

Convention: BC	Coordinate and provide support to parties in follow up to the country-led initiative on environmentally sound management and further legal clarity
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of Work Activity 34: Coordinate and provide support to parties in follow up to the country-led initiative on environmentally sound management and further legal clarity • Decision BC-11/1: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention – Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management 	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	
<p>Decision BC-11/1 on the Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative (CLI) takes a cross-cutting approach aimed at supporting and ensuring effective implementation and enforcement of the Basel Convention. Through this decision, benefits for parties are sought on multiple fronts, including through (i) addressing entry into force of the Ban Amendment; (ii) developing guidelines for environmentally sound management and (iii) providing further legal clarity on certain terms. This concept note focuses on <u>developing guidelines for environmentally sound management</u>. Concept notes on addressing entry into force of the Ban Amendment and providing further legal clarity have been prepared separately. The abovementioned decision adopted the framework for the environmentally sound management (ESM) of hazardous wastes and other wastes, which was developed to identify what countries can do at the national level and collectively as parties to the Convention to address the challenges of implementing ESM of wastes in a systematic and comprehensive manner. Intended as a practical guide for all stakeholders participating in the management of such wastes, the framework establishes a common understanding of what ESM encompasses; identifies tools to support and promote the implementation of ESM; and identifies strategies to implement ESM. Having adopted the ESM framework, COP 11 recommended a list of actions for parties, regional centres and other stakeholders to implement the framework and mandated an expert working group to further elaborate and implement actions on initial short-term work items and to develop a work programme for additional priorities and key work items and actions for the implementation of ESM. The expert working group on ESM, comprising of 25 members with specific knowledge and expertise in the field and representing the 5 UN groups, was established in June 2013. Soon after, the group elected its co-chairs and agreed to work electronically and to hold physical meetings, subject to the availability of funding.</p>	
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:	
<p>The activities for which funding is sought in the area of developing guidelines for environmentally sound management fall into four broad categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Funding for a physical meeting</u> of the expert working group on ESM. The funding would support the organization of the meeting and the participation of members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. 2. Funding for the engagement of <u>consultants</u> to undertake work to support implementation of the ESM framework and to support the activities of the expert working group. 3. Funding for a <u>P-3 Programme Officer post</u> to coordinate the Secretariat’s ongoing efforts on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative (30% of the post over the biennium to provide secretariat support to the expert working group on ESM). 4. Funding for a <u>G-3 General Service post</u> to assist in the preparations of the activities (e.g. logistics, travel of participants, etc.) (10% of the post over the biennium to provide secretariat support). 	
5. RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A <u>physical meeting</u> of the expert working group is held and the participation of those members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition is fully funded. • <u>Consultants are retained</u>, as necessary, to support the work of the expert working group. • <u>Effective Secretariat support</u> is provided to the expert working group on ESM to ensure it fulfils its COP 11 appointed mandate. To this end, the Secretariat supports both electronic and physical meetings of the expert working group and facilitates the activities of the group, as requested. 	

- The activities to be funded would significantly contribute to progress in completing the mandate provided to the group by the Conference of the Parties. That is to: (i) further elaborate and implement actions on initial short-term work items; and (ii) to develop a work programme for additional priorities and key work items and actions for the implementation of ESM.

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015		
10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1101	<i>P-3 Programme Officer post (30%)</i>	110,344
1201	<i>Consultant(s) to support ESM work</i>	200,000
1301	<i>G-3 General Service Staff post (10%)</i>	27,805
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	
3301	<i>EWG members' travel to physical meeting</i>	80,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		418,149
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%		54,360
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		472,508