

Convention: BC

Minimization and the environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste affecting most exposed populations in various economic sectors in all regions in the context of the implementation of the Basel Convention

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Work programme activity #: 32

Programme budget for 2012–2013

COP-decisions:

- BC-10/23: Capacity building for the implementation of the Basel Convention
- BC-10/7: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury.
- BC-10/27: Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Parties to Basel Convention adopted guidelines on the environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste. The Basel Convention regime encompasses the monitoring and control of transboundary movements of mercury waste, the prevention of illegal traffic in such waste and the development of environmentally sound management policies at the national level. Mounting problems requiring an adequate answer are being expressed by developing countries and countries with economies in transition in this field and include imports of second-hand and end-of-life equipment containing mercury. The mandate for the development of a capacity-building and technical assistance programme to reduce and prevent pollution from mercury is given by Basel Convention Decision X/27 on the programme and budget of the Basel Convention for 2012-2013 (COP10).

This project on the environmentally sound management (ESM) of mercury waste in developing countries that are parties to the Basel Convention aims to develop capacity for decision-making tools for the ESM of mercury waste in various economic sectors, provide guidance to national authorities as they undertake a national inventory and prepare national environmentally sound management plans and deliver training to decision-makers and field operators. This project aims at developing pilot activities to implement the Basel Convention technical guidelines on the ESM of mercury wastes. It is proposed that the BCRCs implement pilot projects in all UN regions.

Synergies with other projects implemented by members of the mercury supply and storage partnership, the mercury in products partnership and the mercury waste management partnership could be developed as well as with UNEP Chemicals

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- Development of guidance on solutions for the ESM of mercury wastes in various sectors
- Inventories on mercury containing waste
- Draft national plans for the ESM of mercury containing wastes
- Awareness raising workshops on illegal traffic of mercury containing wastes
- Regional workshop with participating countries and other countries in the regions to disseminate the results of the project

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Capacity of Parties to the Basel Convention is developed for the ESM of mercury wastes
- Awareness of ESM and illegal traffic of mercury containing wastes is raised among stakeholders

BUDGET [USD]

<i>BUDGET COMPONENTS</i>	
<i>1. Meetings and training activities</i>	<i>300,000</i>
<i>2. Consultants and experts</i>	<i>150,000</i>
<i>3. Assessments, surveys and studies</i>	<i>400,000</i>
<i>4. Tools and training materials</i>	<i>75,000</i>
<i>5. Coordination and organization</i>	<i>60,000</i>
<i>6. Secretariat travel</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>7. Miscellaneous</i>	<i>5,000</i>
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	1,010,000
COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)	1,010,000
