

Convention: SC	Endosulfan: Capacity building and scientific activities
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:	
<p>Activity 17 of the Programme of Work 2014-2015 as adopted by decision SC-6/30 Activity 16 of the Programme of Work 2014-2015 as adopted by decision SC-6/30 Activity 15 (RC) Training and capacity building activities to enhance implementation of the Rotterdam Convention on regional level Activity 22 (SC) on Scientific supports to Parties of the Stockholm Convention. Decision SC-6/8 on Work Programme on endosulfan Decision SC-6/15 on technical assistance</p>	
PURPOSE AND APPROACH:	
<p>The Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention by its decision SC-5/4, decided to undertake a work programme to support the development and deployment of alternatives to endosulfan, recognizing that suitable, cost-effective and safe alternatives need to be identified to facilitate the replacement of the use of endosulfan. As requested by the same decision the POPs Review Committee (POPRC) assessed of chemical and non-chemical alternatives to endosulfan based on information provided by the Parties and observers. Pursuant to decision SC-6/8, the Secretariat as requested to continue to undertake activities to support parties in evaluating the information on alternatives to the use of endosulfan in their countries, including the information made available through the work programme on endosulfan set out in the annex to decision SC-5/4.</p> <p>Listing of endosulfan in both Stockholm as well as Rotterdam Conventions brought a number of new challenges to Parties in their efforts to informed decision making and reduce or eliminate the use of this chemical. Among these issues are the identification of main crops and pest related to endosulfan and introducing alternatives that can be effectively and feasibly used.</p> <p>A number of Parties, requested assistance in assessing and promoting chemicals alternatives and non-chemical methods, in particular for endosulfan. Besides, it is necessary to clearly understand the national situation, for Parties to the Stockholm Convention to identify their need for specific exemptions and complete final regulatory actions to notify them to the respective Secretariats.</p> <p>Guidance documents are being developed to support countries using the outcomes of the POPRC on the assessment of alternatives and related information from the Chemical Review Committee(CRC) to facilitate conforming to the relevant obligations of Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions as part of former synergy decision S3. Technical assistance activities are being conducted in Mozambique and Uganda to field test and finalize the guidance document and to consider the information generated through the POPRC and CRC work related to endosulfan for the crop-pest complexes available under the specific exemptions of the Stockholm Convention including assessing the present situation regarding the uses and the quantities of endosulfan; identifying and promoting alternative strategies through Farmer Field School concept.</p> <p>The direct aim of the proposed project is to further develop the guidance documents based on the additional information generated during the above activities in Mozambique and Uganda and undertake capacity building activities to assist developing countries still using endosulfan. This should enable those countries assessing their present situation regarding the uses and the quantities of endosulfan in the country, identifying and promoting alternative strategies; and supporting the substitution of these pesticides in agriculture by alternative pest control methods.</p> <p>Online preparatory trainings, webinars and face-to-face activities and follow up exercises will be performed to foster participants' understanding and achieve the objective of the project.</p>	
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update the guidance documents and prepare additional technical documents to facilitate parties undertaking activities to introduce chemical and nonchemical alternatives to endosulfan 2. Undertake country oriented participatory process including two regional workshops (in Africa and Asia) to facilitate Parties establishing key elements for the assessment of continued need for endosulfan and promotion of alternatives 3. Webinars and online meetings prior and following face-to-face workshops of existing information through online meetings, webinars and web site. ¹ 	

¹ Proposed to be funded through Activity 13 (SYN)

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Increased responses by Parties on relevant reporting obligations to the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions
- Enhanced capacity in developing countries to introduce alternatives and phase out endosulfan
- Methodology to assist parties to promote alternatives to POPs pesticides is available

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015

10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1100	<i>Professional Staff</i>	37,000
1200	<i>Consultants</i>	20,000
1600	<i>Travel on Official Business</i>	10,000
20	SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT	
2200	<i>Sub-contracts (Global/regional training)</i>	120,000
50	MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT	
5200	<i>Reporting cost (information/public awareness materials)</i>	7,000
	DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	194,000
	Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	25,220
	TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	219,220