

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) - Mainstreaming gender in the implementation Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> National	Global
MANDATE		
COP decision(s): BC-13/11, RC-8/9; SC-8/9: Technical assistance BC-13/20, RC-8/13, SC-8/23: Gender mainstreaming BRS Gender Action Plan		
Rationale		
<p>In line with applicable rules, regulations, and policies of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as to gender, being relevant to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) conventions, and consistent with the decisions of the three conventions' bodies, the "BRS Gender Task Team" was established in July 2012. The Team is responsible for developing targets and an approach to gender mainstreaming with respect to the Secretariat's internal operations as well as the programmatic mainstreaming of gender issues in all Secretariat-executed activities, projects and programmes. In December 2013, the task team developed the "Gender Action Plan of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS-GAP)". The BRS-GAP includes a list of expected short, medium and long-term goals, such as baseline development, training and tools for gender related issues in projects and programmes as well as monitoring and reporting plans, and aims to ensure that principles of gender equality are firmly embedded in activities undertaken by the BRS Secretariat. At the meeting of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in May 2017 Parties adopted a first ever decision on gender mainstreaming which requested the Secretariat to continue to report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan to the conferences of the Parties at their meetings in 2019 and at subsequent meetings.</p> <p>The proposed activity aims to support the implementation of the BRS-GAP, including the promotion of the consideration of issues of gender and vulnerable groups in hazardous chemicals and wastes management at the national and regional levels. The objectives of the activity are to develop an in-depth understanding by the Parties and stakeholders on the issue of gender equality, particularly in the context of BRS activities; analyze issues in the scope of the BRS conventions from the gender perspective, including identifying vulnerable groups and different impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes on men and women, boys and girls; and promote the consideration of gender issues in the decision-making in the area of hazardous chemicals and waste management at the national and regional levels.</p> <p>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.</p>		
Outcomes and indicators of achievement		
<p>Outcomes: Enhanced capacities of Parties to increase national coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the BRS conventions. More specifically, the activity could expect the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding of the gender dimensions from two pilot countries through the scoping study; • Case studies on gender considerations formulating concrete actions at the national level; • Capacity building and awareness raising materials on hazardous chemicals and wastes for stakeholder groups are adapted for the pilot projects; • Specific stakeholder groups are aware of hazardous chemicals and wastes or practices that may expose those groups to harmful effects in the pilot countries; • Measures addressing hazardous chemicals and wastes management and gender issues are taken into consideration at the national level through the pilot projects; and • Women are trained on effective participation in the global, regional and national decision-making in the BRS context. 		

Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two case studies highlighting links between gender and BRS conventions topics are prepared; Measures addressing hazardous chemicals and wastes management and gender issues are identified and proposed for the implementation; and Number of women trained on the participation in the global, regional and national decision-making in the BRS context. 		Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop reports and website; Narrative reports submitted to the Secretariat by implementing partners. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>	Project completion date: <i>12/2019</i>	Total duration: <i>24 months</i>	
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. This activity is gender sensitive as its main objective is to develop an understanding by the Parties and stakeholders on the issue of gender equality, particularly in the context of BRS 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 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	
Pilot project on specific challenges faced by men, women, girls and boys as well as ingenious people and other groups of the society	Pilot projects	50,000	
A training workshop on supporting women to participate in the global, regional and national decision-making in the BRS context	Workshops	90,000	
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		140,000	
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>18,200</i>	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		148,200	