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## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b> <b>Scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention (PoW 22) - Support to Parties to enable actions towards minimization and elimination of releases of POPs</b>	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b> Global
<b>MANDATE</b> <b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 3, 6, Annexes A and B of the Stockholm Convention (Industrial POPs); Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention (U-POPs) <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions SC-7/7, SC-7/8, SC-8/6 of the Stockholm Convention			
<b>Rationale</b> As new chemicals are listed in the Convention, or new information becomes available, Parties require support to enable them to take effective actions towards the minimization and, where feasible, elimination of releases of POPs, in particular to meet new obligations arising from the listing of new chemicals in the Convention.  In 2015, by its decisions SC-7/7 and SC-7/8, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention recognized that the listing of new substances in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention will trigger the need to further update existing guidance and/or develop new guidance to support parties in implementing new obligations, and in 2017, by decision SC-8/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted the terms of reference for the expert process to review and update the relevant guidelines and guidance.  Five new chemicals have been added to the Convention in 2015 and 2017 through decisions SC-7/12, SC-7/13, SC-7/14, SC-8/10, SC-8/11 and SC-8/12, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hexachlorobutadiene listed in Annex A without specific exemptions and in Annex C;</li> <li>• Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters listed in Annex A with specific exemptions;</li> <li>• Polychlorinated naphthalenes listed in Annex A with specific exemptions and in Annex C;</li> <li>• Decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE) listed in Annex A with specific exemptions;</li> <li>• Short-chain chlorinated paraffins listed in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions.</li> </ul> These chemicals are currently not covered in the existing guidelines and guidance on Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP), nor in the Toolkit. This activity will support the ongoing expert process for the review and update of the guidelines and guidance on BAT and BEP and of the Toolkit in view of the inclusion of relevant information pertaining to the newly listed POPs. It will provide parties with up-to-date guidance on minimizing and where feasible eliminating releases of POPs from various activities as listed in Annex C, but also in Annex A and B of the Convention. Parties will also be provided with the necessary guidance on how to develop and maintain release inventories of the POPs listed in Annex C to the Convention. <sup>1</sup>			
<b>Outcomes and indicators of achievement</b> <b>Outcomes:</b> Support is provided to Parties to enable them to take actions towards the minimization and, where feasible, elimination of releases of POPs, in particular to meet new obligations arising from the listing of new chemicals in the Convention. Parties are provided with up-to-date guidance to minimize and ultimately eliminate unintentional releases of POPs from various activities as listed in Annex C, but also in Annex A and B of the Convention, as well as guidance to develop and maintain release inventories of the POPs listed in Annex C. The information contained in the updated guidance assists Parties to meet the requirements of Article 5 of the Convention, and, generally, to take measures towards minimization of releases of all POPs listed in the Convention.			

<sup>1</sup> Technical assistance activities on these matters are included in PoW Activity 16 Training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention, within the planned training workshops on the review and updating of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) that include the use of relevant guidance.

<p><b>Indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expert meetings are organized to update the guidelines and guidance on BAT and BEP and the Toolkit;</li> <li>2. The guidelines and guidance on BAT and BEP are updated with information relevant to the newly listed POPs;</li> <li>3. The Toolkit is updated with information relevant to the newly listed POPs;</li> <li>4. The Toolkit and BAT and BEP experts are involved in the relevant technical assistance activities.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Means of verification:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relevant information on sources of releases of and BAT and BEP for the newly listed POPs is collected, evaluated and assessed by the experts nominated by Parties and others in view of updating the guidelines and guidance;</li> <li>2. Updated guidelines and guidance on BAT and BEP are made available at COP-9;</li> <li>3. Updated source inventories and release estimates of unintentionally produced POPs are provided by Parties pursuant to Article 15;</li> <li>4. Relevant technical assistance activities benefit from the technical expertise of the Toolkit and BAT and BEP experts.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME</b></p>		
Project start date: 01/2018	Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months
<p><b>SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS</b></p>		
<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The activities contribute to delivering of the post-2015 development agenda and relevant sustainable development goals, in particular through promoting healthy lives and well-being by environmentally sound management of chemicals and minimizing and ultimately eliminating releases of POPs and related exposure to hazardous chemicals.</p>		
<p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The activities consider involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. The development, review and update, and implementation of the guidelines and guidance aims at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.</p>		
<p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The activities contribute to the implementation of the integrated approach to addressing the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes in particular through enhancing industry's involvement in information gathering and developing guidance, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.</p>		
<p><b>PARTNERS</b></p>		
<p>Parties having nominated technical experts, Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions, NGOs, industry groups, UNIDO, UNEP Chemicals and Health</p>		
<p><b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]</b></p>		
<p><b>Activity</b></p>	<p><b>Output type</b></p>	<p><b>Budget</b></p>
Expert meeting on the Toolkit and on BAT/BEP	Meeting and travel costs	40,000
Updated guidelines and guidance on BAT/BEP to include newly listed POPs	BAT/BEP guidelines	20,000
Updated Toolkit to include the newly listed POPs	Toolkit update	20,000
Secretariat staff participation in relevant meetings	Meeting and travel costs	4,000
<p><b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b></p>		<p><b>84,000</b></p>
<p><i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i></p>		<p><i>10,920</i></p>
<p><b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b></p>		<p><b>94,920</b></p>