

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		PROJECT TITLE : Technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (PoW 13) - Enhancing skills for chairing and negotiations at the meetings of the BRS conventions	
FUNDING OPTIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		TYPE / LOCATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	TARGETED COUNTRIES: Parties/stakeholders to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Minamata Convention and SAICM
MANDATE Convention Article: Articles 4, 10 and 16 of the Basel Convention; Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention; Articles 12 and 20 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): BC-10/29, BC-10/2, BC-10/3, BC-10/13, BC-10/23, BC-11/11, BC-12/6, BC-12/8, BC-12/9, BC-12/20, BC-12/22; and BC-13/11, RC-5/12, RC-5/10, RC-5/14, RC-6/11, RC-7/5, RC-7/7, RC-7/10, RC-7/12; and RC-8/9; SC-5/27, SC-5/20, SC-6/15, SC-7/15, SC-7/16, SC-7/23, SC-7/28, SC-7/30, and SC-8/9.			
Rationale <p>In order to strengthen the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, as well SAICM and the Minamata Convention, there is a need to expand the number and diversity of trained, confident and willing chairs for the various meetings of the conventions. These may include regular meetings such as Conferences of the Parties, International Conference on Chemical Management, subsidiary bodies (e.g., the CRC, POPRC, OEWG, ICC) and contact and drafting groups, as well as ad hoc meetings such as ExCOPs. The pilot training session on enhancing chairing skills for meetings of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions took place on 3 – 4 March 2014 in Switzerland. It brought together 17 participants from countries that are parties to the BRS conventions. A training manual was developed to support future chairs in this important task. Following the positive feedback from the participants, a follow-up training workshop took place on 1-3 March 2017 in Berlin, Germany. Trainers and participants highlighted the need to continue with the training in the biennium 2018-2019 and expand it to the regions. It was also highlighted that the training supported the participants with the negotiations skills and therefore the participants recommended organizing a training programme on practical skills and techniques for the negotiations under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention, SAICM as well as other similar international negotiations.</p> <p>Activities presented below contribute to the implementation of the technical assistance plan in 2018-2019. The cross cutting and specific thematic priorities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are set out in PoW activities 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19 respectively.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement Outcomes: Enhanced capacities of Parties to increase national coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the BRS conventions. In particular the project will have the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential chairs are trained using a range of training tools: presentations, discussion groups, interaction with experts with in-depth experience in chairing international meetings, simulation and group exercises, and individual feedback on participants' performance; • Participants are aware of differences in chairing styles, taking into account cultural and gender considerations ; • Strengthened capacity of Parties' representatives to serve as chairs at various types of international meetings for the three conventions and other MEAs; • Chairs manual is available in at least one additional UN language; • Practical skills and techniques for the negotiations at the meeting of the BRS Conventions, Minamata Convention and SAICM are enhanced. 			
Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representatives of at least 20 Parties trained on chairing; 2. Representatives of at least 20 Parties trained on negotiations; 3. Translation and layout of the Chairs manual in an additional UN language; and 4. Number of men and women as beneficiaries of the project activities. 		Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports and website; 2. Chairs manual in an additional UN language is posted on the website; and 3. List of participants of the training sessions. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>12/2019</i>	Total duration: <i>24 months</i>

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Sustainable Development Goals:

The project supports directly SDG target 12.4 related to sustainable consumption and production where, by 2020, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes should be achieved throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and their release to air, water and soil should be significantly reduced to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment.

It further contributes to SDG target 2.4 to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices

that increase productivity and production; and to SDG target 3.9, to substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination. The project supports SDG target 17.9 by enhancing international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation

Gender mainstreaming:

All capacity development activities set out in PoWs 13 to 16 will take into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender will be considered when specific activities are designed and during the implementation of activities and their evaluation. A basic gender analysis will be conducted for gender relevant activities as part of the design phase.

The principle of gender equality will be applied when preparing a training programme on chairing and negotiations under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention and SAICM so that equally both male and female negotiators can benefit from the training. Furthermore, differences in chairing styles will be integrated into the training programme.

Integrated Approach:

The capacity development activities are also supportive of the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and waste, as it promotes industry involvement and mainstreaming of the objectives of the conventions into the broader development agenda.

PARTNERS

The activity will be implemented in close collaboration with the regional centers, which will provide administrative support and technical input. The UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch, the Interim Secretariat on the Minamata Convention on Mercury and SAICM will be invited to activity participate in the training preparation and delivery. Furthermore, the activity will involve engaging the senior negotiators from Parties to contribute and serve as experts at the training.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Global and regional training workshops on enhancing skills for negotiations and chairing meetings of the BRS conventions	Workshops	210,000
Information material for technical assistance activities	Training materials incl. translation	20,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		230,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>29,900</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		259,900