

**LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:****Work programme activity #: 7**

- Decision IX/2 on the enlarge the scope of the Trust Fund, and Decision BC-10/11 Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention
- Implementation fund: assist developing-country parties or parties with economies in transition that are the subject of submissions in accordance with paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the mechanism for promoting the implementation of and compliance with the Convention (USD 300'000.- allocated to BD trust fund for 2012 and 2013).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

By decision IX/2, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP-9) decided to enlarge the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries and other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Technical Cooperation Trust Fund) to establish an implementation fund to assist any Party that is a developing country or country with an economy in transition and is the subject of a submission made in accordance with paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the Committee

Following COP-9, the Committee received one self submission by Oman with respect to difficulties faced by that Party in implementing and complying with its obligation to submit annual reports in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention. The Committee also received nine submissions from the Secretariat with respect to nine Parties having never submitted a national report: Bhutan, Cape Verde, Eritrea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Libya, Nicaragua, Swaziland and Togo. These ten submissions were considered by the Committee during its eighth session, with the participation, in person or via teleconference of four of the ten Parties concerned by a specific submission: Bhutan, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau and Togo. Following consideration of the ten submissions, the Committee adopted ten decisions, including four decisions on the submissions pertaining to Bhutan, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau and Togo whereby it decided to elaborate, in cooperation with each individual Party concerned, and with the assistance of the Secretariat, a voluntary compliance action plan to assist them in resolving their implementation and compliance difficulties. By the time of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, first drafts of voluntary compliance action plans had been submitted to the Secretariat by Bhutan and Togo.

COP 10, in its Decision BC-10/11, welcomed the work of the Committee with respect to the specific submissions it had received. With regards to the implementation fund, COP-10 decided that the resources in the implementation fund may be used to fund activities listed in the compliance action plans approved by the Committee, such as the elaboration of national inventories, and took note of the funding needs identified by the Committee for the purpose of undertaking such activities (activity 7 of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013). COP-10 also requested the Committee to give priority to the consideration of specific submissions over the period 2012-2013.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:**

- The aim of this project is to assist Parties that are a developing country or country with an economy in transition and are the subject of a submission made in accordance with paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the Committee. In line with decision BC-10/11 and the terms of reference of the Committee, the assistance will aim at funding activities listed in voluntary compliance action plans elaborated in cooperation with the Party concerned and adopted by the Committee. At the time of the writing of this proposal, two Parties concerned by a submission, namely Togo and Bhutan, have developed draft voluntary compliance action plans. The Committee has also decided to elaborate, in cooperation with two other Parties, namely Guinea Bissau and Eritrea, and with the assistance of the Secretariat, voluntary compliance action plans to assist them in resolving their implementation and compliance difficulties.
- The Committee is expected to consider this matter and adopt relevant decisions during its ninth meeting (8-9 November 2012). The implementation of the project will depend on the Committee's deliberations and its coordination with the Parties concerned

**RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- Funding of activities listed in voluntary compliance action plans is expected to assist developing country Parties concerned by a specific submission resolve their implementation and compliance difficulties.

**BUDGET [USD] FOR 2012 and 2013**

<i>2012 (BD trust fund)</i>	<i>150,000</i>
<i>2013 (BD trust fund)</i>	<i>150,000</i>
<b>COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Colombia, Japan, Norway and Switzerland</b>	<b>228,717</b>

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