

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Training and capacity development activities under the Rotterdam Convention (PoW 15) - Guidance on bridging information and on scientifically sound decision making on hazardous chemicals for final regulatory actions by developing countries	
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 5, 6, 7, and 14 of the Rotterdam Convention COP decision(s): Decisions RC-7/1, RC-7/2 and RC-7/5 of the Rotterdam Convention; RC-8/9 on Technical Assistance for the period 2018-2021, COP-8 meeting report (para 54)			
Rationale			
<p>These activities form the scientific basis of operations related to the Rotterdam Convention, support information exchange.</p> <p>Parties need ready access to scientific and technical information to make informed decisions on hazardous chemicals and their sound management within the scope of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties has noted that developing countries need guidance for consideration of relevant information for scientifically sound decision making towards increasing the notifications of final regulatory actions under the Convention.</p> <p>Tools already available and guidance developed will be used in activity 15 (RC) on training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes: <i>Support to Parties in increasing notifications of Final Regulatory Actions:</i> Tools and guidance, including FRA Evaluation toolkit, Industrial Chemicals Toolkit, FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit and IOMC toolbox for user-friendly access to scientific and technical information for sound management of hazardous chemicals and informed decision making are provided as necessary to enhance capacity at the national level on notifications of final regulatory actions. <i>Support to Parties in increasing Import Responses (NAPs):</i> Co-operation and dialogue and information exchange among the DNAs and stakeholders in the countries on the challenges in chemicals management and implementation of the Rotterdam Convention towards addressing these challenges with enhanced ability to assess local exposures and risk evaluation and thus communicate import responses to the Secretariat.			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tools and guidance made available to DNAs for the consideration of scientific and technical information; 2. Guidance on the use of bridging information made available to DNAs in order to facilitate the process of preparing Notifications of FRA 3. Compilations of scientific, technical and export information exchanged by Parties on hazardous chemicals. 4. At least two Parties identified and evaluated chemicals for FRAs; 5. Ability of Parties to be able to evaluate risk for industrial chemicals and make decisions. 6. At least 4 Parties make up-to-date Import Responses. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RC website; 2. Bridging guidance made available at FRA evaluation toolkit interface 3. Report to COP-9 on exchanging of related information. 4. FRA available from Parties; 5. FRA notifications submitted by Parties participating at the sub-regional workshops 6. Import Responses submitted to the Secretariat. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018		Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS		
<p>Sustainable Development Goals: UN Sustainable Development Goal 3 seeks to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. One of the key strategies to achieve this goal is to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from direct and indirect exposure to hazardous chemicals. Supporting developing countries on user-friendly access to scientific information for informed decision-making on hazardous chemicals should facilitate achieving this goal. Further, the activity on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention will contribute to the Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage Parties and observers to take into account gender-related aspects in their nomination of participants to the intersessional working group.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: Consultative processes will be further strengthened between relevant national focal points and external partners on scientific and technical matters to enhance the capacity of decision-making by Designated National Authorities on Final Regulatory Actions and notifications on chemicals.</p>		
PARTNERS		
<p>FAO and UNEP regional offices are invited to collaborate in activities to provide guidance on scientific and technical matters and information sharing in sound management of hazardous chemicals and pesticides.</p>		
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]		
Activity	Output type	Budget
Develop and update tools and guidance on scientific information	Guidance documents	10,000
Develop guidance on the use of bridging information for the DNAs	Guidance documents	15,000
Capacity building and Training workshops	Four sub-regional DNA training workshops on developing risk evaluations of hazardous chemicals and pesticides, take decisions on FRA and import responses and, preparing notifications	240,000
Staff travel	Sub-regional Workshops	30,000
Capacity building and Training workshops for National Action Plans for implementing the Rotterdam Convention	Two National workshops on development of elements or strategies for the implementations of the Rotterdam Convention (NAPs)	70,000
Staff travel	NAP workshops	14,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		379,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>49,270</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		428,270