

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Training and capacity development activities under the Rotterdam Convention (PoW 15) - Preparing and disseminating information documents on alternatives to chemical substances considered under the Rotterdam Convention to Parties and others	
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			
Convention Article: Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention COP decision(s): RC-5/12, RC-5/10, RC-5/14, and RC-6/11, RC-7/5, RC-7/7, RC-7/10, RC-7/12 and RC-8/9			
Rationale			
<p>The overall approach to technical assistance for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions is set out in document COP-8/9 - Technical Assistance Plan for the period 2018 – 2021 and focuses on developing, strengthening and maintaining the capabilities needed to meet the obligations at the individual, organizational and systemic levels. This activity aims at addressing one of the priority areas that emerged from the needs assessment (survey) and from individual Party requests, and will address in particular the availability of new and updated information documents on alternatives to Annex III listed chemicals under the Rotterdam Convention.</p> <p>Although the Rotterdam Convention does not imply a ban of the chemicals and pesticides listed in Annex III, it is desirable to promote less hazardous alternatives, which reduce the risk to human health and the environment, while serving the same purpose. This is in particular important for developing countries and countries with an economy in transition where some chemicals and pesticides can not be used safely under the conditions of use.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes:			
Information document on less hazardous alternatives to Annex III chemicals will be available for testing in relevant pilot countries. Feedback from these pilot countries will be collected and lessons learned will be used to improve the documents.			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
1. Information document on alternatives field tested in at least two pilot countries.		1. Information document on alternatives in three languages;	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018	Project completion date: 06/2019	Total duration: 18 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 technical assistance activities 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.

Integrated Approach:

This activity is also supportive of the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and waste as it promotes mainstreaming of the Rotterdam Convention-related issues into development processes.

PARTNERS

Regional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, FAO regional, sub-regional and country offices, UNEP regional offices, UNEP, UNDP, UNIDO, WB, RDBs, GEF, SAICM, WHO and others as appropriate.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Preparing and disseminating information documents on alternatives to chemical substances considered under the Rotterdam Convention to Parties and other stakeholders	Information material and 2 workshops	130,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		130,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>16,900</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		146,900