

Convention: RC	Development of capacity to carry out scientific hazard and risk assessments on industrial chemicals and make informed decisions whether to ban or severely restrict specific industrial chemicals	
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention Decision RC-6/11 of the Rotterdam Convention UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/15 Activity 15 (RC): Training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention at the national and regional levels (former RC-12 *, RC-14 *, RC-15 *, RC-17 *, RC-22 *, (RC-24)) Support provided to parties in order for them to strengthen their capacities for meeting their obligations related to industrial chemicals in the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention. 		
BACKGROUND INFORMATION		
<p>The purpose of this activity is to assist Parties to develop their capacity to carry out scientific hazard and risk assessments on industrial chemicals and make informed decisions on whether to ban or severely restrict specific industrial chemicals. The activities will be carried out in collaboration with DNAs, Pesticide registrars, and national stakeholders involved in the decision-making process for chemicals management.</p> <p>The approach will consider the involvement of selected Parties for pilot activities in order to understand the different components of the process that lead to an informed national decision on a particular chemical, whether a pesticide or an industrial chemical. These activities will be carried out in collaboration with several relevant partners, such as the FAO Pesticide Risk Reduction programmes, ILO and occupational safety team, SAICM and identified NGOs.</p>		
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:		
<p>1. Sub-regional workshops aimed at develop and enhance capacities of Parties to make hazard and risk assessments using available tools and approaches to apply precaution in relation to industrial chemicals (8 sub-regional workshops):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop criteria for prioritizing and selecting Parties to work with especially those that request for assistance in this area; run training courses for DNAs and related stakeholders, in conjunction with partners, on how to carry out scientific hazard and risk assessments on industrial chemicals and make informed decisions whether to ban or severely restrict specific industrial chemicals. 		
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status in terms of available human resources and infrastructure needed to lay a solid foundation on which to establish and implement a framework for industrial chemicals management Status in terms of adequate understanding of and access to relevant tools and knowledge to carry out at the national level scientific hazard and risk assessments on industrial chemicals that are consistent with international procedures, processes and standards; Status in terms of ability to assess tiers and of political, legal, institutional, scientific, social and enforcement regime needed to enable the making of informed decisions about whether to ban or severely restrict specific industrial chemicals. 		
VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015		
10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1100	<i>Professional Staff</i>	17,493
1200	<i>Consultants</i>	20,000
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	20,000
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	100,000
40	EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT	
4100	<i>Expendable equipment</i>	1,000
52	MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT	
5200	<i>Reporting costs</i>	73,000

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015	
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	257,493
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	33,474
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	290,967