

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS : <input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		PROJECT TITLE : POPs Global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation	
FUNDING OPTIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		TYPE / LOCATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	TARGETED COUNTRIES: Global
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 23 (SC): Effectiveness evaluation and the Global Monitoring Plan SC-7/24: Effectiveness evaluation SC/25: Global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>The global monitoring plan, besides providing major input for the effectiveness evaluation, is a unique source of relatively coherent data on POPs levels in air as well as on human exposure to POPs from all regions. The programme also strengthens sampling and analytical capacity in developing countries.</p> <p>While funds for the meetings of the global coordination group of the global monitoring plan and for the preparation of the global monitoring report have been included in the Stockholm Convention General Trust Fund (SCTF), funding is being sought to support the activities outlined below.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the global coordination group (GCG) to produce the global monitoring report to be considered in the process of effectiveness evaluation; 2. Implement the second phase of the human milk survey in cooperation with WHO; 3. Support sustainability of air monitoring activities through continuing strategic partnerships; 4. Support the collection, processing, storing and presentation of the GMP monitoring data. 			
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED			
<p>Expected results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One meetings of the GMP global coordination group (not considered in the budget); 2. Global monitoring report (SC USD 20,000 for consultancy); 3. Sustainable monitoring data (SV USD 40,000 for subcontracts); 4. 12th and 13th Summer School on Ecotoxicology, environmental chemistry and POPs monitoring¹; 5. Continuous support for collection, processing, storing and presentation of the GMP monitoring data (USD 20,000 for subcontracts); 6. Staff travels to relevant meetings (USD 8,000). <p>Indicators of success:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global monitoring report is available in time to be considered by the effectiveness evaluation committee; 2. Monitoring data for all listed POPs in the core media are available from all regions; 3. Sustainable monitoring data from at least two different points in time are available from all regions enabling to evaluate changes in levels over time. <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global monitoring report is available in time to be considered by the effectiveness evaluation committee; 2. Monitoring data for all listed POPs in the core media are available from all regions; 3. Sustainable monitoring data from at least two points in time are available from all regions enabling to evaluate changes in concentration levels over time. 			

¹ USD 120,000 is budgeted under Activity 16 (SC) for which a separate concept note has been prepared (for each summer school, a minimum of 10 participants are funded depending on the raised funds).

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

The effectiveness evaluation of the Convention is a long-term initiative that requires sustainable contribution to the POPs global monitoring plan for identifying time trends. Hence, sustainability is an essential part of all related activities. The following elements to ensure sustainability of the human, analytical and assessment capacity and networks have been considered and are included in the project:

1. The project framework is determined by decisions of the COP, hence reflects consensus of all parties;
2. There is a regional and global organization structure in place composed of experts nominated by parties;
3. The project is building on activities already implemented and promotes increasing commitment from countries and programmes to continue with the monitoring activities in the future;
4. Involvement of programmes which already have a certain capacity for POPs monitoring and are benefiting from additional capacity strengthening for POPs monitoring is ensuring their buy-in, cost-effectiveness and sustainability;
5. The project has a global reach where all five UN Regions are following the same guidelines and implementation is overseen and harmonized through the GMP global coordination group.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Equal participation of women in project activities is systematically encouraged. The project results are made widely public and provide information on how the general public, including vulnerable groups such as woman and children, may be affected, hence contributing to their empowerment. In some cases monitoring results discovered bad practices (such as geophagia) which lead to increased PCDD/PCDF levels in the breast milk of practicing woman, thus contributed to awareness raising of the mothers and prevention of increased exposure of breastfed infants.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

Results of this project (the GMP monitoring data and relevant reports/database) are fully communicated to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention and broadly shared via the convention's clearing-house mechanism with the scientific/expert community, IGOs, NGOs, and other interested parties. POPs monitoring data are freely accessible through the user friendly GMP data warehouse.

The results are also shared through articles in scientific journals and at appropriate scientific conferences.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	<i>88,480</i>
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	<i>1,550</i>
TRAVEL	<i>8,000</i>
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	<i>400,000</i>
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	498,030
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	<i>64,744</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	562,774