

<b>Convention: SC</b>	<b>Financial assistance facilitation: develop and implement a programme to facilitate and improve access to financial support and technical assistance to assist developing country parties and parties with economies in transition to undertake activities and build the capacity required to meet their obligations under the Convention.</b>
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>	
<b>Work programme activity #: 9</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC-5/28: Financing and budget for the biennium 2012–2013</li> <li>• SC-5/20: Guidance on technical assistance (paragraph 8)</li> </ul>	
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>	
<p>Paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the Convention states that the Parties recognize that rendering of timely and appropriate technical assistance in response to the requests from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition is essential to the successful implementation of the Convention. Paragraph 2 of the Article 13 makes a provision of establishing a financial mechanism to support the eligible Parties in meeting their obligation under the Convention. Further by Article 14 the Convention entrusted the GEF as the principle entity for the operation of financial mechanism. Subsequently COP 1 adopted the by decisions SC-1/15 the Guidance of Technical Assistance and by SC-1/9 the Guidance to the Financial Mechanism.</p> <p>Eligible Parties received funding for the preparation of their national implementation plans in active facilitation by the GEF implementing agencies. However only very few Parties so far have approached the GEF directly or through implementing agencies for the post NIP project and only a handful of these have received such funding.</p> <p>In every COP, Parties have raised the concern that they have not been able to mobilize enough financial resources through these arrangements to meet their obligations. This clearly shows that there is a gap of information and encouragements among the Parties to access the funding for technical assistance.</p>	
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of materials/tools to convey the message to the parties on how to access the funding</li> <li>• Identifying those obstacles and barriers which may have discouraged the Parties to access to the funding</li> <li>• Interaction programmes aimed to improve the situation among the stakeholders</li> <li>• Awareness raising among the eligible parties on the technical assistance and financial mechanism programmes under the Convention</li> </ul>	
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Parties applying for GEF funding is increased significantly</li> <li>• Number of Parties approaching GEF and or implementing agencies for the information on how to access the funding is increased significantly</li> <li>• Number of environmentally sound technologies which help in eliminating and or minimizing the POPs are transferred to developing countries or at least the indication of progress in this direction</li> </ul>	
<b>BUDGET [USD]</b>	
<i>BUDGET COMPONENTS</i>	
1. <i>Materials/tools to convey message to the Parties (internally in coordination with GEF)</i>	-
2. <i>Identifying obstacles/barriers and their solutions</i>	10,000
3. <i>Workshops (2 nos.)</i>	100,000
4. <i>Webinars</i>	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>110,000</b>
<b>APPROVED BUDGET (SV trust fund)</b>	<b>110,000</b>