Technical assistance programme including Secretariat activities aimed at the provision of technical assistance to parties and seek the involvement of appropriate partners and stakeholders including delivery of capacity building programmes

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Work programme activity #: S2

- BC-10/29, RC-5/12, and SC-5/27: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
- BC-10/27, RC-5/14, SC-5/28: Financing and budget for the biennium 2012–2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Proving technical assistance including capacity building to implement their obligation of developing country Parties and Parties with their economies in transition has been considered a pivotal element for the success of all the three Convention (Article 12 of SC, Article 10 of BC and Article 16 of RC)

In every COP of these conventions representatives of developing countries call for increased assistance, including for capacity-building and training, to enhance knowledge and decision-making capacity in developing country parties and parties with economies in transition for the implementation of the Convention. Following the request of Parties, the COPs of the three Conventions held in 2011 by decision BC-10/29, RC-5/12, and SC-5/27 approved in the programme of work for biennium 2012-2013 "Capacity-building programmes: develop and deliver assistance based on regional and national needs and in accordance with the technical assistance strategic plan"

The proposed activities to be carried out under this project focus on cross cutting areas to meet the obligations under the Conventions, where the Secretariat is expected to play a lead role.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- Overall coordination of the capacity building programme
- Webinars followed by regional workshops on capacity building of the Parties on various thematic areas including:
 - o Strengthening national capacity in managing hazardous chemicals and wastes
 - o Strengthening reporting capacity (including notification) of the Parties
 - Information exchange on environmental data, availability of environmentally sound technologies and technical capacity on various relevant areas, regulatory provisions, standards etc
 - o General awareness raising on the issues relating to the three Conventions
 - Strategic approach in disseminating awareness raising materials and technical guidelines to wider public

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Parties to the three Conventions have the capacities and capabilities to meet their obligations under the Convention
- General public opinion is favourable towards implementation of the provisions of the three Conventions
- Various guidance and technical guidelines are implemented by parties

BUDGET [USD]	
BUDGET COMPONENTS	
Overall coordination of the capacity building programme	10,000
Development of training materials/tools	20,000

Regional Workshops (3 nos.)	305,000
Total budget required	335,000
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	335,000
COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD, RV, SV trust funds)	670,000