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BASEL CONVENTION



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION



STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Information exchange activities of the clearing house mechanism: national legislation related to the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions; notifications under the Basel Convention	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Parties to the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 31/12/2017	Total duration: 24 months
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>In their decisions BC-12/21 and RC-7/11: Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, the COPs to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions requested the Secretariat to provide for the biennium 2016-2017, within available resources, access to thematic information relevant to the conventions through the clearing-house mechanism, including from parties and other stakeholders on priority areas including legal matters, such as final regulatory actions, import responses and export notifications under the Rotterdam Convention and national definitions of wastes, national legislation, bilateral and multilateral agreements and import/export restrictions under the Basel Convention.</p> <p><i>(Please see concept note for legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention for details of activities on translation of such information.)</i></p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>Making information available to parties and other stakeholders in a user-friendly format facilitates parties' efforts with regard to effectively implementing the conventions. The Secretariat's activities support parties in their efforts by providing access to sound and complete information about their own and other parties' national legal frameworks.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>A consultant shall be engaged to improve parties' access to texts of national legislation under both conventions, as well as notifications under the Basel Convention, by developing a new tool for the Rotterdam Convention and enhancing existing tools for the Basel Convention. This would include enhanced searchable features for new and existing databases e.g. search by language, party, year of enactment etc. The tools will build on existing databases, improving the features and harmonising where appropriate with the new Rotterdam Convention database to be created, in order to increase user-friendliness.</p>			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
Expected results:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> National legislation: Access to information on national legislation is enhanced through an improved database available on the Basel Convention website and a new database on the Rotterdam Convention website; Notifications under the Basel Convention: Through the Basel Convention website, access is enhanced to information on import / export restrictions; national definitions of hazardous wastes and agreements under Article 11 including by making this available in the official languages of the United Nations (see concept note for legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention for details of related activities on translation of information). 			
Indicator of success:			
Enhanced access to national legislation and Rotterdam convention notifications available on the website.			
Means of verification:			
Enhanced access to national legislation and Rotterdam convention notifications available on the website.			

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

Information available through these databases can be a resource for parties as well as other stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Rotterdam and Basel Conventions, particularly as relates to the development of national legislation and other measures.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Search features could include the possibility for parties to identify texts that consider specific impacts on and promote equality between men and women, girls and boys, in particular as to vulnerable groups. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, special attention on gender issues, as it may appear from the information provided or collected or exchanged, could be paid through the CHM. The CHM could indeed be used to better track or monitor, identify and collect information on what may have an impact on gender issues. Thanks to these information, the CHM could, in addition, be used as a tool to help in better targeting activities aiming at ensuring better gender balance, in particular as to vulnerable groups who may suffer from a greater exposure to hazardous chemicals, including pesticides, and wastes. CHM could help considering specific risks linked to these vulnerable groups.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

The objective of this activity is to provide information in this priority area in a user-friendly manner on the conventions' website. The outcome of the activity will be reported to the next meetings of the conferences of the parties in 2017.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	17,400
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	30
TRAVEL	-
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	17,430
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>2,266</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	19,696