

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		Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention: Participants' travel	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	
<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	
		TARGETED COUNTRIES:	
		Developing-country parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing states, and parties with economies in transition.	
Project start date: <i>01/02/2017</i> (when travel arrangements are expected to start)		Project completion date: <i>01/07/2017</i> (when travel arrangements are expected to be completed)	
		Total duration: <i>5 months</i>	
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
Activity 3 (SC): Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention SC-7/31: Venue and date of the next meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions SC-7/33: Programme of work and budget for the Stockholm Convention for the biennium 2016–2017			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>The Conference of the Parties was established pursuant to Article 19 of the Convention. It is the governing body of the Stockholm Convention and is composed of governments of countries that have accepted, ratified or acceded to it. The implementation of the Convention is advanced through the decisions it takes at its meetings.</p> <p>At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties by decision SC-7/33 urged parties, and invited others in a position to do so, to contribute urgently to the voluntary Special Trust Fund with a view to ensuring the full and effective participation of developing-country parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>The full and effective participation of developing-country parties, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and parties with economies in transition improves the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties and encourages the implementation of the Convention at all levels. As such, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda, which reaffirmed the continued need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision-making, and to the specific chemicals and waste related Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>The meeting of the Conference of the Parties is the global forum which catalyses cooperation and coordination among all parties and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and private sector, thus promoting the integration of chemicals and wastes into national budgets, sectors and development plans, and enhancing private-public relationships and partnerships. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention will be held back-to-back with the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions. 2. Funding for travel, including air tickets and Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA), will be provided for a total of thirteen days (including 11 days of COP meeting, one day for pre-meetings and one day without formal meetings) for up to 100 funded participants for the Stockholm Convention or a total of 300 funded participants for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in Geneva, Switzerland. (see concept notes for BC COP-12 and RC COP-8) 			

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED	
<p>Expected results: Full and active participation of all country parties, in particular developing country parties and parties with economies in transition, in the activities of the Stockholm Convention to improve the legitimacy of Convention decisions and encourage the implementation of the Convention at the local, national, regional and international levels.</p> <p>Indicators of success: Participation of at least one representative per party to the Stockholm Convention and that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (subject to availability of funding).</p> <p>Means of verification: List of participants of the 2017 COPs meetings.</p>	
PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY	
<p>Eligible participants to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention will be offered the opportunity to participate in online briefings, permanent mission briefings as well as regional preparatory meetings so as to provide information on the organization of work and issues on the agendas of the 2017 triple COPs and to facilitate regional consultations in advance of the meetings.</p>	
GENDER MAINSTREAMING	
<p>In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, in the nomination process of participants, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding, the Secretariat will take into account the procedure for the allocation of funding from the voluntary Special Trust Fund (SV) for facilitating the participation of parties in meetings of the Conference of the Parties (SC-5/2, annex), paying special attention to gender balance.</p>	
OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING	
<p>The announcement of the meeting will be made through the website of the Convention and a series of briefing webinars. After the meeting, the outcomes of the meeting will be reported through press releases and meeting documents on the website. Coverage by reporting services such as the Earth Negotiations Bulletin of IISD Reporting Services may be provided subject to availability of resources. More specifically, information on funded participants will be presented to the Conference of the Parties in pre-session documents and an update will be provided during the meeting.</p>	
BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	-
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	-
TRAVEL	814,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	814,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>105,820</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	919,820