

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		Partnerships for technical assistance (PoW 18) - Supporting and evaluating the BRS partnership programme	
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			
COP decision(s): Decisions BC-12/12, BC-12/13, BC-12/14, BC-12/9, BC-13/11, BC-13/12, BC-13/13, and BC-13/14 of the Basel Convention, RC-7/7 and RC-8/9 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-7/16 and SC-8/15 of the Stockholm Convention.			
Rationale			
<p>Involvement and cooperation with partners has a multiplier effect for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions because convention-specific issues are taken up and/or strengthened within the work programmes of partners or in programmes of mutual interest among several partners. This expands the outreach of convention issues to additional directly and indirectly affected stakeholders, but also brings in expertise from other fora to the discussion under the COPs. The activity will focus on fostering new partnerships for capacity-building in areas related to the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions including the UN agencies, academia, private sector and civil society organizations like curricula development with universities, FAO, CABI and Pesticide Action Network (PAN), and evaluating past and ongoing partnerships and development of a report with lessons learnt and recommendations. Cooperation with other partnerships allows the exchange of convention-related expertise with technical assistance programmes and networks of partners and their constituencies. Through cooperation with academic institutions training curricula related to convention objectives are established and increase in the medium term the number of experts on convention topics; special aspects of pesticide management on farm level are promoted through projects and programme of FAO which lead among others to the identification of alternatives to severely hazardous pesticide formulations. An important additional aspect that is promoted through cooperation in partnerships, is the increased linkage between the regional centres and members and networks of these partnerships for further positioning regional centres as project executing agencies. Evaluation of the impact of completed and ongoing partnerships will assist the COP in further developing target oriented and successful partnerships. 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			
Outcomes: Provision of secretariat services to the partnerships established by the COPs to continuous operation and timely delivery of outcomes and reports and participation in the partnerships led by different organizations. Specifically, the outcomes of this activity could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic and expert advice and input as well as promotion of the BRS issues into the partnerships led by different organizations; • Evaluation and assessment report is developed and translated into the UN languages; and • Layout and design for the evaluation and assessment report is prepared. 			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of partnerships in which the Secretariat participates as a member; 2. Number of capacity-building activities on the conventions developed and implemented by relevant academic partners; and 3. Evaluation and outcome assessment report on partnerships is developed, translated and disseminated. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports on partner's websites (e.g. FAO, CABI) and report to COPs in 2019; 2. Evaluation and outcome assessment report on partnerships is translated in UN languages, submitted to COPs in 2019 and available on the partnership website. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018		Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months

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

The household waste, e-waste and other waste-related partnerships support in the medium term the implementation of SDG target 12.5 where, by 2030, waste generation should be substantially reduced through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse. They also contribute to SDG target 11.6 by reducing the adverse environmental impact of cities paying special attention to municipal and other waste management. The partnerships with academia support the implementation of SDG target 12.8 where, by 2030, people everywhere should have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development, and SDG target 12.a where support should be provided to developing countries to strengthen their scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production. The FAO/European Commission co-funded activity will contribute to SDG 2.4 to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production that help maintain ecosystems, to SDG 3.9 to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals, to SDG 8.8 to protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment, to SDG 12.4 to achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment, to SDG 16.8 to broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance.

Gender mainstreaming:

The household waste, e-waste and other waste related partnerships address gender differentiated target groups, as appropriate, e.g. with respect to waste segregation in the households, waste collection and processing behavior and waste workers safety and protection. The most vulnerable groups are women and children who form about 30% of the workforce in crude waste processing business. Mother's intake and body burden is transferred across the placenta and through breast milk. Women and girls are affected directly and as mothers of tomorrow.

Integrated Approach:

The partnerships involve the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres in the execution of related projects and activities to build and strengthen regional expertise on chemicals and waste issues. All activities support the implementation of the chemicals and wastes agenda and contribute to mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels. The partnerships related to waste streams and chemical's life cycles involve industry partners from the beginning in the set-up and implementation of the partnership activities. The partnerships build on technical and financial support from countries and the private sector so that their work programme including face-to-face meetings and pilot projects can be implemented in time. Information exchange networks and partnerships support enforcement and chemicals and waste policy programmes of Parties and link to information from the private sector as appropriate.

PARTNERS

Regional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions implementing partnership activities; the GEF secretariat, GEF implementing agencies, FAO (pesticides management team, social protection team and regional offices) and UNEP regional offices, UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch, UNDP, UNIDO, SAICM Secretariat, Interim Minamata Secretariat, WHO, WCO, other MEAs, WTO, academia, private sector and non-governmental organizations that are partners or observers in the partnership activities.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Input to partnerships of others	Participation costs	8,000
Development of evaluation and assessment report	Evaluation report	30,000
Translation of evaluation report	Evaluation report	5,000
Layout and design of evaluation report	Evaluation report	2,500
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		45,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>5,850</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		50,850