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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		Coordination of and support for the Basel and Stockholm convention regional centres and cooperation and coordination between regional centres (PoW 19) - Small grant pilot projects	
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	Global
MANDATE			
Convention Article: Article 14 of the Basel Convention and Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decision BC-13/11, BC-13/2; BC-13/5; BC-13/12; BC-13/21, BC-13/22 of the Basel Convention; and SC-8/15; SC-8/5; SC-8/17; SC-8/24; SC-8/25 of the Stockholm Convention.			
Rationale			
<p>The regional centres contribute to the implementation of the three conventions and play a key role as one of the main actors in the delivery of technical assistance and technology transfer at the national and regional levels. The Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres serve as an entry point for Parties to channel their needs for technical assistance in order to implement their obligations under the conventions. The activity is aimed at strengthening and ensuring the effective functioning of the regional centres in order to ensure their delivery of technical assistance and the transfer of technology to eligible Parties for the implementation of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions. The Secretariat will undertake a number of activities to enhance the effectiveness of the regional centres, which include pilot projects (Small Grant Projects or SGP) implemented by the regional centres. The regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions will be provided opportunity to implement their business plans/workplans on the priority areas of the conventions by inviting them to submit project proposals. This is expected to promote a competitive spirit among the centres in preparing the best project proposals that ensure significant assistance to eligible recipient Parties in meeting their obligations under the Basel and Stockholm conventions with a special focus on, but not limited to, strengthening synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and other MEAs within the chemicals and wastes cluster where possible; Activities presented below contribute to the implementation of the technical assistance plan in 2018-2019. The cross cutting and specific thematic priorities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are set out in PoW activities 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, and 24 respectively.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes: Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions are able to implement their obligations under these conventions due to technical assistance and capacity building support provided by the regional centres. The regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions are provided opportunities to forge collaboration through coordination, and networking among themselves and with other relevant stakeholders by promoting the comparative advantage and specific expertise of each of these centres.			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
1. Number of technical assistance and capacity building projects implemented by each centres 2. Satisfaction of the developing country parties from the assistance provided by the regional centres		1. Activity reports of the centres; 2. Parties' evaluation of the performance of the regional centres.	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018	Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months	

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS**Sustainable Development Goals:**

The project supports directly SDG target 12.4 related to sustainable consumption and production where, by 2020, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes should be achieved throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and their release to air, water and soil should be significantly reduced to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment.

Gender mainstreaming:

Regional centres, in addition to their regular activities, also are a training arm of the Secretariat in promoting the implementation of the conventions in the regions. The Secretariat will continue to engage the centres in its gender-related activities so that the centres will reach out to the regional, national and local stakeholders on the mainstreaming of gender into the chemicals and wastes management. Promotion of gender equality will be one of the guiding principles in the selection of topics and discussion points for the annual meetings, as well as in the selection of proposals under the Small Grant Projects. Participants will be encouraged to be aware of cultural and social aspects when implementing national and regional projects.

Integrated Approach:

Many of the regional centres are located within universities and have a close interface with academia, industries and waste management authorities and hence they have direct relevance with the integrated approach. Further to this, the centres in collaboration with the beneficiary country could get involved in the projects on national institutional strengthening that are approved by the special programme.

PARTNERS

The activity will be implemented for the regional centres in collaboration with various partners including UNEP's regional offices and the Chemicals and Wastes sub-programme coordinators, FAOs regional offices, the GEF Secretariat, the Special Programme Secretariat, the Minamata Convention Secretariat, network of National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs), bilateral donors, etc.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]

Activity	Output type	Budget
Select the best four proposals from their business plans/workplans to be implemented by the regional centres such that two projects from each cluster of BCRCs and SCRCs every year are selected and funded	Pilot projects	540,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		540,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>70,200</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		610,200