**Project Concept Note**

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| **CONVENTIONS :** | | **PROJECT TITLE :** | | | |
| 🞏BC 🞏RC ◼SC 🞏SYN | | **Sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and orientation to newly appointed members of the Committee (PoW6)** | | | |
| **FUNDING OPTIONS:** | | **TYPE / LOCATION** | | | **TARGETED COUNTRIES:** |
| 🞏Funding in full  ◼ Partial funding possible | | ◼ Global 🞏 Regional 🞏 National | | | Global |
| **MANDATE** | | | | | |
| **Convention Article:** Article 19 (paragraph 6) and Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention  **COP decision(s):** Decision SC-9/10 of the Stockholm Convention | | | | | |
| **Rationale** | | | | | |
| The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) is a subsidiary body to the Stockholm Convention. At its meetings, the Committee reviews chemicals in accordance with Article 8 as well as Annexes D, E and F to the Convention and makes recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on listing of such chemicals in Annex A, B and/or C to the Convention.  The operations of the POPRC involve many specific procedures and policies. For the purpose of providing orientation on the work of the Committee, the members to be appointed by the COP in May 2021, with terms of office starting in May 2020, will be invited to participate in the seventeenth meeting of the Committee in 2021 as observers. Incoming experts will thus have the opportunity to interact with the current members and share experiences.  Furthermore, according to its terms of reference, the Committee may invite up to 30 experts, who are not members of the Committee, to support it in its work. Experts are designated and invited for their areas of expertise or specific substance knowledge to contribute to the work of the Committee. | | | | | |
| **Outcomes and indicators of achievement** | | | | | |
| **Outcomes:** Newly appointed members have a clear understanding of the POPRC processes and are able to fully participate in the intersessional work and future meetings of the Committee thereby facilitating a smooth rotation of the membership.  **Activities:**  1. Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents;  2. Provide conference services at the meeting;  3. Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security);  4. Provide interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages;  5. Prepare, edit and translate the meeting report;  6. Provide orientation to the new members who will start their term of office in May 2022. | | | | | |
| **Indicators of achievement:**   1. Travel of sponsored incoming members whose terms of office start in May 2022 organized; 2. Facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work and in meetings; 4. Contributions made by invited experts during the meeting of the Committee. | | | **Means of verification:**   1. Meeting webpage and list of participants; 2. Feedback from members; 3. POPRC-16 and 17 meeting reports; 4. Feedback from incoming members. | | |
| **IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME** | | | | | |
| Project start date: 05/2020 | Project completion date: 12/2021 | | | | Total duration: *20 months* |
| **SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS** | | | | | |
| **Sustainable Development Goals:** In reviewing the chemicals proposed for listing in the annexes to the Stockholm Convention, the Committee highly relies on the information and comments provided by members, Parties and observers. By supporting the participation of members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda, which reaffirmed the continued need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision-making, and to the specific chemicals and waste related Sustainable Development Goals.  **Gender mainstreaming:** The members of the Committee are nominated by their governments and appointed by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of their expertise in chemicals management and equitable geographical distribution. Among the current 31 Committee members, 12 are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, in the nomination process of members and experts, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within the Committee.  **Integrated Approach:** The work of the Committee contributes to the mainstreaming of chemicals management into national development plans and budgets by increasing the information available on the chemicals under review (risk assessment and risk management evaluation) and recommending their listing to the Convention to protect human health and environment. Observers, such as relevant NGOs and industry associations, participate in the work of the Committee and provide information and comments on the chemicals under review. As observer, the NGOs and industry are thus involved in the operations of the Committee. | | | | | |
| **PARTNERS** | | | | | |
| Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | | | | | |
| **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET [USD]** | | | | | |
| **Activity** | | | | **Voluntary budget** | |
| Experts’ support from 6 experts to support the work of the Committee during the sixteenth and seventeenth meetings | | | | 45,372 | |
| Meeting and travel costs for approximately 15 future members in the seventeenth meeting of the Committee | | | | 55,188 | |
| **DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET** | | | | 100,560 | |
| *Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%* | | | | 13,073 | |
| **TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET** | | | | 113,633 | |