



BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

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| CONVENTIONS : | | PROJECT TITLE : | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN | | Unintentionally produced POPs: inclusion of new POPs into existing guidance under 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 | | | |
| Activity 22 (SC): Scientific support to parties of the Stockholm Convention SC-7/7: Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants SC-7/8: Guidelines on Best Available Techniques and Provisional Guidance on Best Environmental Practices | | | |
| BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION | | | |
| <p>The project aims at providing parties with up-to-date guidance on minimizing and where feasible eliminating releases of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and for developing and maintaining source inventories and release estimates of unintentionally produced POPs. Parties are provided with a tool together with guidance how to use it, to minimize and where feasible eliminate unintentional releases of POPs from various activities as listed in Annex C but also in Annex A and Annex B of the Stockholm Convention. Parties also receive a tool together with the necessary guidance how to develop and maintain release inventories of the POPs listed in Annex C to the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p>In 2015, by its decisions SC-7/7 and SC-7/8, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention recognized that the listing of new substances in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention will trigger the need to further update existing guidance and/or develop new guidance to support parties in implementing new obligations. Three new chemicals have been added to the Conventions through decisions SC-7/12, SC-7/13 and SC-7/14, namely: hexachlorobutadiene, pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters, and polychlorinated naphthalenes. These chemicals are currently not covered by existing guidance on Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP) nor in the Toolkit for unintentional POPs under the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p>The COP has thus requested the Toolkit and BAT BEP experts to continue their work on updating of the guidelines and guidance and adopted the workplan for the ongoing review and update of the guidance set out in annex to decision SC-7/8. It has also requested the experts to collaboratively develop joint terms of reference for synergistically considering aspects relevant to releases from unintentional production and BAT and BEP for the chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention, and the Secretariat to support the experts in their work.</p> <p>The project will support the continuation of the expert process for the ongoing review and update of the guidance on BAT and BEP and the Toolkit in view of the inclusion of relevant information pertaining to the new POPs to support parties in implementing their obligations under the Convention. It will likewise contribute to the delivering the post-2015 development agenda and relevant sustainable development goals, in particular through promoting healthy lives and well-being by minimizing and ultimately eliminating releases of unintentional POPs and related exposure to hazardous chemicals and air, water, and soil pollution and contamination.</p> | | | |
| PROPOSED ACTIVITIES | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information collection, compilation, processing and evaluation by the Toolkit and BAT and BEP experts to supplement exiting guidance with provisions relevant to the POPs listed in the Stockholm Convention in 2013 and 2015; 2. Compilation of comments and submissions from parties and others as they relate to exiting guidance documents open for review; 3. Integration of new information and comments in the existing guidance; 4. Review/appraisal of the guidance by the BAT and BEP experts and finalization; 5. Results dissemination and awareness raising. | | | |

| RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED | |
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| <p>Expected results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parties are provided with up-to-date guidance on BAT and BEP and on the Toolkit including provisions related to the POPs listed in 2013 and 2015. Parties' capacity to maintain inventories of sources and estimates of releases of unintentionally produced POPs and to report such releases under Article 15 is strengthened. Parties' understanding and knowledge of the obligations to update and review their NIPs under Article 7 of the Convention in light of the newly added POPs is enhanced. Updated guidance and conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit and BAT BEP experts to assist parties in their use of the guidance are submitted to COP-8. <p>Indicator of success: The workplan for the review and update of the guidelines and guidance is implemented in accordance with the agreed timelines.</p> <p>Means of verification: Key milestones are delivered in accordance with the workplan.</p> | |
| PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY | |
| <p>The process for the review and update of the guidelines and guidance is ongoing, as new relevant information becomes available and new chemicals are being listed in the Convention. These new aspects are continuously integrated and addressed in the guidance, which is a living document intended to provide to parties with the most up-to-date information on the development of inventories and on BAT and BEP for the chemicals and sources listed in the Convention. The process for the ongoing review and update of the guidelines and guidance and the Toolkit has been in place since the early stages of the Convention and continues to prove its usefulness in channelling relevant expertise from all regions of the world to provide parties with up-to-date guidance to assist them in implementing the obligations under the Convention.</p> | |
| GENDER MAINSTREAMING | |
| <p>The development and implementation of BAT&BEP guidance aims at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children. The procedure for the ongoing review and update of the guidelines and guidance and of the Toolkit (SC-3/6; SC-5/12), including provisions for face-to-face expert meetings and intersessional work, considers both gender and regional balance in the implementation of activities.</p> | |
| OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING | |
| <p>Dissemination of information on the Toolkit and BAT and BEP takes place regularly, through the experts involved in the process, at scientific conferences and via the regional centres. Training and awareness raising to parties is also provided via the Convention's technical assistance programme, through workshops and webinars. The guidance is accessible on-line.</p> | |
| BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017 | |
| STAFF PERSONNEL | 59,840 |
| CONTRACTUAL SERVICE | 430 |
| TRAVEL | 84,000 |
| EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE | - |
| OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS | - |
| GRANTS OUT | - |
| DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET | 144,270 |
| <i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i> | <i>18,755</i> |
| TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET | 163,025 |