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## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b>		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		<b>Technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (PoW 13) - Enhancing the capacity for national reporting for tracking SDG targets and mainstreaming hazardous chemicals and wastes into national strategies on sustainable development</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National	Global
<b>MANDATE</b>			
<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 4, 10,13 and 16 of the Basel Convention; Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention; Articles 12 and 20 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> BC-10/29, BC-10/2, BC-10/3, BC-10/13, BC-10/23, BC-11/11, BC-12/6, BC-12/8, BC-12/9, BC-12/20, and BC-12/22; BC-13/8, BC-13/11, BC-13/16, and BC-13/18, RC-5/12, RC-5/10, RC-5/14, RC-6/11, RC-7/5, RC-7/7, RC-7/10, RC-7/12; RC-8/9, RC-8/10, and RC-8/14, SC-5/27, SC-5/20, SC-6/15, SC-7/15, SC-7/16, SC-7/23, SC-7/28, SC-7/30, SC-8/15, SC-8/17, SC-8/20, and SC-8/21.</p>			
<b>Rationale</b>			
<p>In May 2017, Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in their respective decisions on international cooperation and coordination (BC-13/16, RC-8/10, SC-8/20) welcomed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes the sound management of chemicals and wastes as an essential and integral cross-cutting element of sustainable development, emphasized the important contributions of the BRS Conventions in supporting the Parties to those conventions in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the relevant Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets and requested the Secretariat to assist Parties in their efforts to integrate relevant elements of the conventions into their national plans and strategies for sustainable development, and, as appropriate, legislation. In decision BC-13/8, the COP recognized the importance of the information to be submitted by Parties in their national reports for measuring progress towards SDG12 and encouraged Parties to strengthen their efforts to include such information in their national reports. The proposed activity will involve assisting Parties to identify capacity gaps for preparing national reports, including mapping of existing reporting obligations, requests and surveys at the national level (e.g. Basel and Stockholm Convention reporting obligations, questionnaires by UN Statistical Division, UNECE environmental statistics), mapping data flows (which national agencies are responsible for what type of data collection, supporting national stakeholder consultations among relevant stakeholders, including national statistical offices, analysing information collected against SDGs indicators and identifying measures aiming to enhance data collection for the purpose of reporting under BC and SC and relevant SDG indicators) and mainstreaming hazardous chemicals and wastes into national strategies on sustainable development and implementing the SDGs with the overall objecting of enhancing capacities of Parties to collect data, monitor trends and identify related needs and action in support of evidence-based national decision-making and reporting under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions and the SDG global indicator framework. Activities presented below contribute to the implementation of the technical assistance plan in 2018-2019.</p>			
<b>Outcomes and indicators of achievement</b>			
<p><b>Outcomes:</b> Enhanced capacities of Parties to increase national coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the BRS conventions. In particular, the activity could expect to have the following specific outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced capacity to collect data for preparing and submitting national reports under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions</li> <li>Enhanced understanding of data collection requirements and flows at the national level and the identification the gaps in data and the recommendations to address these gaps;</li> <li>Measures are taken to address the data gaps in selected Parties;</li> <li>Integration of the chemicals and waste management issues, including those addressed by the BRS Conventions into the into national strategies on sustainable development and implementing the SDGs in selected countries;</li> <li>Outreach materials are prepared for the decision-makers and presented at an event(s) in conjunction to the General Assembly meetings, High-Level Political Forum and other relevant events.</li> </ul>			
<b>Indicators of achievement:</b>		<b>Means of verification:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of Parties participating in the technical assistance activities that submit national reports under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions;</li> <li>Cooperation between relevant agencies and statistical offices enhanced in at least two Parties;</li> <li>At least two Parties that have mainstreamed hazardous chemicals and wastes into national strategies on sustainable development and implementing the SDGs.</li> <li>Number of representatives from the Parties that are aware of the importance of gender issues when mainstreaming chemicals and wastes and BRS conventions into the national strategies and plans; and</li> <li>Number of men and women as the direct beneficiaries of the project activities.</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National reports submitted by Parties on the Conventions' webpages;</li> <li>Official documents containing national strategies or plans;</li> <li>Workshop reports and narrative reports submitted by Parties.</li> </ol>	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME</b>			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>12/2019</i>	Total duration: <i>24 months</i>
<b>SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS</b>			

**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. The principle of gender equality will be applied when delivering the training workshop and designing and executing the pilot projects, 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 at the workshop, selection of experts and resource persons, representation at the podium and other relevant activities.

**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 UN Environment Science Division, Chemicals and Health 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
A regional workshop on supporting Parties in submitting national reports under the Basel and Stockholm conventions and SDGs	Workshops	120,000
Pilot project on enhancing capacities for data collection for the national reporting under the Basel and Stockholm conventions and SDGs	Pilot projects	90,000
Pilot project on mainstreaming hazardous chemicals and wastes into national strategies on sustainable development and implementing the SDGs	Pilot projects	130,000
Information material for technical assistance activities	Training materials incl. translation	20,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>360,000</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>46,800</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>406,800</b>