

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:**Work programme activity #: 28**

COP-decisions:

- **SC-5/6 -DDT:** Request for the DDT expert group to undertake an assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of factual information provided by parties and observers and compiled by the Secretariat as referred to in paragraph 10 of that decision for the consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;
- **SC-3/2 DDT:** Established the composition of DDT expert including the process for reporting on and assessment of available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information of DDT to facilitate the COP to undertake an evaluation of continued need for DDT for disease vector control.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

DDT is listed in Annex B of the Stockholm Convention with its uses in disease vector control in accordance with Part II of Annex B of the Convention as an acceptable purpose¹.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of Part II of Annex B, commencing at its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in consultation with the World Health Organization, evaluates the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information.

The fifth meeting of the COP concluded that countries that are relying on DDT for disease vector control may need to continue such use until locally appropriate and cost-effective alternatives are available for a sustainable transition away from DDT, and decided to evaluate the continued need for DDT for disease vector control at its sixth meeting in 2013 with the objective of accelerating the identification and development of locally appropriate cost-effective and safe alternatives.

Parties that use DDT for acceptable purposes are required by the Convention to notify the Secretariat of their intention to produce and/or use it² and submit reports, every three years, to the Secretariat and the World Health Organization on the amount used, the conditions of its use and its relevance to their disease management strategies³.

The same decision requested the Secretariat to take active steps to collect and compile the information necessary to facilitate the work of the DDT expert group.

During the COP 5 this activity was moved from the regular budget to voluntary trust fund thus creating a need for securing funding through voluntary contributions to the Stockholm Convention. This activity is considered high priority as it undertakes a specific mandate under the Convention.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- Meeting of the DDT expert group: The meeting is planned for 23-24 October 2012, in IEH-I in Geneva, Switzerland

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Recommendations to the COP 6 on the assessment of scientific, technical, environmental and economic information on the production and use of DDT for disease vector control to facilitate the COP to evaluate continued need for DDT

BUDGET [USD]

<i>Travel and DSA for the members of the DDT expert group</i>	<i>45,000</i>
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	45,000
COP APPROVED BUDGET (SV trust fund)	565,000
Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Germany and Switzerland	46,949

¹ The Stockholm Convention of Persistent Organic Pollutants

² Ibid, Paragraph 1, Part II, Annex B

³ Ibid, paragraph 4