

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS : <input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		PROJECT TITLE : Fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and orientation to newly appointed members of the Committee (PoW 6)	
FUNDING OPTIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		TYPE / LOCATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	TARGETED COUNTRIES: Global
MANDATE Convention Article: Article 19 (paragraph 6) and Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decision SC-8/9 of the Stockholm Convention			
Rationale <p>The POPs Review Committee (POPRC) is a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention. At its meetings, the Committee reviews chemicals proposed for listing, in accordance with Article 8 and information specified in Annexes D, E and F to the Convention. On the basis of its evaluations, it recommends whether the chemicals should be considered by the Conference of the Parties for listing in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention.</p> <p>The operations of the POPRC involve many specific procedures and policies. For the purpose of providing orientation on the work of the Committee, the members to be appointed by the COP in May 2019, with terms of office starting in May 2020, will be invited to participate in the fifteenth meeting of the Committee in 2019 as observers. Incoming experts will have the opportunity to interact with the current members and share experiences and knowledge on the chemicals being reviewed and other technical work.</p> <p>Furthermore, according to its terms of reference, the Committee may invite at its meetings up to 30 experts, who are not members of the Committee, to support it in its work. Experts are designated and invited for their areas of expertise or specific substance knowledge as contributing to the work of the Committee.</p> <p><i>The factsheet on activity 6 provides the overview of the activities to be undertaken in relation to the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the POPs Review Committee. The implementation of the intersessional work of the Committee is described in factsheet 22 on scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention. Activities on enhancing the coordination among the scientific bodies of the conventions are described in factsheet 12 (S6) on support for the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions.</i></p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes: Newly appointed members have a clear understanding of the POPRC 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: 1. Travel of sponsored incoming members which terms of office start in May 2020 organized; 2. Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work and in meetings;		Means of verification: 1. Meeting webpage and list of participants; 2. POPRC-14 and 15 meeting reports; ENB reports; feedback/satisfaction questionnaire to incoming members.	
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 annexes to the Stockholm 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 chemical assessment or management, taking due account to equitable geographical distribution, gender and the need for a balance between different types of expertise. Among the current 31 Committee members, 12 are female. Eight of the 17 incoming POPRC members are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat encourages gender considerations in the nomination of experts.

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 (risk assessment and risk management evaluation) and recommending their listing to the Convention 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

POPs 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
Invite experts to POPRC-14	Experts' travel	23,541
Invite experts to POPRC-15	Experts' travel	23,541
Provide orientation to the new members who will start their term of office in May 2020	Participants travel	64,470
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		111,552
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>14,502</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		126,054