

Convention: SC	Reporting endosulfan
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:	
<p>Work programme activity #: 34</p> <p>COP-decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC-5/3: the pesticide endosulfan was listed in annex A of the Convention with specific exemptions for production and use on crop-pest complexes indicated in part VI of that annex. • SC-5/4: a work programme to support the development and deployment of alternatives to endosulfan, as set out in the annex to the above decision 	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	
<p>By decision SC-5/4 the COP decided to undertake a work programme to support the development and deployment of alternatives to endosulfan and the POPs Review Committee was requested to assess alternatives and identify potential information gaps to seek ways to fill those gaps giving priority for crops using high volumes of endosulfan and report to the COP at its sixth meeting.</p> <p>Parties were requested and observers were invited to submit to the Secretariat information on chemical and non-chemical alternatives to endosulfan for the uses identified as specific exemptions in Annex A to the Convention including technical feasibility, health and environmental effects, cost-effectiveness, efficacy and availability;</p> <p>Currently, endosulfan is produced in several countries and used as a plant protection product. Countries where endosulfan is still used, it is applied to control several crop-pest complexes. Many countries that have banned endosulfan have successfully shifted to economically viable alternatives in different geographical situations. Chemical and non-chemical approaches exist as alternatives to endosulfan for a wide range of crop-pest complexes. For each specific crop-pest complex an appropriate combination of chemical, biological and cultural control action may be required under different agro-ecological situations.</p>	
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two regional workshops on reporting on endosulfan including its continued need for the available specific exemptions 	
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced capacity for Parties report on endosulfan including its chemical and non-chemical alternatives 	
BUDGET [USD]	
<i>Two regional workshops</i>	<i>170,000.00</i>
APPROVED BUDGET (SV trust fund)	170,000.00
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