

**Convention: BC**

**Support for implementation of the component A of the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention**

**LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:**

**Work programme activity #: 9, 18, 33**

Programme budget for 2012–2013

COP Decisions:

- BC-10/2: Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012-2021
- BC-10/3: Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP 10) adopted a decision on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention (Decision BC-10/3). Section A of this decision addresses the entry into force of the Ban Amendment, its section E specifies activities aiming to combat illegal traffic more effectively, while section F requests assisting developing countries which are facing specific challenges with regard to prohibiting the import of hazardous wastes. Section D is related to building capacity and further strengthening the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centers.

To support the implementation of Decision BC-10/3, with a focus on its section A, the Secretariat in cooperation with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa in Senegal organized the Global workshop on the facilitation of the entry into force of the Ban Amendment which took place in Dakar, Senegal from 3 to 4 August 2012. The workshop brought together Basel Convention Parties, Secretariat and other stakeholders to discuss issues and share experiences related to the Ban Amendment. The second Global workshop on the Ban Amendment is planned to take place in El Salvador in early 2013.

The workshops serve to identify barriers and challenges related to the ratification of the Ban Amendment and effective implementation of the Basel Convention in general. As a follow up on the outcomes of the workshop, the proposed activities aim to support two countries requested assistance from the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision BC-10/3, including its section A.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:**

- *National consultations aiming in two countries with the objective to support these countries to ratify and implement the Ban Amendment;*
- *Legal support in meeting the objectives of the strategic framework and Decision BC-10/3 regarding effective implementation of parties' obligations;*
- *Strengthening national coordination and information exchange on chemicals and wastes through establishing or optimizing the inter-ministerial coordination mechanism for chemicals and wastes management;*
- *National training activities (face-to-face in combination with online tools) on improving effectiveness of the implementation of the Basel Convention.*

**RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- Progress toward the ratification the Ban Amendment;
- Clear understanding of the complex issues related to the implementation of the Basel Convention;
- Better inter-ministerial coordination and information exchange at the national level for chemicals and waste management;
- Training and awareness-raising materials available;
- Increased awareness of the tools and means for effective implementation of the Basel Convention;
- Implementation of selected components of the decision BC-10/3 strengthened.

**BUDGET [USD]**

<i>Meetings and training activities</i>	<i>50,000</i>
<i>Consultants and experts</i>	<i>34,000</i>
<i>Secretariat travel</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
<b>Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Switzerland</b>	<b>100,000</b>