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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		Technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (PoW 13) - Supporting Parties to effectively apply mechanisms for review of chemicals within the work of the committees and to enhance collaboration among the subsidiary bodies	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<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	Parties in Latin America and Africa
MANDATE			
Decisions RC-8/9 and SC-8/15 on technical assistance; decision SC-8/9 on operation of the POPRC; decision RC-8/1 on operation of the CRC			
Rationale			
<p>The Chemical Review Committee (CRC) and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) are the scientific subsidiary bodies of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and play a central role in the process of listing new chemicals and advancing the technical work under the conventions. Both committees follow a number of processes and policies in reviewing chemicals and making recommendations for listing in the annexes to the conventions. In their respective decisions RC-8/9 and SC-8/15, on technical assistance, the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions welcomed the technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2018–2021. One of the cross-cutting thematic areas for technical assistance pertains to the effective participation in the work of and coordination among the scientific subsidiary bodies of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Additionally, in decision SC-8/9, on operation of the POPRC, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention requested the Secretariat to continue, subject to the availability of resources, to undertake activities to support Parties and others to participate effectively in the work of the Committee. In decision RC-8/1, on operation of the CRC, the Conference of the Parties to Rotterdam Convention adopted a similar request with respect to facilitating the work of the experts of the Committee. The activities on enhancing effective participation in the work of the committees are intended to serve as a platform to promote the understanding of the scientific and technical aspects of the conventions and facilitate the exchange of scientific and technical information among Parties, current and former members of the committees and other stakeholders so as to contribute to the work of the committees. Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions have expressed the need to continue to undertake activities to support Parties, current and former members of the committees, and stakeholders to participate and contribute effectively in the work of the committees. The key stakeholders of the activity are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National focal points, designated national authorities and official contact points under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Those entities are often different for the two conventions. The workshop will bring them together in the view of discussing national opportunities for collaboration and synergistic implementation of the conventions in the framework of the work of the committees. • Members of the committees: Sharing the experience of committees' members in carrying out their work during meetings and intersessionally will enhance the understanding on the committees' processes and the essential role that the committees play in informing decision-making. It will highlight the importance of contributing to the committees' work so as to support the development of sound recommendations to the COPs and other technical work mandated by the COPs. • Experts: Often the scientific bodies require similar expertise to fulfill their work. Sharing experience between experts will allow the committees to approach issues and deliver their messages in a coherent manner. • Civil society and industry: Their contribution to technical and scientific review processes has been crucial over the past years. Activities presented below contribute to the implementation of the technical assistance plan in 2018-2019. The cross cutting and specific thematic priorities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are set out in PoW activities 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19 respectively. 			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
<p>Outcomes: Enhanced capacities of Parties to increase national coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the BRS conventions. In particular the specific outcomes could be expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The understanding of Parties and stakeholders from two different regions (tentatively Latin America and Africa) on the operation of the subsidiary bodies and the processes for reviewing and listing chemical under the Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions, including the steps, criteria and information requirements, is enhanced; • Awareness in significance of the involvement of Parties and stakeholders in the Committees' work is increased. Guidance on how to participate in the work of CRC and POPRC including submission of information relevant to reviewing of chemicals is provided. More Parties and stakeholders are in a position to submit information necessary for the POPRC to review chemicals; • Opportunities for information exchange, sharing experience, challenges and lessons learned when contributing to the work of the committees and networking among Committee members, experts and Parties and observers is provided; • Opportunity to discuss and explore a more synergized approach for the implementation of the conventions at the national and regional level is provided. 			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of information submitted to the Chemicals Review and the POPs Review Committees by Parties, members and stakeholders in regions trained; 2. Number of men and women as the direct beneficiaries of the workshop. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports and Conventions' websites; 2. Documents of subsidiary body meetings or of other intersessional activities. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018		Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months

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

The project supports directly SDG target 12.4 related to sustainable consumption and production where, by 2020, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes should be achieved throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and their release to air, water and soil should be significantly reduced to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment. It further contributes to SDG target 2.4 to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production; and to SDG target 3.9, to substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination. The project supports SDG target 17.9 by enhancing international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation

Gender mainstreaming:

All capacity development activities set out in PoWs 13 to 16 will take into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender will be considered when specific activities are designed and during the implementation of activities and their evaluation. A basic gender analysis will be conducted for gender relevant activities as part of the design phase. For this specific activity, the principle of gender equality will be applied when delivering the training workshop, in particular, gender aspects will be integrated into the training materials and presentations. Gender equality will be considered in terms of the equal representation of the participants, selection of experts and resource persons, representation at the podium and other relevant activities. Furthermore, gender-differentiated impacts will be highlighted in relation to the candidate and newly chemicals addressed by Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, where applicable.

Integrated Approach:

The capacity development activities are also supportive of the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and waste, as it promotes industry involvement and mainstreaming of the objectives of the conventions into the broader development agenda.

PARTNERS

The activity will be implemented in close collaboration with the regional centers, which will provide administrative support and technical input. The UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch, the Interim Secretariat on the Minamata Convention on Mercury and SAICM will be consulted on the activity when relevant. IOMC organizations will be invited to participate in the workshops and projects. Other relevant key stakeholders, such as the UNEP and FAO Regional Offices, non-governmental organizations and private sector organizations, will be welcomed to participate in the activity.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Regional workshops to support Parties to effectively apply mechanisms for review of chemicals within the work of the committees and to enhance collaboration among the subsidiary bodies	Workshops	240,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		240,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>31,200</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		271,200