

Convention: SC

Technical assistance programme including Secretariat activities aimed at the provision of technical assistance to parties and seek the involvement of appropriate partners and stakeholders including delivery of capacity building programmes

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Work programme activity #: 11, 12 and 33

- SC-5/28: Financing and budget for the biennium 2012–2013
- SC-5/20: Guidance on technical assistance (paragraph 8)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the Convention states that the Parties recognize that rendering of timely and appropriate technical assistance in response to the requests from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition is essential to the successful implementation of the Convention.

In every COP including at COP-5, many representatives of developing countries called for increased assistance, including for capacity-building and training, to enhance knowledge and decision-making capacity in developing country parties and parties with economies in transition for the implementation of the Convention, as mandated by decision SC-5/20.

The proposed activities to be carried out under this project focus on core areas to meet the obligations under the Convention, where the Secretariat is expected to play a lead role. Parties are enabled to participate in the principal activities (meetings of the Conference of Parties) and fulfill their obligations under the Convention.

Guidance and technical guidelines, which are already available or currently being developed, such as the BAT&BEP/Toolkit for unintentionally produced POPs, the NIP updating guidance for new POPs, will be extensively used as part of the project.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- Overall coordination of the capacity building programme
- Webinars followed by regional workshops on capacity building of the Parties on various thematic areas including using guidance to update and review NIPs, reporting, enhancing national coordination and collaboration mechanism to manage hazardous chemicals, on BAT and BEP guidance, etc in collaboration with regional centres

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Parties to the Stockholm Convention have the capacities and capabilities to meet their obligations under the Convention
- Various guidance and technical guidelines are implemented by parties

BUDGET [USD]

BUDGET COMPONENTS

<i>Overall coordination of the capacity building programme</i>	20,000
<i>Development of training materials/tools</i>	50,000
<i>Regional Workshops (10 nos.)</i>	930,000
<i>Total budget required</i>	1,000,000
<i>Cofunding (pledged)</i>	362,562
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	637,438
COP APPROVED BUDGET (SV trust fund)	1,190,000