

## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b>		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		<b>Regional preparatory meetings for the 2019 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (PoW 1,2,3)</b>	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b>		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b>	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input type="checkbox"/> Global <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Countries in the African, Asian and the Pacific, Central and Eastern European and Latin American and the Caribbean regions.
<b>MANDATE</b>			
<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 15 of the Basel Convention, Article 18 of the Rotterdam Convention, Article 19 of the Stockholm Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> n/a			
<b>Rationale</b>			
Regional preparatory meetings aim at supporting Parties in their preparation for the 2019 meetings of the conferences of the Parties (COPs), by providing information on the organization of work and issues on the agendas of the COPs. They facilitate regional consultations in advance of the COPs meetings and may assist in developing regional understanding and positions on issues to be discussed and agreed upon at the COPs meetings. They provide a forum to share knowledge, best practices and experience on the activities undertaken by Parties and stakeholders to implement the decisions adopted under the conventions to promote sound management of chemicals and wastes.			
<b>Outcomes and indicators of achievement</b>			
<b>Outcomes:</b> Regional preparatory meetings are held in regions identified above, with high quality services provided. Parties and observers to the conventions are supported in their preparation for the 2019 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, by receiving information on the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and having the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.			
<b>Indicators of achievement:</b>		<b>Means of verification:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation of at least one representative per Party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the regional preparatory meetings (subject to availability of funding);</li> <li>2. Four regional preparatory meetings held (subject to availability of funding).</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List of participants of the regional preparatory meetings;</li> <li>2. Proceedings of regional preparatory meetings.</li> </ol>	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME</b>			
Project start date: <i>10/2018</i>	Project completion date: <i>06/2019</i>	Total duration: <i>8 months</i>	

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

By ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2019, 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.

**Gender mainstreaming:**

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within delegations.

**Integrated Approach:**

The meetings will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among Parties and relevant stakeholders at the regional level, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, 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**

Parties, observers to meetings of the COPs, such as Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres, UN Environment and 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
Organize travel of funded participants and meeting arrangements for four regional preparatory meetings (incl. provision of interpretation, as necessary)	Meeting and travel costs	602,613
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>602,613</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>78,340</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>680,953</b>