

## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b> Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (PoW 3)	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b> Global
<b>MANDATE</b> <b>Convention Article:</b> Article 18 of the Stockholm Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> n/a			
<b>Rationale</b> The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the decision-making body of the Convention. The organization of its meetings, at intervals decided upon by the Conference of the Parties, is a core activity of the Secretariat. The meeting of the COP is proposed to be held back-to-back with the meetings of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions COPs, over a period of 12 days, plus one day of preparatory meetings (up to 105 funded participants) in Geneva, Switzerland.  The meeting of the Conference of the Parties is supported by a number of briefings, including webinars and permanent mission briefings. Participation in the meetings and briefings will build national institutional memory, knowledge sharing and capacities related to chemicals and wastes management. It also enables participants to network during parallel events and informal meetings and to explore options for implementing the conventions.  Support for the travel of participants from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition allows for their full and effective participation in the meetings, resulting in an inclusive decision-making process, enhanced legitimacy of the decisions adopted and increased commitment towards implementation of decisions.  <i>The factsheet on activity 3 provides the overview of the activities to be undertaken in relation to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.</i>			
<b>Outcomes and indicators of achievement</b>			
<b>Outcomes:</b> Parties from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition are provided with financial support to participate in the meeting, which promotes the involvement of all Parties in the decision-making process.			
<b>Indicators of achievement:</b> 1. Participation of at least one representative per Party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the COP (subject to availability of funding); 2. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups.		<b>Means of verification:</b> 1. List of participants of the COP; 2. List of participants of the COP, COP-9 meeting report.	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME</b>			
Project start date: 07/2018		Project completion date: 09/2019	Project start date: 14 months

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS****Sustainable Development Goals:**

By ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2019, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda which reaffirmed the continued need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision-making. It also improves the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties and encourages the implementation of the Convention at all levels.

**Gender mainstreaming:**

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, in the nomination process of participants to the meeting, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding, the Secretariat will take into account the procedure for the allocation of funding from the voluntary Special Trust Fund for facilitating the participation of Parties in meetings of the Conference of the Parties (SC-5/2), paying special attention to gender balance. The Secretariat will also advise the participants of any potential gender impacts of proposals developed for consideration by the COPs and take gender balance into account in proposing chairs of contact and other groups.

**Integrated Approach:**

The meeting will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among Parties and relevant stakeholders at all levels, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, thus promoting the integration of chemicals and wastes into national budgets, sectors and development plans, and enhancing private-public relationships and partnerships. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.

**PARTNERS**

Parties to the Convention, United Nations Office in Geneva, United Nations travel agent

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

Activity	Output type	Budget
Organize travel of sponsored delegates	Participants travel	814,000
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>814,000</b>
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>105,820</i>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>		<b>919,820</b>