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BASEL CONVENTION



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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Increasing notifications of Final Regulatory Action (FRA): Promotion of updated FRA Evaluation Toolkit with DNAs of selected countries	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Developing countries with limited capacity for scientifically sound decision making on hazardous chemicals will be focused
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 31/12/2017	
Total duration: 24 months			
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
Activity 21 (RC): Scientific support to Parties to the Rotterdam Convention RC-7/1: Proposal for activities to increase notifications of final regulatory action			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>The number of parties that submitted notifications of final regulatory action continues to be low. In particular developing country parties or parties with economies in transition parties have difficulties to undertake the risk assessments and scientific evaluations that would be required under Annex I and II.</p> <p>The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Rotterdam Convention, at its seventh meeting, requested the Secretariat to undertake activities to collect scientific and technical information for risk assessment and decision-making that may assist parties in preparing notifications of final regulatory action and make it available to parties and other stakeholders in a user-friendly format.</p> <p>Access to information resource and technical guidance to support Designated National Authorities (DNAs) to undertake an initial review of chemicals for regulatory actions and implement pragmatic approaches to consider scientifically sound information for risk assessment and risk evaluation of chemicals should facilitate increased notifications of FRA by parties.</p> <p>The Secretariat in consultation with selected experts of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC) and DNAs developed a draft online Toolkit (FRA Evaluation Toolkit) aimed at assisting and enhancing the efforts by DNAs, especially from developing countries, to take regulatory decisions on hazardous chemicals. This draft Toolkit was shared with selected DNAs to gain critical insight on the effectiveness of the Toolkit by subsequent users and to streamline the contents. It will further be reviewed at the 11th meeting of the CRC for additional scientific content to be incorporated. The purpose of this project is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise the FRA Evaluation Toolkit, as necessary, based on the outcomes of the review by CRC including an update of scientific content with recent reports related to risk assessments; 2. Hold consultations with DNAs to promote consideration of the Toolkit towards increasing the notifications of FRAs. <p>The project strengthen the capacity of DNAs, especially from developing countries, to make notifications of FRA with enhanced scientific soundness towards meeting the requirements of Annex 1 of the Convention, increasing the number of notifications reviewed by the CRC.</p> <p>The UN Sustainable Development goal # 3 of chemicals and wastes seeks to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages through substantially to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water, and soil pollution and contamination. Supporting developing countries on user-friendly access to scientific information for informed decision making on hazardous chemicals should facilitate achieving this goal.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and update the scientific information resource base of the FRA Evaluation Toolkit; 2. Sub-regional scientific and technical consultative meetings with selected DNAs of similar environmental and socio-economic settings; 3. Follow-up with participating DNAs to assist in further evaluation of chemicals, as necessary for regulatory actions. 			

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED	
<p>Expected results: User-friendly access to scientific information within the context of the Rotterdam Convention for decision making on hazardous chemical towards enhanced scientific soundness of the notifications of FRAs from developing countries.</p> <p>Indicator of success: Increased use of the FRA Evaluation Toolkit by DNAs.</p> <p>Means of verification: Number of DNAs from developing countries participated in consultative meetings.</p>	
PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY	
<p>In order to ensure the sustainability and replicability of the project, the Secretariat will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek close collaboration of the CRC experts to enhance the productivity of the Toolkit for DNAs in undertaking evaluation scientific information on chemicals; 2. Select countries with similar socio-economic and environmental conditions; 3. Collaborate closely with FAO and UNEP regional officers for follow-up actions with participating DNAs, as necessary. 	
GENDER MAINSTREAMING	
<p>The project does not include components directly related to gender mainstreaming. However, as a general principle, gender aspects will be taken into due consideration in implementing its activities, including selection of consultants and meeting participants.</p>	
OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING	
<p>Activities of this project focus on information sharing using an online interactive tool which will be made available through the Convention website. Further, the Toolkit will be promoted through other related activities undertaken by the Secretariat, such as webinars and regional workshops, as appropriate.</p>	
BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	36,600
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	470
TRAVEL	5,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	115,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	157,070
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>20,419</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	177,489