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## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b>		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		<b>Training and capacity development activities under the Rotterdam Convention (PoW 15) - Updating and disseminating guidance for the identification of elements of national action plans on the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention to Parties and others</b>	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b>		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b>	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Global
<b>MANDATE</b>			
<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention  <b>COP decision(s):</b> 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 COP-8/9 on Technical Assistance for the period 2018-2021, and UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF25 on a report on technical assistance needs of developing country Parties, and on a technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2018–2021 (UNEP/CHW.13/INF/36-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/26. COP8/PoW 15 provides the mandate to develop new and updated guidance on the implementation of the Convention.</p>			
<b>Rationale</b>			
<p>Parties can only benefit from the provisions of the Rotterdam Convention if it is implemented at national level. In order to implement it, Parties, upon ratification, need to identify elements of a national action plan or strategy. Once developed, this plan needs to be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. The Secretariat, as mandated by decision RC-8/7, has received information from Parties through an online survey on the technical assistance needs and a survey on what the developed countries could offer to assist developing country Parties in implementing the convention. This activity addresses the availability of new and updated guidance documents under the Rotterdam Convention. The Secretariat has provided advice and assistance to Parties in identifying elements of a national action plan or a strategy. However, based on the experience gained in implementing the provisions of the Convention, and taking into consideration new challenges faced by Parties, the Secretariat needs to update and focus the guidance document to better meet Party's needs, and ensure that the Convention receives a higher priority at national level. In updating the guidance, the Secretariat will put more efforts towards addressing the life-cycle approach offered by Basel- Stockholm- as well as the Minamata Convention. Existing national action plans will be reviewed, lessons learnt and feed-back received during respective work shops will be taken into consideration. Recently emerged challenges in implementing the Convention will be addressed, and key elements updated. Obligations under the Convention, including financial obligations will be stressed, as well as the need to submit final regulatory actions or proposals for severely hazardous pesticide formulations. The new guidance document will address country's participation in the COP preparatory meetings, active participation in COP contact groups including need for Chairs and co-chairs, as well as more active participation in the CRC and it's need for additional information to be provided by Parties. An outline or format of a report of the national implementation strategy will be updated. The format will highlight the status of implementation of the Convention in each country, the key challenges, how they are to be addressed, key conclusions, priorities for action and next steps. Such a national strategy will also serve as a basis to obtain sufficient resources at national level and serve as a basis for donor Parties to identify areas for assistance. Activities presented below contribute to the implementation of the technical assistance plan in 2018-2019.</p>			
<b>Outcomes and indicators of achievement</b>			
<b>Outcomes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of new and updated guidance documents under the Rotterdam Convention.</li> <li>• Parties will have a guidance document at hand that allows them to better understand the individual elements of the convention and how they might be integrated with ongoing chemicals management activities in the country. All levels of country participation, (national, regional, CRC, COP) will be addressed, and needs for external assistance clearly identified.</li> </ul>			
<b>Indicators of achievement:</b>		<b>Means of verification:</b>	
1. Guidance for development of national action plans applied by at least two Parties;		1. Draft or final national action plans; 2. Guidance document in three languages;	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME</b>			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>12/2018</i>	Total duration: <i>12 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 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
Updating and disseminating guidance for the identification of elements of national action plans on the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention to Parties and others	Guidance	50,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>50,000</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>6,500</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>56,500</b>