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## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b> <b>Support the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions (PoW 12) - From science to action: enhancing science-based action at the national and regional levels</b>	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b> Global
<b>MANDATE</b> <b>Convention Article:</b> n/a <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions BC-13/22, RC-8/15, SC-8/25: From science to action			
<b>Rationale</b> At their meetings in 2017, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (COPs) emphasized the importance of, and the need to enhance, the interaction between scientists, policy makers and other actors in the policy process to promote exchange, development and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions; and encouraged Parties and other stakeholders to initiate action to promote science-based decision-making and action in the implementation of the conventions at the national level. To support Parties in science-based decision-making and action in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the COPs requested the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, and in collaboration with regional centres, as appropriate, to undertake capacity-building and training activities. Taking note of the Secretariat's draft road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions (UNEP/CHW.13/INF/15-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/35-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/52), the COPs requested the Secretariat to further revise the draft road map with a focus on moving from multilateral dialogue to action at the national and regional levels while avoiding duplication and inconsistencies with existing mechanisms and taking into account the views expressed by Parties during the 2017 COPs, and to prepare a final draft, with a focus on enhancing science-based action at the national and regional levels, for consideration at the 2019 BRS COPs. The outcomes of this project will contribute also to activities undertaken by other forum on mainstreaming science in policy-making e.g. SAICM beyond-2020 process discussions on the science-policy interface for chemicals and waste at the international level.			
<b>Outcomes and indicators of achievement</b> <b>Outcomes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity-building and training activities are undertaken, in collaboration with regional centres, to support Parties in science-based decision-making and action in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;</li> <li>Revised draft road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions is prepared for consideration at the 2019 BRS COPs;</li> <li>Contribution to the global efforts on enhancing the science-policy interface for chemicals and waste.</li> </ul>			
<b>Indicators of achievement:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of capacity-building and training activities to support Parties in science-based decision-making and action in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions undertaken;</li> <li>Revised draft road map prepared with support of experts nominated through the Bureaux of the 2019 BRS COPs.</li> </ol>		<b>Means of verification:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports of training workshops, including the number of men and women trained and feedback from trainees;</li> <li>Revised draft road map published on the website of the BRS conventions.</li> </ol>	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME</b>			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>10/2018</i>	Total duration: <i>10 months</i>

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

**Sustainable Development Goals:** The activity relates to Sustainable Development Goal in which chemicals and wastes seek to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages through substantially reducing the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water, and soil pollution and contamination. Supporting developing countries on user-friendly access to scientific information for informed decision-making on hazardous chemicals would facilitate achieving this goal.

**Gender mainstreaming:** The implementation phase of the roadmap will take into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender will be considered when specific activities are designed and during their implementation and evaluation in any follow-up projects.

**Integrated Approach:** This activity is also supportive of the integrated approach in recognizing the importance of the science-policy interface for the sound management of hazardous chemicals and wastes. The work of the scientific bodies contributes to the mainstreaming of chemicals management into national development plans and budgets by increasing the information available on the chemicals under review and recommending their listing under the conventions to protect human health and the environment.

Observers, including NGOs, IGOs, academia and industry associations, participate in the work of the committees and provide substantive information and comments on the chemicals under review.

**PARTNERS**

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

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Revision of the Road Map	Guidance documents	20,000
Organize two sub-regional workshops to promote the road map and pilot test the guidance	Workshops	100,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>120,000</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>15,600</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>135,600</b>