

Convention: SYN	Destruction of banks of ozone depleting substances (ODS) and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Central America
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:	
Work programme activity #: S4	
COP-decisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synergies decisions SC-5/27, RC-5/12, BC-10/29; decision BC-10/19; and decision XX/7 of the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. 	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	
<p>The Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Central America and Mexico (BCRC-CAM), located in El Salvador, is undertaking a pilot programme to conduct a feasibility assessment, preparation and organization of the destruction of banks of ODS and POPs in Central American countries.</p> <p>Inventory and collection activities were carried out. The feasibility assessment was done in September 2011. National ODS and POPs destruction plans are under development as well as a prefeasibility study on certifying cement kilns capable of co-processing. The project is funded by Norway, Switzerland and Canada and will come to its end in 2012. The proposed project follows-up on the work done under this project and aims at supporting the set up and operation of a destruction facility in the region.</p>	
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the pilot destruction operations with facilitating one awareness raising and support meeting for politicians in participating countries. • Two training and dissemination meetings for technical staff from the participating countries. • External monitoring assessment of the destruction operations. • Documentation support (documentation of the pilot activities in journals, websites, etc.) • 	
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The destruction of banks of ODS and POPs in six Central American countries is facilitated. • The overall aim is to find ways to encourage, finance, and streamline shipment of ODS, GHG, and POPs to safe destruction without opening loopholes that would allow the unsafe or undesirable shipment of other toxic and hazardous substances and wastes 	
BUDGET [USD] FOR 2013	
<i>BUDGET COMPONENTS</i>	
<i>1. Awareness raising and support meeting for politicians in six participating countries</i>	<i>12,000</i>
<i>2. Two training and dissemination meetings for technical staff from six participating countries</i>	<i>38,000</i>
<i>3. Consultancy for external monitoring assessment of the destruction operations</i>	<i>45,000</i>
<i>4. Outreach and documentation (video, articles, photo documentation)</i>	<i>3,000</i>
<i>5. Coordination, organization and reporting</i>	<i>15,000</i>
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	113,000
COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD, RV, SV trust funds)	400,000
Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Canada and Norway	123,968