

<b>Convention: BC</b>	<b>Support for participation of developing countries at OEWG-8 of the Basel Convention</b>
<b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>	
<b>Work programme activity #: 2</b>	
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>	
The purpose of this activity is to ensure representation of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition at the 8th meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention. The contribution will assist these Parties to actively participate in the discussions at OEWG-8 and make their input. This will ensure a more balanced outcome of OEWG-8 and ensure that developing country views are reflected in the decisions thereof.	
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for travel, including air tickets and Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA), will provide for approximately 85 participants to attend OEWG-8. Financial support will be made available for one participant from each Party that is not a member of the OECD or the EU</li> </ul>	
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having regionally agreed positions is very important and the participants will be given time to meet and consolidate their positions as regions.</li> <li>There will be opportunities at the COP for the developed and donor countries to discuss implementation issues with the participants from the developing countries and countries with economies in transition.</li> <li>Participants will be able to participate in side-events.</li> </ul>	
<b>BUDGET [USD] FOR 2012-2013, <u>excluding</u> funding already received</b>	
<i>Participants travel (air tickets and DSA)</i>	<i>448,000</i>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>448,000</b>
<b>COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)</b>	<b>550,000</b>
<b>Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Germany, Finland, Norway and Switzerland</b>	<b>137,748</b>