

Convention: SYN

Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: annual joint meeting in 2013 for cooperation and coordination between regional centres and FAO and UNEP regional offices

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Work programme activity #: S8

- Synergy decision (BC-10/29 of Basel COP, RC-5/12 of Rotterdam COP and SC-5/27 of Stockholm COP) relating to regional centre and regional delivery of technical assistance and technology transfer
- Related activities (Annex I, Section III) approved in the work programmes for all three Conventions
 - Cooperation and coordination between regional centres and FAO and UNEP regional offices: annual joint meetings

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Regional Centres of the Basel and of the Stockholm Conventions constitute a network of institutions with a specific mandate to undertake capacity building and technology transfer to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition to fulfill their obligations under these two Conventions. The Regional Centres have become an essential part of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions playing a key role in the national and regional implementation of these conventions, alongside the UNEP and FAO Regional Offices.

A coordinated use of regional offices and the centres is an important component of the process of enhancing the cooperation and coordination between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the so-called “synergies” process. Based on the COPs synergies decisions, the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions have organized annual joint meetings with the Regional Centres under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions since 2009. As requested by the Parties to the three Conventions, UNEP and FAO Regional Offices were also brought to this process since 2010.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- Organizing in Autumn 2013 a three day face to face meeting of the coordinators/directors of the regional centres under the Basel and the Stockholm Conventions including representation from FAO and UNEP regional/subregional offices to discuss on the progress made and or challenge faced in the course of providing technical assistance to support in the endeavour of the developing country Parties to meet their obligations under these Conventions

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- To support the process of developing strategic plan on harmonized process for the establishment, operation and performance evaluation to ensure enhanced delivery of technical assistance and technology transfer through the network of regional centres (both SC and BC) in context of institutional restructuring at the secretariat.
- The meeting is expected to achieve also the following:
 - Identifying new areas for joint collaboration among various regional partners
 - Exchanging experience and expertise including best practices
 - Update of identifying centres of excellence in various thematic areas
 - Consultation among geographical and expertise groups for improved regional cooperation and coordination
 - Updating the plan of action for current biennium
- The meeting will facilitate the continuous coordination of Centre’s activities on regional delivery of technical assistance

BUDGET [USD]	
<i>BUDGET COMPONENTS</i>	<i>[BUDGET IN USD]</i>
1. <i>Participant travel:</i>	
<i>DSA (3+1.5 Day) USD 394*4.5*20</i>	35,460
<i>DSA (FAO and UNEP regional office joining on third day) (1.5+1 day) USD 394*2.5*10</i>	9,850
<i>Airfare USD 2,000*30</i>	60,000
2. <i>Miscellaneous (rents, tea/coffee etc) = US\$ 5,000</i>	5,000
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	110,310
COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD, RV, SV trust funds)	200,000
Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by EC and Norway	170,201