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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) - Support the process for listing new chemicals: collecting information on POPs in products, identifying sectors using industrial POPs	
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, 6, 8 and Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decisions SC-8/1: Exemptions; SC-8/8: Implementation plans; SC-8/9: Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee			
Rationale			
<p>In accordance with the process set out in Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention, the Conference of the Parties, taking due account of the recommendations of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, decides on listing of a chemical in Annexes A, B, and/or C to the Convention. The Committee's recommendations are based on risk profiles and risk management evaluation documents. The information submitted by Parties and observers for this purpose is essential for the Committee to develop those documents and make sound recommendations on listing of chemicals.</p> <p>By decisions SC-8/10 and SC-8/11, the Conference of the Parties listed decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) and short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs), respectively, in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions. With those amendments, the Stockholm Convention has added a total of 16 new chemicals, of which 10 are industrial chemicals.</p> <p>In order to implement the Stockholm Convention and its related processes adopted by the Conference of the Parties for industrial POPs, Parties, particularly from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, require assistance in collecting information on industrial POPs; identifying the needs for exemptions; developing and implementing strategies for the elimination and environmentally sound management of industrial POPs.</p> <p>Furthermore, to support the Article 8 process for listing new chemicals, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision SC-8/9, requested the Secretariat to continue, subject to the availability of resources, to assist the POPs Review Committee in collecting information on POPs in products as necessary for its review of chemicals and to provide Parties with guidance on labelling for the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B. The current project provides guidance and tools to support the process for listing new chemicals and addressing newly listed POPs, in particular industrial chemicals. With regard to labelling, document entitled "Labelling of products or articles that contain POPs-initial consideration (March 2017)" has been developed and made available on the Convention website (http://chm.pops.int/tabid/3174/Default.aspx), which could be further refined for this purpose.</p> <p>This activity will be implemented in coordination with activities listed in factsheet 6 on the 14th and 15th meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutant Review Committee and factsheet 16 on training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific and technical support is provided to the POPs Review Committee during meetings and the intersessional period; • Parties and observers receive support and guidance in collecting information on POPs including those contained in products and on labelling for the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B; • Guidance on identification of sectors using industrial POPs is developed; • The scientific content of technical assistance materials related to industrial POPs is developed and the relevant technical assistance activities are supported. 			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of scientific and technical documents developed for the POPs Review Committee 2. Information made available to the POPs Review Committee to support its review of chemicals; 3. Number of guidance related to industrial POPs, including on the identification of sectors using industrial POPs, developed; 4. Number of technical assistance activities undertaken using the guidance developed under the current project. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the POPs Review Committee meetings; 2. Website of the POPs Review Committee posting information received from Parties and observers; 3. Guidance on identification of sectors using industrial POPs published on the Convention website; 4. Report of technical assistance activities related to industrial POPs. 	
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
Develop scientific and technical documents in support of the work of POPRC (support POPRC in collecting information on POPs in products and provide Parties with guidance on labelling for the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B)	Experts' support	40,000
Develop guidance on identification of sectors using industrial POPs	Guidance documents	20,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		60,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>7,800</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		67,800