improves the system to make it more user-friendly and up-to-date by adding new functionalities and/or by adapting the questionnaire to fulfill the requirements related to reporting and effectiveness evaluation. It also accommodates modules for reporting on the POPs newly listed in the Annexes to the Convention. For example, during its meeting in May 2013, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention has approved listing of hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in Annex A. Thus, new adaptations of the electronic reporting system will be required. Additionally, the Secretariat needs resources to translate national reports into English, when they are provided in a different language. This is relevant for the Secretariat to be able to provide information analysis and reporting to the COP.

Joint activities in the area of Reporting for the Basel and for the Stockholm Conventions: as per synergies decisions, the Secretariat aims at organizing joint webinars on Reporting under BC and SC, for example, including the similarities of the two electronic reporting systems, the commonalities and differences in the data collection process for both reporting obligations, and issues common to inventories of chemicals and hazardous wastes. For that, the Secretariat would like to involve specific experts in the areas of inventories and possibly also data collection. Additionally, the Secretariat aims at developing software to harvest information of both electronic reporting system and present the results on the synergies website.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:**Basel Convention:**

1. Generic inventory tool for hazardous wastes and other wastes for the Basel Convention
2. Translation of reports received in languages other than English, French and Spanish

Stockholm Convention

1. Improvements of the electronic reporting system, including development of a module for HCBDD reporting
2. Translation of reports received in languages other than English

Joint activities:

1. Realization of webinars on the two electronic reporting systems and their requirements
2. Creation of software to harvest information of both reporting systems and show the results in the synergies website

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A generic inventory tool for hazardous wastes and other wastes is developed which can be made available to all countries in need of such tool. • Reports of both the Basel and Stockholm conventions, when required, are translated and information is entered in the respective reporting system • The SC reporting tool is further improved and a new module for HBCD reporting is available • Joint webinars are realized • A joint mechanism to harvest data from the electronic reporting system of both the Basel and Stockholm conventions is developed and made available on the synergies' website 		
VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015¹		
10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1200	Consultant (Development of generic inventory tool for hazardous wastes and other wastes)	20,000
1200	Consultant (Improvements on the electronic reporting system for the Stockholm Convention)	20,000
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3301	Joint webinars	24,000
52	MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT	
5201	Translation (Basel Convention reports)	50,000
5202	Translation (Stockholm Convention reports)	20,000
	Reporting on the synergies' website	10,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		144,000
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%		18,720
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		162,720

¹ The training components of this PoW activity under the Basel and Stockholm conventions are to be implemented as part of the training and capacity building activities to enhance the implementation of the two conventions (PoW # 14 and 16)