

## 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>Scientific support to Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (PoW 21) - Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention</b>	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b>		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b>	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b>
<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
<b>MANDATE</b>			
Decision RC-8/8 on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention			
<b>Rationale</b>			
<p>At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties initiated consideration of the process of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention through the development of options for improving the effectiveness of the process and proposals for enabling improved information flows that support the prior informed consent procedure for those chemicals.</p> <p>At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties took note of the different options for enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention, including improving the prior informed consent procedure, improving the listing process, and considering cross-cutting issues such as the provision of technical and financial assistance.</p> <p>The Secretariat was requested to develop an online survey to gather information on priority actions to enhance the effectiveness of the Convention and key information gaps related to those actions, to be sent out to Parties by 30 June 2017 with an invitation to complete the survey by 31 October 2017. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Secretariat to compile the results of the survey and to prepare by 15 January 2018 a report analysing the legal and operational implications of the priority actions identified by the survey, and to make the report available to Parties and others for comments by 31 March 2018.</p> <p>The Conference of the Parties further decided to establish a working group with membership composed of representatives from Parties to identify, on the basis of the abovementioned report and the comments received, a set of prioritized recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention and to develop a report identifying further steps for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (COP-9). The Conference of the Parties decided that the working group shall operate by electronic means, be open to participation by non-Party States and hold physical meetings, subject to the availability of resources. Parties are invited to nominate representatives to participate in the working group by 30 September 2017.</p>			
<b>Outcomes and indicators of achievement</b>			
<p><b>Outcomes:</b> A report analysing the legal and operational implications of the priority actions identified by the survey is developed. The working group is supported in its work to develop prioritized recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention for COP-9 consideration.</p>			
<b>Indicators of achievement:</b>		<b>Means of verification:</b>	
1. COP-9 decision adopted, which might include a set of prioritized recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention and a report identifying further steps.		1. COP-9 meeting report and its accompanying decisions.	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME</b>			
Project start date: 01/2018	Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months	

<b>SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS</b>		
<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> This activity contributes to Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage Parties to take into account gender-related aspects in their nomination of participants to the working group.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> Industry representatives will have the opportunity to comment on the report analysing the legal and operational implications of the priority actions identified by Parties. The working group (composed of representatives of Parties) is requested to take into account these comments when developing a set of prioritized recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention and a report identifying further steps for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting</p>		
<b>PARTNERS</b>		
Rotterdam Convention effectiveness working group; potential co-funders / hosts of the meeting.		
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Output type</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Organize meeting of the intersessional working group	Meeting and travel costs	80,000
Support the meeting of intersessional working group	Meeting and travel costs	9,000
Consultant to support work of intersessional working group	Experts' support	28,000
Travel for consultant to support work of intersessional working group	Experts' support	3,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>120,000</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>15,600</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>135,600</b>