

<b>Convention: RC</b>	<b>Strengthening national capacities for hazard and risk assessments of priority chemicals (pesticides and industrial) so that Parties can make decisions related to notifications of final regulatory actions</b>	
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention</li> <li>• Decision RC -6/1</li> <li>• Decision RC-6/11of the Rotterdam Convention</li> <li>• UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/15</li> </ul> <p>Support provided to parties in the form of training and capacity-building activities in order for them to strengthen their capacities for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention and in line with the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties .</p>		
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</b>		
<p>The purpose of this activity is to assist countries to prepare notifications of final regulatory actions for banned or severely restricted chemicals and to strengthen national capacities of Parties related to national risk evaluations and policy decision-making process to ban or restrict a hazardous chemical. The activities will be carried out in collaboration with Pesticide registrars, National authorities for regulating industrial chemicals, DNAs and national stakeholders including civil society involved in national decision-making processes on the management of chemicals.</p> <p>The approach will consider involving few countries for pilot activities in order to understand the different components of the process that lead to a national decision on a particular chemical either pesticide or industrial chemical. These activities will be done in collaboration with several partners as FAO Pesticide Risk Reduction programme, WHO, ILO and occupational safety team, SAICM and few identified NGOs (the list is not exhaustive)</p>		
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening national coordination, hazard and risk assessments of priority chemicals (pesticides and industrial) leading to decision-making whether to ban or severely restrict them; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convene 2 sub-regional workshops on hazard and risk assessments of priority chemicals and the decision-making process to ban or severely restrict chemicals;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of participants trained in areas pertinent to the Rotterdam Convention;</li> <li>• Increase in the number of Notifications of Final Regulatory Actions (FRAs) submitted by parties;</li> <li>• Increase in the number of parties able to make decisions on industrial chemicals listed in Annex III;</li> <li>• Increased awareness and knowledge of parties related to hazard evaluation, risk assessment and management and other issues associated with the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention;</li> <li>• Increased awareness of the existing tools and guidance documents and their application in the field;</li> <li>• Improved understanding of measures to implement the Convention following sharing of experience and lessons learned between parties;</li> </ul>		
<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT</b>	
1100	<i>Professional staff</i>	17,493
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	20,000
<b>30</b>	<b>TRAINING COMPONENT</b>	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	145,000
<b>40</b>	<b>EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT</b>	
4100	<i>Expendable equipment</i>	1,000
<b>52</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT</b>	
5200	<i>Reporting costs</i>	4,000

**VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015**

<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>187,493</b>
<b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>	<b>24,374</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>211,867</b>