

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Eleventh meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group (PoW 4)	
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: n/a COP decision(s): Decisions VI/36 and BC-13/17 of the Basel Convention			
Rationale			
<p>The Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) is a subsidiary body of the Basel Convention mandated by decision VI/36 to, among other things, (ii) assist the Conference of the Parties (COP) in developing and keeping under review the operational policies and COP decisions, (ii) consider and advise the COP on issues relating to policy, technical, scientific, legal, institutional, administration and other aspects of the implementation of the Convention, (iii) prepare its work plan for consideration by the COP, and (iv) report to the COP on the activities it has carried out between meetings of the COP.</p> <p>OEWG meetings are supported by a number of briefings, including webinars and permanent mission briefings. Participation in the meetings and briefings will build national institutional memory, knowledge sharing and capacities related to the Basel Convention. It also enables participants to network during parallel events and informal meetings and to explore options for implementing the Convention.</p> <p>Support to travel of participants from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition allows for their full and effective participation in the meeting, resulting in an inclusive decision-making process, improved legitimacy of the decisions adopted and increased commitment towards decisions taken.</p> <p>At its thirteenth meeting, the COP adopted the work programme and future institutional arrangements for the operations of the OEWG, including the duration and format of OEWG-11, taking into account the comments received from Parties and others on experiences gained with regard to the arrangements of OEWG-10.</p> <p>OEWG-11 will be of four days' duration, with two days of plenary sessions with simultaneous interpretation provided, plus one additional day of plenary sessions with interpretation provided subject to the availability of resources, to be applied flexibly by the Executive Secretary, and will be held in Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p><i>The factsheet on activity 4 provides the overview of the activities to be undertaken in relation to the eleventh meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group.</i></p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
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Parties from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition are supported to participate in the 11 th meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group and thus to contribute to the decision-making process. Arrangements for one additional day of plenary sessions with simultaneous interpretation are provided.			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation of at least one representative per Party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition (subject to availability of funding); 2. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups; 3. Number of days of plenary sessions for which simultaneous interpretation services are provided 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of participants of OEWG-11; 2. List of participants of OEWG-11, OEWG-11 meeting report; 3. Schedule for the meeting, feedback from Parties and observers on the organization of the meeting. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>12/2018</i>	Total duration: <i>12 months</i>

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS**Sustainable Development Goals:**

By ensuring the full and effective participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition improves the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Open-ended Working Group and encourages the implementation of the Convention at all levels. As such, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda, which reaffirmed the continued need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision making, and to the specific chemicals and waste related Sustainable Development Goals.

Gender mainstreaming:

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within delegations in the nomination process of participants to the meetings and in the elections of the Bureau members of the Open-ended Working Group. In allocating funding, the Secretariat will take into account the procedure for the allocation of funding from the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund (BD) for facilitating the participation of Parties in meetings of the Open-ended Working Group (BC-10/28), paying special attention to gender balance. The Secretariat will also advise the participants of any potential gender impacts of proposals developed for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group and take gender balance into account in proposing chairs of contact and other groups.

Integrated Approach:

The meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is the global forum which catalyses cooperation and coordination among all Parties and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and private sector, thus promoting the integration of chemicals and wastes into national budgets, sectors and development plans, and enhancing private-public relationships and partnerships. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.

PARTNERS

United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Organize travel of sponsored delegates (up to 136 funded participants)	Participants travel	652,179
Provide one additional day of interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages	Interpretation	17,333
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		669,512
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>87,037</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		756,549