

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Training workshops to support priority-setting and the development of action plans as part of the process to develop, review and update National Implementation Plans (NIPs) for POPs listed after the entry into force of the Stockholm 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 Stockholm Convention
Project start date: <i>01/01/2016</i>		Project completion date: <i>31/12/2017</i>	Total duration: <i>24 months</i>
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
POW 16 (SC) for 2016-2017: Training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Stockholm Convention at the regional level Decisions SC-7/10 on Implementation plans and SC-7/16 on Technical Assistance Article 7 on Implementation plans and Article 12 on Technical Assistance			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>According to Article 7 and following the adoption of amendments listing fourteen additional POPs in Annexes A, B and C of the Convention in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015, Parties have the obligation to review and update their National Implementation Plans (NIPs) and to transmit them to the COP within two years of the date on which the amendments enter into force for them. NIPs should provide the roadmap to implement the Stockholm Convention, containing the elements needed by a Party to fulfil its commitments under the Convention. This project's objective is to allow Parties to acquire the necessary skills to produce, review and update an effective plan to implement the Stockholm Convention. In this regard, three main phases need to be covered:</p> <p><u>Phase 1: Process organization</u>, which provides Parties with the ingredients required to enhance their capacity to plan, manage and supervise the review of the NIPs; for example, through the reactivation of a multi-sector national coordinating mechanism and strategies to raise awareness and receive political support to review/update NIPs for new POPs.</p> <p><u>Phase 2: Establishment of inventories</u>, the main objective of which is to enhance Parties' capacity to develop inventories of POPs, especially for products and articles for those POPs listed in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015.</p> <p><u>Phase 3: Priority setting and plan development</u>, aimed at increasing Parties' capacity to set priorities and develop sound action plans.</p> <p>Phase 1 has been extensively covered in past training activities, so the focus is now on the two last phases, i.e. establishing inventories, especially for POPs listed in 2015, and setting priorities. This project focuses on Phase 3, and will include online, face-to-face and follow-up activities at national level to foster participants' understanding and capacity to prioritize and establish action plans. The project will be developed in partnership with relevant Regional Centres and appropriate GEF agencies to ensure a coordinated approach.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<p>A set of training and capacity-building activities will be organized to enhance the understanding and knowledge of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition of the obligations and tools developed to implement, review and update their Implementation Plans under Article 7 of the Convention. Three 4-day workshops will focus on setting priorities and developing action plans, along with a training session on Reporting. The workshops will be held in Latin America and the Caribbean, CEE and another region (to be determined according to the needs), grouping countries with the same level of advancement in the process of reviewing and updating their NIP. Specific training sessions will be dedicated to intentional and unintentional POPs. Taking into consideration the results of the needs assessment and to make full use of the modular approach, the workshops will address several among the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal and institutional frameworks; 2. BAT/BEP for intentional and unintentional POPs and for POPs listed in 2009 and 2011 (among others, a session would be dedicated to gather feedback from participants on the revision of the guidance); 3. Available tools, including newly developed guidance and other (Costing guidance, socio economic assessments); 4. POPs wastes; 			

5. Financial assistance, including ways to access the Stockholm Convention financial mechanism;
6. Reporting under Article 15.

Webinars and online meetings¹ will be organized prior and following face-to-face workshops to support and prepare participants.

Follow-up activities to the workshops: facilitation of project proposals

Facilitation, upon request by Parties and in cooperation with Regional Centres and other key partners, of the development and submission of 3 project proposals by countries to the financial mechanism and other donors on priority issues arising from the workshops (such as reporting under Article 15). Related information and public awareness materials will be developed accordingly.

Follow-up activities to the workshops: national activities/pilots

Based on the interest of countries participating in the workshop, two national activities/pilots will be developed to allow the countries to address specific needs related to the development of national action plans and that are not eligible under GEF funding. Related information and public awareness materials will be developed accordingly.

Other follow-up activities: A video will be developed based on the successful national activities/pilots, and shared on the website and in relevant events. Further, a desk study will be undertaken to evaluate completed activities and their impact. It will focus on both technical aspects, such as whether the activity to support the development and submission of project proposals was effective, as well as other aspects such as gender equality in gender-related issues. A report will be compiled on the outcomes of the study outlining lessons learnt and recommendations for future activities.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

- Parties' capacity to develop implementation plans is enhanced;
- Parties' obligation to review and update national implementation is met.

Indicator of success:

An increased number of Parties meet the deadline to update and revise their NIP and transmit it to the Secretariat (i.e. within the timeframe of 2 years after entry into force of the related amendment for that Party).

Means of verification:

Transmitted NIPs are posted on the website (with deadline and date of reception).

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The sound management of POPs, which is the final purpose of developing and implementing National Implementation Plans, reduces exposure to these chemicals. This project would contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 on ensuring healthy lives (specifically Target 3.9: by 2030 substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination), as well as SDG 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns (specifically Target 12.4: by 2020 achieve environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their lifecycle and minimizing their adverse impacts on human health and the environment).

For the most part, Parties are already working on updating and revising their National Implementation Plans following the listing of new chemicals. Therefore, the NIPs are incorporated in their Sustainable Development agenda and fundraising strategy. Certain aspects are replicable, as long as they can be tailored to specific realities.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The sound management of POPs, which is the final purpose of developing and implementing National Implementation Plans, allows to reduce exposure to these chemicals and thus improve the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.

All activities under this project will take into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender will be considered when specific activities are designed and during their implementation and evaluation. A basic gender analysis will be conducted for gender relevant activities as part of the design phase. In any follow-up projects, Terms of references will include gender-related obligations.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

Communication material will be made available for each of the three workshops as well as for the follow-up activities (project proposals, national pilots and the video showcasing these). All the information related to the project, including published information and public awareness materials, will be shared on the website.

¹Webinar and online meeting are proposed to be funded through Activity 13 (Tools and methodologies: webinars).



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STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	89,560
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	41,780
TRAVEL	15,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	505,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	651,340
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	84,674
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	736,014