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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention (PoW 22) - Developing guidance on alternatives to new POPs (SCCPs and decaBDE) and information collection for the review of specific exemptions	
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: Articles 3, 4, 8 and Annex A to the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decisions SC-8/8: Implementation plans; SC-8/10: Listing of decabromodiphenyl ether; SC-8/11: Listing of short-chain chlorinated paraffins; SC-8/13: Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether; SC-8/14: Review of information related to specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins			
Rationale			
<p>By decisions SC-8/10 and SC-8/11, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention listed decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) and short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs), respectively, in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions. Further, the Conference of the Parties adopted decisions SC-8/13 and SC-8/14 to review information related to specific exemptions for decaBDE and SCCPs, respectively. The review of information includes availability of alternatives to those chemicals for the uses allowed as specific exemptions.</p> <p>Furthermore, in decision SC-8/8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the POPs Review Committee and the experts on best available techniques and best environmental practices (BAT/BEP), taking into account comments from Parties and others, and subject to the availability of resources, to develop draft guidance documents on alternatives for the phase-out of newly listed POPs (decaBDE and SCCPs) for consideration at COP-9.</p> <p>The activities under this project will be implemented in coordination with activities listed in factsheet 16 on training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p>The activities related to decisions SC-8/11 on listing of short-chain chlorinated paraffins and SC-8/14 on review of information related to specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins will be undertaken under the current project. The activities related to decisions SC-8/10 on listing of decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE) and SC-8/13 on review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether will be undertaken together with activities related to other brominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on alternatives to newly listed POPs, in particular on SCCPs and decaBDE is collected; Guidance on alternatives to those chemicals is developed, in consultation with relevant experts; The scientific content of technical assistance materials related to environmentally sound management of industrial POPs is developed and the relevant technical assistance activities are supported. 			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Information on alternatives to decaBDE and SCCPs collected; Guidance on alternatives to decaBDE and SCCPs is developed; Guidance related to the collection of information to facilitate the review of entries in the register of specific exemptions for industrial POPs, in particular SCCPs, developed; Number of technical assistance activities undertaken using the information and guidance made available under the current project. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Information on alternatives to decaBDE and SCCPs made available on the Convention website; Guidance on alternatives to decaBDE and SCCPs published on the Convention website; Guidance related to the collection of information to facilitate the review of entries in the register of specific exemptions for industrial POPs published on the Convention website; Report of technical assistance activities related to alternatives to decaBDE and SCCPs. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>11/2018</i>	Total duration: <i>11 months</i>

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Sustainable Development Goals: The activities contribute to delivering of the post-2015 development agenda and relevant sustainable development goals, in particular through promoting healthy lives and well-being by environmentally sound management of chemicals and minimizing and ultimately eliminating releases of POPs and related exposure to hazardous chemicals (Sustainable Development Goal 3).

Gender mainstreaming: The activities consider involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. The development of various guidance documents aims at reducing exposure to hazardous

chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.

Integrated Approach: The activities contribute to the implementation of the integrated approach to addressing the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes in particular through enhancing industry's involvement in information gathering and developing guidance and reports, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.

PARTNERS

POPs Review Committee, Parties, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centers, UN Environment and other relevant international organizations within the UN system, industry associations, OECD, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Support the collection of information to facilitate the review of entries in the register of specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins	Guidance documents	10,000
Develop guidance on alternatives to industrial POPs (decaBDE and SCCPs)	Guidance documents	58,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		68,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>8,840</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		76,840