

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention (PoW 22) - Evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOSE for various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	
<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	
		TARGETED COUNTRIES:	
		Global	
MANDATE			
Convention Article: Articles 3, 4 and Annex B to the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decisions SC-6/4: Process for the evaluation of the continued need for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions; SC-7/5: Evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention; SC-8/5: Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride			
Rationale			
<p>Paragraph 5 of part III of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention provides that the Conference of the Parties shall evaluate the continued need for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSE) for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions listed in Annex B on the basis of available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information.</p> <p>According to the process for the evaluation set out in the annex to decision SC-6/4 and the revised schedule set out in the annex to decision SC-7/5, the Secretariat is to develop a report on the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSE; and the POPs Review Committee is to complete the report on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSE for consideration at SC COP-9 in 2019.</p> <p>Furthermore, the regional centres and others were encouraged to provide support to Parties to improve their technical and legal capacity for the sound management of PFOS, its salts and PFOSE and the introduction of alternatives.</p> <p>This activity will be implemented in coordination with activities listed in factsheet 16 on training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report on the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSE and a report on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSE are developed for consideration at COP-9; • The Conference of the Parties is able to make informed decision on the evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOSE for various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions. Parties receive support in collecting the necessary information. 			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information collected and reports developed to support SC COP-9 in evaluating the continued need for the specific exemptions and acceptable purposes for PFOS, its salts and PFOSE; 2. Number of technical assistance activities undertaken, making use of the information collected and reports developed under the current activity. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports submitted to SC COP-9 for the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSE; 2. Report of technical assistance activities related to the sound management of PFOS, its salts and PFOSE and alternatives to those chemicals. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: <i>01/2018</i>		Project completion date: <i>11/2018</i>	
		Total duration: <i>11 months</i>	

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Sustainable Development Goals: The activities contribute to delivering of the post-2015 development agenda and relevant sustainable development goals, in particular through promoting healthy lives and well-being by environmentally sound management of chemicals and minimizing and ultimately eliminating releases of POPs and related exposure to hazardous chemicals (Sustainable Development Goal 3).

Gender mainstreaming: The activities consider involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. The development of the reports aims at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.

Integrated Approach: The activities contribute to the implementation of the integrated approach to addressing the financing of the

sound management of chemicals and wastes in particular through enhancing industry' s involvement in information gathering and developing guidance and reports, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.

PARTNERS

POPs Review Committee, Parties, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centers, UN Environment and other relevant international organizations within the UN system, industry associations, OECD, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Develop a draft preliminary report on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSE and a draft secretariat report on the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSE	PFOS report	20,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		20,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>2,600</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		22,600