

<b>Convention: SC</b>	<b>Training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Stockholm Convention at the regional level (general overview)</b>
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>	
<p><i>Activity 16(SC) of the Programme of Work 2014-2015, as adopted by the decision SC-6/30. Decisions SC-6/1, SC-6/3, SC-6/4, SC-6/6, SC-6/7, SC-6/9, SC-6/10, SC-6/12, SC-6/15, SC-6/19, SC-6/20 and SC-6/21 of the Conference of the Parties.</i></p>	
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>	
<p>The capacity-building and training activities proposed are based on the needs identified by parties in their action plans and implementation plans, on the specific requests for assistance received from parties as well as on the collection of information on needs carried out by the Secretariat as well as specific requests from Convention bodies.</p> <p>The activities for which funding is sought in this proposal focus on assisting and supporting parties to meet their obligations under the Stockholm Convention. Capacities need to be strengthened and expertise created to effectively address the challenges posed by the chemicals listed in the Convention, in particular the ones added in 2009<sup>1</sup>, 2011<sup>2</sup> and 2013<sup>3</sup>.</p> <p>In this regard the training and capacity building activities proposed below aim at strengthening the skills of parties to implement the convention. The activities are to be facilitated through Basel and Stockholm Convention Regional Centres and other partners, as appropriate. The activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organization of workshops to train parties in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implementation plans: development, review and update and implementation</li> <li>b. Address and manage industrial chemicals, pesticides and unintentional POPs listed in the annexes of the convention</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Engagement of experts and consultants to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Support the development of training materials to be used in workshops and other training activities such as webinar and online meetings</li> <li>b. Revise and update the existing guidance on implementation plans, inventories of new POPs, best available techniques and best environmental practices for the new POPs.</li> <li>c. Develop new materials to address hexabromocyclododecane, listed in Annex A in 2013 by the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>As part of the approach to the training activities, in addition to face to face activities, prior and following up virtual trainings such as webinar and other online activities<sup>4</sup> are to be prepared for better preparation of the participants. Facilitation upon request parties, in cooperation with Regional Centres and other key partners, of the development and submission of project proposals to the financial mechanism and other donors on priority issues arising from the workshops and others such as reporting under Article 15.</p>	
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Development, review and update of Implementation Plans and strategies:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Global, regional and sub regional workshops to enhance developing parties and parties with economies in transition understanding and knowledge of the obligations and tools developed to implement, review and update their NIPs under article 7 of the Convention. (6 workshops: 20 participants, 3 days; 4 consultants)</li> </ol> <p>The training activities will address among others the following themes and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● POPs listed in 2009, 2011 and 2013 overview and inventory taking using guidance developed;</li> <li>● Twelve initial POPs, in particular PCBs and PCCD/PCDF inventories, pesticides stockpiles and an assessment of the status of the plan implementation;</li> <li>● POPs wastes;</li> <li>● BAT/BEP for unintentional POPs and for POPs listed in 2009 and 2011,</li> <li>● Reporting under article 15;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

<sup>1</sup> Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Commercial octabromodiphenyl ether (hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether), Commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether (tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether), hexabromobiphenyl, lindane, pentachlorobenzene, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane fluoride.

<sup>2</sup> Endosulfan

<sup>3</sup> Hexabromocyclododecane

<sup>4</sup> Proposed to be funded through Activity 13 (SYN – tools)

- National coordination mechanisms, priorities and NIP planning
  - Financial assistance including ways to access the Stockholm Convention financial mechanism
  - Available tools including newly developed guidance and other (Costing guidance, socio economic)
- 1.2 NIP guidance revision and update
- Revision and update of the guidance developed by the Secretariat in 2012 to address chemicals listed in 2009 and 2011, in the light of incoming information and Parties comments (1 consultant)
  - Guidance and materials to address HBCD are included in the NIP guidance developed by the Secretariat (1 consultant)
- 1.3 Facilitation upon request parties, in cooperation with Regional Centres and other key partners, of the development and submission of project proposals to the financial mechanism and other donors on priority issues arising from the workshops and others such as reporting under Article 15.
- 2. Training and capacity building to address POPs listed in the annexes of the Stockholm Convention:**
- 2.1 Regional/subregional training workshops on industrial chemicals(3 workshops: 20 participants, 3 days; 2 consultants):
- BDEs, PFOS and HBCD: Training on understanding these industrial chemicals including aspects on acceptable purposes and specific exemptions and their presence in products and articles
- 2.2 Global/ Regional/subregional training activities on pesticides<sup>5</sup> (2 workshops: 20 participants, 3 days):
- DDT: Enhance capacity at national level for evidence based decision making in countries still relying on DDT for disease vector control.
- 2.3 Global and regional training activities on unintentional POPs (3Workshops: 20 participants, 3 days):
- uPOPs: Training to enhance developing parties and parties with economies in transition understanding and knowledge on their obligations to revise and update their uPOPs inventories and to guide them in the use of the new version of the Toolkit
- 2.4 Facilitation, in cooperation with Regional Centres and other key partners, the development and submission of project proposals to the financial mechanisms and other donors on issues such as reporting under article 15.

**RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- Parties awareness, knowledge and understanding of Stockholm Convention obligations enhanced.
- Experience and lessons learned by parties shared.
- Parties capacity to implement the convention enhanced.
- Number of NIPs transmitted increased.
- Awareness of guidance documents and available tools increased.
- Cooperation of key partners for the development of concepts and project proposals for projects enhanced.

**VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015**

<b>10 PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT</b>		
1100	<i>P-3 Programme Officer post (40%)</i>	147,125
1200	<i>G-5 General Service Staff post (10%)</i>	27,805
1300	<i>Consultants</i>	132,000
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	75,000
<b>20 SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT</b>		
2200	<i>Sub-contracts</i>	1,069,000

<sup>5</sup> Specific training on lindane and endosulfan is proposed to be funded in Activity 17 (SYN)

<b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>		
<b>30</b>	<b>TRAINING COMPONENT</b>	
3300	<i>Meetings and Conferences</i>	
<b>40</b>	<b>EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT</b>	
4100	<i>Information/public awareness materials</i>	20,000
4200	<i>Non-expendable equipment</i>	
<b>52</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT</b>	
5200	<i>Publishing/translation</i>	40,000
	<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,510,930</b>
	<b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>	<b>196,421</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,707,351</b>