

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Orientation workshop for members of the Rotterdam Convention Chemical Review Committee (PoW 5)	
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: Article 18 (paragraph 6), Article 5 and Article 6 of the Rotterdam Convention COP decision(s): Decision RC-8/1 of the Rotterdam Convention			
Rationale			
<p>The Chemical Review Committee (CRC) is a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention. At its meetings, the Committee reviews chemicals and pesticide formulations according to the criteria set out in Annexes II and IV to the Convention, respectively, and makes recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on listing of such chemicals in Annex III to the Convention.</p> <p>The operation of the CRC involves many specific procedures and policies. The orientation workshop for CRC members provides new members with useful guidance and hands-on information on the mandate, the procedures and operations of the Committee to facilitate their effective participation in the work of the CRC throughout their term. The orientation workshop also serves as a platform to pass on institutional memory on the work of the Committee to new members. The previous orientation workshops were considered useful by incoming members and the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to continue to organize such workshops.</p> <p><i>The factsheet on activity 5 provides the overview of the activities to be undertaken in relation to the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Chemical Review Committee. The implementation of the intersessional work of the Committee is described in factsheet 21 on scientific support for Parties to the Rotterdam Convention. Activities on enhancing the coordination among the scientific bodies of the conventions are described in factsheet 12 on support for the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions.</i></p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes: The incoming CRC members have a clear understanding of the CRC processes and are able to fully participate in the intersessional work and future meetings of the Committee thereby facilitating a smooth rotation of the membership.			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel of sponsored incoming members which terms of office start in May 2018 organized; 2. High level of satisfaction among incoming members; 3. Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work and in meetings. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage and list of participants; 2. Feedback/satisfaction questionnaire to incoming members; 3. CRC-14 and CRC-15 meeting reports. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018		Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Sustainable Development Goals: In reviewing the chemicals proposed for listing in the Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention, the Committee highly relies on the information and comments provided by Parties, members and observers. By supporting the effective participation of members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the work of the Committee, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda, which reaffirmed the continued need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision-making, and to the specific chemicals and waste related Sustainable Development Goals.

Gender mainstreaming: Members of the Committee are experts designated by their governments and appointed by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of their expertise in chemicals management and equitable geographical distribution. Among the current 31 Committee members 15 are female. Five of the 17 incoming CRC members are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will encourage gender considerations in the nomination of experts and distribution of tasks within the Committee (e.g. nominations of bureau members, chairs and drafters).

Integrated Approach: The work of the Committee contributes to the mainstreaming of chemicals management into national development plans and budgets by increasing the information available on the chemicals under review and recommending their listing to promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts in the trade and management of those chemicals to protect human health and environment. Observers, such as relevant NGOs and industry associations, participate in the work of the Committee and provide information and comments on the chemicals under review. As observer, the NGOs and industry is thus involved in the operations of the Committee.

PARTNERS

Chemical Review Committee, Parties, observers, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
One orientation workshop organized for up to 23 funded participants for 3 days	Meeting and travel costs	87,539
Staff travel to participate in orientation workshop	Meeting and travel costs	1,996
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		89,535
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>11,640</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		101,175