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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention (PoW 22) - Evaluation of progress towards the elimination of PCBs and support for the environmentally sound management of PCBs in open applications	
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 3, 6, Annex A to the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decision SC-8/3: Polychlorinated biphenyls			
Rationale			
<p>At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention highlighted the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition for technical assistance, financial support and technology transfer to manage PCBs in an environmentally sound manner.</p> <p>Parties were encouraged to step up their efforts by developing and implementing rigorous plans for the environmentally sound management of PCBs throughout their life cycles, including their elimination and destruction, to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p>Parties were also encouraged to identify, as soon as possible, open applications such as cable sheaths, cured caulk and painted objects containing PCBs and to manage them in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Convention. The Secretariat was requested, subject to the availability of resources, to consolidate the existing guidance on this issue.</p> <p>Furthermore, in order to undertake a review of progress towards the elimination of PCBs in accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention at SC COP-9 in 2019, the Conference of the Parties requested the lead country, or if there is no lead country, the Secretariat to prepare a report on progress towards the elimination of PCBs on the basis of the fourth national reports pursuant to Article 15 and other information, in consultation with the small intersessional working group established by the same decision. The group should be working by electronic means and, subject to the availability of funding, through a face-to-face meeting.</p> <p>This activity will be implemented in coordination with activities listed in factsheet 16 on training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report on progress made in the elimination of PCBs and a consolidated guidance on PCBs in open applications are developed for consideration at SC COP-9. The Conference of the Parties is able to make informed decision on the evaluation of the progress made in the elimination of PCBs. Parties receive support in collecting the necessary information. 			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Information collected and a report developed to support SC COP-9 in evaluating progress towards the elimination of PCBs; Consolidated guidance on PCBs in open applications is developed and used in technical assistance activities; Number of technical assistance activities undertaken, making use of the information collected and reports developed under the current activity. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Report submitted to SC COP-9 for the evaluation of PCBs; Consolidated guidance on PCBs in open applications published on the website of the BRS conventions; Report of technical assistance activities related to the environmentally sound management of PCBs. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>11/2018</i>	Total duration: <i>11 months</i>
SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS			
Sustainable Development Goals: 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 (Sustainable Development Goal 3).			
Gender mainstreaming: 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 of the guidance document aims at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.			

Integrated Approach: 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 and reports, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.

PARTNERS

Parties, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centers, UN Environment (PCB Elimination Network) and other relevant international organizations within the UN system, industry associations, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Develop a draft report on the progress made in the elimination of PCB	PCB report	50,000
Consolidate existing guidance on PCBs in open applications	Guidance documents	10,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		60,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>7,800</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		67,800