

<b>Convention: BC</b>	<b>Legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention: Implementation fund</b>	
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme of Work Activity 32: Legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention</li> <li>• Decision BC-11/8: Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention</li> <li>• Decision BC-11/26: Financing and budget for the biennium 2014–2015</li> </ul>		
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>		
<p>The legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention aim at ensuring that the Convention operates on a sound legal basis. The legal and policy activities set out in activity BC 32 fall under four categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work programme of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)</li> <li>2. Implementation fund</li> <li>3. Strategic Framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention 2012-2021</li> <li>4. Translation of information notified pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions), 4(1) (import prohibitions) and 13 (2) (transmission of information)</li> </ol> <p>This concept note focuses the Implementation fund. COP-9 established, within the voluntary trust fund of the Basel Convention, an implementation fund aimed at assisting parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition and that are the subject of a submission made in accordance with the terms of reference of the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC). In its decision BC-11/8, COP-11 requested the ICC to accord priority to dealing with specific submissions regarding party implementation and compliance received or initiated in accordance with paragraph 9 of the terms of reference. COP-11 also authorized the ICC to make recommendations to the Executive Secretary on the use of the implementation fund in the intersessional period between COP-11 and COP-12 in the context of the facilitation procedure set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the terms of reference, to fund activities listed in the compliance action plans approved by the ICC. At the time of COP-11, 9 submissions were under consideration by the ICC. Among these 9 submissions, the Committee had already approved compliance action plans from two Parties (Bhutan and Togo) and had also invited three parties (Eritrea, Guinea Bissau and Oman) to develop compliance action plans as well. The ICC will be meeting once in 2014 and will give priority to specific submissions.</p>		
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The activities to be funded through the implementation fund are activities listed in the compliance action plans elaborated by the party concerned in its submission and approved by the ICC.</li> </ol>		
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding from the implementation fund may be critical to resolve implementation and compliance matters faced by individual Parties identified in a submission to the ICC.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015</b>		
<b>20</b>	<b>SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT</b>	
2200	<i>Sub-contracts</i>	
2209	<i>Implementation fund</i>	100,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>100,000</b>
<b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>		<b>13,000</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>113,000</b>