

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		Strengthening the capacity of newly nominated POPs Review Committee members with terms of office 2018-2022 and supporting the participation of additional experts required in the work of the Committee	
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	n/a
Project start date: 01/08/2016		Project completion date: 01/11/2017	
		Total duration: 15 months	
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
Activity 6 (SC):Twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee SC-7/15: Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee SC-1/7: Establishment of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>In accordance with the terms of reference set out in the annex to decision SC-1/7, the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting is expected to identify 17 parties to nominate experts to serve as the members of the Committee with terms of office from 5 May 2018 to 4 May 2022. Out of the 17 experts, up to 13 experts are from developing countries or countries with economies in transition.</p> <p>The project is to provide these incoming members with orientation to the work of the Committee. Prior to the start of their terms of office, the newly nominated experts are invited to participate in the Committee's thirteenth meeting in 2017 as "observers". The experts will be familiarized with chemicals under consideration and various processes relevant to the review of chemicals by the Committee. The experts will also have the opportunity to interact with the current members and share experiences during the meeting.</p> <p>Furthermore, according to its terms of reference, the Committee may invite up to 30 experts who are not members of the Committee to support its work. For example in past years, the Committee invited experts on bioaccumulation, debromination, toxic interactions, and alternatives to chemicals under review. The average number of experts invited per meeting in the last 8 years is 4.</p> <p>The terms of reference also provide that the meeting of the Committee is open to parties and observers, which are treated as observers in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties for the purpose of their participation in the committee. The Secretariat has received a number of requests from observers including from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to support their participation in the meetings of the Committee. The participation of observers increases their involvement in the convention's work and facilitates their preparations for discussions of items dealt with by the POPRC at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>In reviewing the chemicals proposed for listing in the annexes to the Stockholm Convention, the Committee highly relies on the information and comments provided by parties and observers. 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>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The newly nominated members will be invited to participate in the thirteenth meeting of the Committee in October 2017 as observers. The Secretariat will provide travel support for up to 13 experts from developing countries or countries with economies in transition. During the meeting, two orientation sessions will be organized by the Secretariat, in cooperation with the current members. 2. Up to 4 invited experts as required by the Committee, and other observers, upon request and within available resources, will participate in the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Committee in October 2017 and 2018, respectively. 			

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The newly nominated members will have a clear understanding on the POPRC process and will be able to fully participate in the intersessional work to develop draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluation documents. The experience of the current members will be shared with the incoming members and a smooth rotation of the membership will be facilitated. The invited experts will participate in the meetings of the Committee and provide expertise necessary to support its work. The meetings of the Committee will have balanced participation by observers including from developing countries and countries in economies in transition. <p>Indicator of success:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work of the POPRC and in the upcoming POPRC meetings; Expertise by observer experts provided to the work of the POPRC meetings as necessary. <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of participants; Report of the meeting; Feedback from members and observers on the organization of the meeting. 	
PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY	
<p>In order to promote an orderly rotation of membership, the terms of reference of the Committee provides that one half of the members of each region rotate every 2 years. The 17 newly nominated members have terms of office running from 5 May 2018 to 4 May 2022 while the other half of the Committee members have terms of office running from 5 May 2016 to 4 May 2020. The experience and knowledge acquired by the half of the members will be maintained in the next rotation of the membership to take place in May 2020.</p>	
GENDER MAINSTREAMING	
<p>The members of the Committee are appointed by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, taking into account gender and the need for a balance between different types of expertise. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will continue encouraging parties and observers to take into account gender-related aspects in their nomination of participants to the POPRC meetings, in order to have a balanced gender representation within delegations. The Secretariat will also advise, where relevant, of any potential gender impacts of the proposals developed for consideration by the COP.</p>	
OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING	
<p>The announcement of the meetings will be made through the website of the Convention and a series of briefing webinars. After the meetings, the outcomes of the meetings will be reported through press releases and meeting documents on the website. For orientation, the existing publication (Handbook for effective participation in the work of the POPs Review Committee) will be used and supplemental sessions by webinars will be provided. Coverage by reporting services such as the Earth Negotiations Bulletin of IISD Reporting Services may be provided subject to availability of resources.</p>	
BUDGET[USD] FOR 2016-2017	
STAFF PERSONNEL	-
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	-
TRAVEL	105,734
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	105,734
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>13,745</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	119,479