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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, including the prior informed consent database and the Rotterdam Convention website in English, French and Spanish (PoW 25)	
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			
<p>Conventions Articles: Articles 3, 4, 6, 10, 13 and 16 of the Basel Convention; Articles 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 14 of the Rotterdam Convention; Articles 4, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>COP decision(s): Omnibus decisions taken in 2013 (BC.Ex-2/1, RC.Ex-2/1, SC.Ex-2/1) – paragraph 17; Decisions BC-12/21 of the Basel Convention, RC-7/11 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-7/29 of the Stockholm Convention</p>			
Rationale			
<p>The conventions define their secretariats as having a key role in the information exchange procedures and mechanisms to facilitate their implementation, effectively serving as centralized hubs for collecting, repackaging, translating if necessary and disseminating information relevant to the implementation of the conventions, including information on human health and environmental impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes, as well as legal and administrative measures that the states have put in place to mitigate those impacts and to produce, use and dispose chemicals in an environmentally sound manner.</p> <p>The joint clearing-house mechanism facilitates or undertakes the identification, collection, management, access to and exchange of information in relation to the sound management of chemicals and wastes. By promoting the understanding of scientific, technical and legal aspects of the three conventions it supports Parties and other stakeholders in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. The joint clearing-house mechanism mainly provides access to information via the conventions' websites.</p> <p>By decisions BC-12/21, RC-7/11 and SC-7/29, the conferences of the Parties requested the Secretariat to provide, within available resources, access to thematic information in a number of priority areas. While funds have been raised to implement activities in certain areas, it is expected that work in some areas, such as technology transfer and transfer of know-how, regional centres, national reporting, the prior informed consent procedure and other notification procedures under the conventions and priority waste streams, will continue in the biennium 2018-2019.</p> <p>The factsheet on activity 25 provides an overview of the activities to be undertaken in relation to the joint clearing-house mechanism. Further details about sub-activities and their outcomes can be found in the document on the draft workplan for the implementation of the joint clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2018–2019 (UNEP/CHW.13/INF/48-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/39-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/43).</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes: Access to information relevant to the conventions, from Parties and other stakeholders, is provided.			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of information tools and packages made available; 2. Number of information sources that are feeding the joint clearing-house mechanism; 3. Number of new pages, number of pages updated on the conventions' websites; 4. Number of documents made available; 5. Number of visits and page views on the conventions' websites. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of tools and information packages accessible from the clearing-house mechanism web section; 2. Information exchange agreements; 3. Websites statistics; 4. Documents statistics; 5. Websites statistics. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018		Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS		
Sustainable Development Goals:		
By ensuring proper access to information related to the sound management of chemicals and wastes, this activity contributes to the Sustainable Development Goal 9 on “Industry, innovation and infrastructure” (target 9.c) and 16 on “Peace, justice and strong institutions” (target 16.10). By supporting the implantation of the conventions, it also contributes to targets 3.9, 6.3, 11.6, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5.		
Gender mainstreaming:		
In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the joint clearing-house mechanism will collect and provide access to information on gender issues related to chemicals and wastes management.		
Integrated Approach:		
The joint clearing-house mechanism activities will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among Parties and relevant stakeholders at the global and regional level, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, thus promoting the sound management of chemicals and wastes. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.		
PARTNERS		
Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres, OECD eChem portal group, Members of the InforMEA initiative, including SAICM and the Minamata Convention.		
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]		
Activity	Output type	Budget
Enhance the “chemical profiles” to include information provided by selected partners (sub-activity 5)	Information exchange with eChem portal	50,000
Development of a joint portal on information from regional centres (sub-activity 6)	Regional centres portal	55,000
Online visualization tool for data and trends using information submitted by Parties through national reports, the PIC procedure and other notification procedures under the conventions (sub-activity 7)	Interactive online factsheets	45,000
Development of an online library on priority waste streams, including related guidelines (sub-activity 8)	Online library (priority waste streams)	15,000
Integration of the ENFORCE website on illegal traffic issues into the joint clearing-house mechanism (sub-activity 9)	ENFORCE website integration (illegal traffic)	20,000
Development of an online catalogue on alternatives to chemicals (sub-activity 10)	Alternative Technologies Catalogue	65,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		250,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>32,500</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		282,500