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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
Informed Consent Procedure for Certain
Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides
in International Trade****Stockholm Convention on Persistent
Organic Pollutants**

**Conference of the Parties
to the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary
Movements of Hazardous Wastes
and Their Disposal
Sixteenth meeting**
Geneva, 1–12 May 2023
Agenda item 7

Programme of work and budget

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Procedure for Certain Hazardous
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in International Trade
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Programme of work and budget**Programmes of work and budgets for the biennium 2024–2025:
revised programmes of work activity fact sheets****Note by the Secretariat**

1. In decisions BC-16/28, RC-11/15, SC-11/27 on the programmes of work and budgets for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2024–2025, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions approved their respective programme budgets, taking as a reference the budget activity fact sheets contained in document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/46–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/30–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/51.
2. The annex to the present note sets out revised versions of the budget activity fact sheets prepared by the Secretariat after the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to reflect the programme budgets approved at those meetings.
3. These revised fact sheets provide additional information on the joint and convention-specific activities to be implemented as part of the conventions' programmes of work and budgets for the biennium 2024–2025. All amounts are in United States dollars and are excluding programme support cost,¹ unless otherwise stated.

¹ Programme support costs are United Nations standard 13% costs added to direct costs.

4. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

Annex

Compilation of revised programmes of work activity fact sheets for the programmes of work for the biennium 2024–2025

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1. Conferences and meetings

PoW number	Activity 1				
Title of activity	Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention				
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention				
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget				
Reference	Not applicable (N/A)				
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 15 of the Basel Convention				
Background and rationale	<p>The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the decision-making body of the Convention. The organization of its meetings is a core activity of the Secretariat. The seventeenth meeting of the COP will be held back-to-back with the meetings of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions COPs, over a period of 12 days, plus one day of preparatory meetings (up to 330 funded participants for the three COPs meetings), from 28 April to 9 May 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland. The meetings will include a high-level segment, as high-level segments occur at every second set of meetings, as decided by the conferences of the Parties in 2017.²</p> <p>Regional preparatory meetings are held to enable Parties to prepare for back-to-back meetings of the COPs, so as to provide them with information on the organization of work and issues on the agendas of the COPs and to facilitate regional consultations in advance of the COPs meetings.</p> <p>The meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the regional preparatory meetings are 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 to 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, improved legitimacy of the decisions adopted and increased commitment towards decisions taken.</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 1.1: 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are made and quality services provided. Parties from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as, after participation of delegates from eligible countries has been ensured, members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, are supported to participate in the meeting and thus to contribute to the decision-making process. Meeting documents are prepared. High-level segment ensures political visibility of the meetings and raises awareness on the objectives of the Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 1.1.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded participants, including ministerial participants for the high-level segment (travel is subject to the availability of resources); 1.1.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 1.1.4 Provide interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages; 1.1.5 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 1.1.6 Prepare and translate meeting report. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Indicators of achievement:</td> <td>Means of verification:</td> </tr> <tr> <td> 1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; </td> <td> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. COP-17 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; </td> </tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting;	1. Meeting webpage; 2. COP-17 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants;
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² See para. 299 of the report of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW.13/28), para. 256 of the report of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/27) and para. 280 of the report of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.8/32).

	<p>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Basel Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition and if possible Bureau members in the COP and additional ministerial participants in the high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>4. Number of men/women within delegations, chairs of contact and other groups and as speakers in the high-level segment.</p>	<p>3. Lists of participants of the COP and high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>4. List of participants of the COP, the high-level segment and the COP-17 meeting report.</p>
	<p>Component 1.2: Regional preparatory meetings for the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for regional preparatory meetings made and quality services provided. Parties and observers to the conventions are supported to prepare for the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties so as to become familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and to have the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>1.2.1 Organize travel of funded participants for regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>1.2.2 Arrange equipment, meeting venue and provide interpretation for regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>1.2.3 Staff travel to regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>1.2.4 Staff support for organizing regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Travel of sponsored participants organized: two representatives per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings. 	
Partner(s)	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>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 2025, 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.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan³, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, 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 Technical Cooperation Trust Fund (BD) for facilitating the participation of Parties in meetings of the Conference of the Parties and Open-ended Working Group (BC-10/28), 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.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The meetings will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among Parties and relevant stakeholders at the regional level, 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.</p>	

³ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
1.1 Basel COP-17									
Conference services and logistics	178,890			178,890					178,890
Interpretation	69,376			69,376					69,376
Meeting documents	205,042			205,042					205,042
Meeting report	115,508			115,508					115,508
Travel of meeting participants, including Bureau members				956,672				956,672	956,672
<i>Subtotal</i>	568,816			568,816	956,672			956,672	1,525,488
1.2 Regional Preparatory Meetings									
Meeting and travel costs				293,149				293,149	293,149
<i>Subtotal</i>				293,149				293,149	293,149
Total	568,816			568,816	1,249,821			1,249,821	1,818,637

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	557,574	1,083,108	1,640,682
Approved 2024-2025	568,816	1,249,821	1,818,637

PoW number	Activity 2				
Title of activity	Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention				
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention				
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget				
Reference	Not applicable (N/A)				
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 18 of the Rotterdam Convention				
Background and rationale	<p>The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the decision-making body of the Convention. The organization of its meetings is a core activity of the Secretariat. The twelfth meeting of the COP will be held back-to-back with the meetings of the Basel and Stockholm conventions COPs, over a period of 12 days, plus one day of preparatory meetings (up to 330 funded participants for the three COPs meetings), from 28 April to 9 May 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland. The meetings will include a high-level segment, as high-level segments occur at every second set of meetings, as decided by the conferences of the Parties in 2017.⁴</p> <p>Regional preparatory meetings are held to enable Parties to prepare for back-to-back meetings of the COPs, so as to provide them with information on the organization of work and issues on the agendas of the COPs and to facilitate regional consultations in advance of the COPs meetings.</p> <p>The meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the regional preparatory meetings are 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 to 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, improved legitimacy of the decisions adopted and increased commitment towards decisions taken.</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 2.1: 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are made and quality services provided. Parties from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as, after participation of delegates from eligible countries has been ensured, members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, are supported to participate in the meeting and thus to contribute to the decision-making process. Meeting documents are prepared. High-level segment ensures political visibility of the meetings and raises awareness on the objectives of the Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 2.1.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded participants including ministerial participants for the high-level segment (travel is subject to the availability of resources); 2.1.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 2.1.4 Provide interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages; 2.1.5 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 2.1.6 Prepare and translate meeting report; 2.1.7 Rome Secretariat staff to participate in COP-12 (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management). <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Indicators of achievement:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Means of verification:</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Rotterdam Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition and if possible Bureau members in the COP and additional ministerial </td> <td style="padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. COP-12 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. Lists of participants of the COP and the high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants of the COP, of the high-level segment and the COP-12 meeting report. </td> </tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Rotterdam Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition and if possible Bureau members in the COP and additional ministerial 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. COP-12 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. Lists of participants of the COP and the high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants of the COP, of the high-level segment and the COP-12 meeting report.
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Rotterdam Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition and if possible Bureau members in the COP and additional ministerial 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. COP-12 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. Lists of participants of the COP and the high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants of the COP, of the high-level segment and the COP-12 meeting report. 				

⁴ See para. 299 of the report of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW.13/28), para. 256 of the report of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/27) and para. 280 of the report of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.8/32).

	<p>participants in the high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>4. Number of men/women within delegations, chairs of contact and other groups and as speakers in the high-level segment.</p>	
	<p>Component 2.2: Regional preparatory meetings for the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for regional preparatory meetings made and quality services provided. Parties and observers to the conventions are supported to prepare for the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties so as to become familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and to have the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>2.2.1 Organize travel of funded participants for regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>2.2.2 Arrange equipment, meeting venue and provide interpretation for regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>2.2.3 Staff travel to regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>2.2.4 Staff support for organizing regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
Partner(s)	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>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 2025, 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.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan⁵, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, 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 (RC-5/1), 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.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The meetings will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among Parties and relevant stakeholders at the regional level, 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.</p>	

⁵ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
2.1 Rotterdam COP-12									
Conference services and logistics		178,890		178,890					178,890
Interpretation		69,376		69,376					69,376
Meeting documents		205,042		205,042					205,042
Meeting report		115,508		115,508					115,508
Travel of meeting participants, including Bureau members					928,256			928,256	928,256
<i>Subtotal</i>		568,816		568,816		928,256		928,256	1,497,072
2.2 Regional Preparatory Meetings									
Meeting and travel costs					293,149			293,149	293,149
<i>Subtotal</i>					293,149			293,149	293,149
Total		568,816		568,816		1,221,405		1,221,405	1,790,221

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	557,574	1,083,108	1,640,682
Approved 2024-2025	568,816	1,221,405	1,790,221

PoW number	Activity 3
Title of activity	Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	Not applicable (N/A)
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 19 of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	<p>The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the decision-making body of the Convention. The organization of its meetings is a core activity of the Secretariat. The twelfth meeting of the COP will 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 330 funded participants for the three COPs meetings), from 28 April to 9 May 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland. The meetings will include a high-level segment as high-level segments occur at every second set of meetings, as decided by the conferences of the Parties in 2017.⁶</p> <p>Regional preparatory meetings are held to enable Parties to prepare for back-to-back meetings of the COPs, so as to provide them with information on the organization of work and issues on the agendas of the COPs and to facilitate regional consultations in advance of the COPs meetings.</p> <p>The meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the regional preparatory meetings are 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 to 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, improved legitimacy of the decisions adopted and increased commitment towards decisions taken.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 3.1: 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are made and quality services provided. Parties from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as, after participation of delegates from eligible countries has been ensured, members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, are supported to participate in the meeting and thus to contribute to the decision-making process. Meeting documents are prepared. High-level segment ensures political visibility of the meetings and raises awareness on the objectives of the Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 3.1.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded participants including ministerial participants for the high-level segment (travel is subject to the availability of resources); 3.1.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 3.1.4 Provide interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages; 3.1.5 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 3.1.6 Prepare and translate meeting report.
Indicators of achievement:	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. COP-12 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. Lists of participants of the COP and the high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Lists of participants of the COP, of the high-level segment and the COP-12 meeting report.

⁶ See para. 299 of the report of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW.13/28), para. 256 of the report of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/27) and para. 280 of the report of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.8/32).

	<p>participants in the high-level segment (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>4. Number of men/women within delegations, chairs of contact and other groups and as speakers in the high-level segment.</p>	
	<p>Component 3.2: Regional preparatory meetings for the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for regional preparatory meetings made and quality services provided. Parties and observers to the conventions are supported to prepare for the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties so as to become familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and to have the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>3.2.1 Organize travel of funded participants for regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>3.2.2 Arrange equipment, meeting venue and provide interpretation for regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>3.2.3 Staff travel to regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>3.2.4 Staff support for organizing regional preparatory meetings (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Travel of sponsored participants organized: two representatives per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings. 	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of participants of the regional preparatory meetings; Proceedings of regional preparatory meetings; Feedback from meeting participants.
Partner(s)	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>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 2025, 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.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan⁷, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, 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.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The meetings will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among Parties and relevant stakeholders at the regional level, 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.</p>	

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Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
3.1 Stockholm COP-12									
Conference services and logistics			178,890	178,890					178,890
Interpretation			69,376	69,376					69,376
Meeting documents			205,042	205,042					205,042
Meeting report			115,508	115,508					115,508
Travel of meeting participants, including Bureau members								956,672	956,672
	<i>Subtotal</i>		568,816	568,816				956,672	956,672
3.2 Regional Preparatory Meetings									
Meeting and travel costs								293,149	293,149
	<i>Subtotal</i>							293,149	293,149
	Total		568,816	568,816				1,249,821	1,249,821
									1,818,637

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	557,574	1,083,108	1,640,682
Approved 2024-2025	568,816	1,249,821	1,818,637

PoW number	Activity 4		
Title of activity	Fourteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group		
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention		
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget		
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/20		
Mandate	COP decision(s): Decisions VI/36 and BC-16/20 of the Basel Convention;		
Background and rationale	<p>The Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) is a subsidiary body of the Basel Convention mandated by decision VI/36 to, among other things, (i) assist the Conference of the Parties (COP) in developing and keeping under review the operational policies and COP decisions, (ii) consider and advise the COP on issues relating to policy, technical, scientific, legal, institutional, administration and other aspects of the implementation of the Convention, (iii) prepare its work plan for consideration by the COP, and (iv) report to the COP on the activities it has carried out between meetings of the COP. The fourteenth meeting of the OEWG will be held over a period of 4 days, plus one day of preparatory meetings (up to 136 funded participants), during the week of 24 June 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p>OEWG meetings are 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 the Basel Convention. It also enables participants to network during parallel events and informal meetings and to explore options for implementing the Convention.</p> <p>Support to travel of participants from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition allows for their full and effective participation in the meeting, resulting in an inclusive decision-making process, improved legitimacy of the decisions adopted and increased commitment towards decisions taken.</p>		
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 4.1: Fourteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group:</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the 14th meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group are made and quality services provided. Parties from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition are supported to participate in the meeting and thus to contribute to the decision-making process. Meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 4.1.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded participants (travel is subject to the availability of resources); 4.1.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 4.1.4 Provide interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages; 4.1.5 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 4.1.6 Prepare and translate meeting report. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to Parties in all working languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Participation of at least one representative per Party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups. </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. OEWG-14 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. List of participants of OEWG-14 (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants of OEWG-14, OEWG-14 meeting report. </td> </tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to Parties in all working languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Participation of at least one representative per Party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups. 	Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. OEWG-14 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. List of participants of OEWG-14 (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants of OEWG-14, OEWG-14 meeting report.
Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to Parties in all working languages within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Participation of at least one representative per Party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups. 	Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. OEWG-14 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. List of participants of OEWG-14 (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants of OEWG-14, OEWG-14 meeting report. 		

Partner(s)	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG)
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: By ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in 2024, 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 Open-ended Working Group and encourages the implementation of the Convention at all levels.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan⁸, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, 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 Special Trust Fund for voluntary contributions (BD) for facilitating the participation of Parties in meetings of the Open-ended Working Group (BC-10/28), paying special attention to gender balance. The Secretariat will also take gender balance into account in proposing chairs of contact and other groups.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is the global forum which catalyses cooperation and coordination among all Parties and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and private sector, 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.</p>

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
4.1 Basel OEWG-14									
Conference services and logistics	129,203			129,203				129,203	
Interpretation	36,452			36,452				51,052	
Meeting documents	133,237			133,237				133,237	
Meeting report	36,261			36,261				36,261	
Travel of meeting participants				568,824				568,824	568,824
<i>Subtotal</i>	335,153			335,153	583,424			583,424	918,577
Total	335,153			335,153	583,424			583,424	918,577

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	334,632	596,260	930,892
Approved 2024-2025	335,153	583,424	918,577

⁸ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 5
Title of activity	Twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention and orientation workshop for members of the Chemical Review Committee
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/5
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 18 (paragraph 6), Article 5 and Article 6 of the Rotterdam Convention COP decision(s): Decision RC-11/2 of the Rotterdam Convention
Background and rationale	<p>The Chemical Review Committee (CRC) is a subsidiary body of the Rotterdam Convention. At its meetings, the Committee reviews notifications of final regulatory actions and proposals to list severely hazardous pesticide formulations according to the criteria set out in Annexes II and IV to the Convention, respectively, and makes recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on listing of such chemicals in Annex III to the Convention. The meetings could be held back-to-back with the meetings of the Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, if possible, over a duration of up to four days plus one day of pre-meetings (up to 23 funded members) in Rome, Italy. A fifth meeting day was approved subject to the availability of resources.</p> <p>The operation of the CRC involves many specific procedures and policies. The orientation workshop for CRC members provides new members with useful guidance and hands-on training on the mandate, the procedures and operations of the Committee to facilitate their effective participation in the work of the CRC throughout their term. The orientation workshop also serves as a platform to pass on institutional memory on the work of the Committee to new members. The previous orientation workshops were considered useful by incoming members and the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to continue to organize such workshops. Other tools could be developed to support the Committee members in carrying out their work effectively.</p> <p>The implementation of the intersessional work of the Committee is described in factsheet for POW activity 21 (RC) on scientific support for Parties to the Rotterdam Convention. Activities on enhancing the coordination among the scientific bodies of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are described in factsheet for POW activity 12 on support for the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 5.1: Twentieth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-20)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the twentieth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee are made and quality services provided. CRC members from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition are supported to participate in the meetings and thus to contribute to the scientific review of chemicals considered for listing in Annex III to the Convention. Meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 5.1.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded members; 5.1.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 5.1.4 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 5.1.5 Prepare and translate meeting report; 5.1.6 Fundraise for a fifth meeting day (staff costs only); 5.1.7 Staff to travel to Rome to participate in CRC-20 (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management).
Indicators of achievement:	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 3. Travel of sponsored members organized; 4. Number of men/women among members and as leads of intersessional task and drafting groups.

<p>Component 5.2: Twenty-first meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-21)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the twenty-first meeting of the Chemical Review Committee are made and quality services provided. CRC members from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition are supported to participate in the meetings and thus to contribute to the scientific review of chemicals considered for listing in Annex III to the Convention. Meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 5.2.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded members; 5.2.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 5.2.4 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 5.2.5 Prepare and translate meeting report; 5.2.6 Fundraise for a fifth meeting day (staff costs only); 5.2.7 Staff to travel to Rome to participate in CRC-21 (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management). 	
<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 3. Travel of sponsored members organized; 4. Number of men/women among members and as leads of intersessional task and drafting groups. <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpages; 2. CRC-21 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. List of participants; 4. List of participants. 	
<p>Component 5.3: Chemical Review Committee (CRC) orientation workshop and other tools to support members in carrying out their work effectively</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The CRC members have a clear understanding of the CRC processes and are able to fully participate in the intersessional work and future meetings of the Committee thereby facilitating a smooth rotation of the membership.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.3.1 One orientation workshop organized for up to 23 funded participants for 3 days (subject to the availability of resources); 5.3.2 Staff travel to participate in orientation workshop (subject to the availability of resources); 5.3.3 Prepare/translate/disseminate tools to support effective participation of members, in the work of the Committee (subject to the availability of resources). 	
<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel of sponsored members organized; 2. Facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the workshop; 3. High level of satisfaction among incoming members; 4. Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work and in meetings. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop webpage and list of participants; 2. Feedback from members; 3. Feedback from incoming members; 4. CRC-20 and CRC-21 meeting reports. 	
<p>Partner(s)</p>	<p>United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p>
<p>Socio-economic aspects</p> <p>Sustainable Development Goals: In reviewing the notifications of final regulatory actions and proposals to list severely hazardous pesticide formulations in the Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention, the Committee highly relies on the information and comments provided by members, Parties and observers. By supporting the participation of members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, 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, and to the specific chemicals and waste related Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	

	Gender mainstreaming: The members of the Committee are nominated by their governments and appointed by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of their expertise in chemicals management and equitable geographical distribution. Among the current 31 Committee members 12 are female, including the Chair of the Committee. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan ⁹ , in the nomination process of members, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within the Committee. The Secretariat will also take gender balance into account in proposing chairs of intersessional task and drafting groups.
	Integrated Approach: The work of the Committee contributes to the mainstreaming of chemicals management into national development plans and budgets by increasing the information available on the chemicals under review and recommending their listing to promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts in the trade and management of those chemicals to protect human health and environment. Observers, such as relevant NGOs and industry associations, participate in the work of the Committee and provide information and comments on the chemicals under review. As observers, the NGOs and industry are thus involved in the operations of the Committee.

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
5.1 Twentieth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-20)									
Conference services and logistics		36,705		36,705		1,811		1,811	38,516
Meeting documents		107,762		107,762		42,762		42,762	
Travel of meeting participants		81,995		81,995		6,279		6,279	
<i>Subtotal</i>		226,462		226,462		50,852		50,852	277,314
5.2 Twenty-first meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-21)									
Conference services and logistics		36,705		36,705		1,811		1,811	38,516
Meeting documents		107,762		107,762		42,762		42,762	
Travel of meeting participants		81,995		81,995		6,279		6,279	
<i>Subtotal</i>		226,462		226,462		50,852		50,852	277,314
5.3 Chemical Review Committee (CRC) orientation workshop and other tools to support members in carrying out their work effectively									
Experts' support						18,000		18,000	18,000
Travel of meeting participants						92,437		92,437	92,437
Travel of staff						3,456		3,456	3,456
<i>Subtotal</i>						113,893		113,893	113,893
Total		452,924		452,924		215,597		215,597	668,521

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	503,053	86,500	589,553
Approved 2024-2025	452,924	215,597	668,521

⁹ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 6				
Title of activity	Twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention				
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention				
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget				
Reference	UNEP/POPS/COP.11/11				
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 19 (paragraph 6) and Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decision SC-11/8 of the Stockholm Convention				
Background and rationale	<p>The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) is a subsidiary body to the Stockholm Convention. At its meetings, the Committee reviews chemicals in accordance with Article 8 as well as Annexes D, E and F to the Convention and makes recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on listing of such chemicals in Annex A, B and/or C to the Convention. The meetings could be held separately, or back-to-back with the meetings of the Rotterdam Convention Chemical Review Committee, over a duration of up to five days with up to four days of interpretation in the six UN languages, plus one day of pre-meetings (up to 23 funded members and six invited experts) in Rome, Italy.</p> <p>The operations of the POPRC involve many specific procedures and policies. It is important that all members are familiar with the review process provided by the Convention. The orientation provided to incoming POPRC members, prior to the start of their terms of office in May 2026, will consist of their participation in POPRC-21 in 2025 as observers. Incoming experts will thus have the opportunity to interact with the current members and share experiences.</p> <p>Furthermore, according to its terms of reference, the Committee may invite up to 30 experts, who are not members of the Committee, to support it in its work. Experts are designated and invited for their areas of expertise or specific substance knowledge to contribute to the work of the Committee. The average number of experts invited per meeting in the last 10 years is four.</p> <p>The implementation of the intersessional work of the Committee is described in factsheet for POW activity 22 (SC) on scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention. Activities on enhancing the coordination among the scientific bodies of the conventions are described in factsheet for POW activity 12 on support for the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions.</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 6.1: Twentieth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-20)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for POPRC-20 are made and quality services provided. POPRC members from developing country and countries with economies in transition, are supported to participate in the meetings and thus to contribute to the scientific review of chemicals being proposed for listing and other technical work under the Convention. Meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 6.1.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded participants; 6.1.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 6.1.4 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 6.1.5 Provide interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages for up to 4 days; 6.1.6 Prepare, edit and translate the meeting report; 6.1.7 Staff to travel to Rome to participate in POPRC-20 (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management). <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Indicators of achievement:</td> <td>Means of verification:</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 3. Travel of sponsored members organized; </td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. POPRC-20 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants 3. List of participants; 4. List of participants. </td> </tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 3. Travel of sponsored members organized; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. POPRC-20 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants 3. List of participants; 4. List of participants.
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 3. Travel of sponsored members organized; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. POPRC-20 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants 3. List of participants; 4. List of participants. 				

	<p>4. Number of men/women among members and as chairs of intersessional task and drafting groups.</p>	
	<p>Component 6.2: Twenty-first meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-21)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for POPRC-21 are made and quality services provided. POPRC members from developing country and countries with economies in transition, are supported to participate in the meetings and thus to contribute to the scientific review of chemicals being proposed for listing and other technical work under the Convention. Meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.2.1 Prepare, edit, translate and publish meeting documents; 6.2.2 Send invitation and confirmation letters, register participants and organize travel for funded participants; 6.2.3 Provide conference services at the meeting; 6.2.4 Organize logistics at the meeting (meeting venue, UN security); 6.2.5 Provide interpretation at the meeting in the six UN languages; 6.2.6 Prepare, edit and translate the meeting report; 6.2.7 Staff to travel to Rome to participate in POPRC-21 (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management). 	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 3. Travel of sponsored members organized; 4. Number of men/women among members and as chairs of intersessional task and drafting groups. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage; 2. POPRC-21 meeting report and feedback from meeting participants; 3. List of participants; 4. List of participants.
	<p>Component 6.3: Provision of orientation to incoming POPRC members and participation of additional experts supporting the work of the Committee</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The incoming members have a clear understanding of the POPRC processes and are able to fully participate in the intersessional work and future meetings of the Committee thereby facilitating a smooth rotation of the membership. Specific expertise is provided through invited experts as necessary thus supporting the work of the POPRC.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.3.1 Invite experts to the POPRC meetings (subject to the availability of resources); 6.3.2 Provide orientation to the new members who will start their term of office in May 2026 (subject to the availability of resources). 	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel of sponsored incoming members whose terms of office start in May 2026 organized; 2. Facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work and in meetings; 4. Contributions made by invited experts during the meeting of the Committee. 	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting webpage and list of participants; 2. Feedback from members; 3. POPRC-20 and 21 meeting reports; 4. Feedback from incoming members.
Partner(s)	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: In reviewing the chemicals proposed for listing in the annexes to the Stockholm Convention, the Committee highly relies on the information and comments provided by members, Parties and observers. By supporting the participation of members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, this activity contributes to the 2030 sustainable development agenda, which reaffirmed the continued</p>	

	need for the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in global decision-making, and to the specific chemicals and waste related Sustainable Development Goals.
	Gender mainstreaming: The members of the Committee are nominated by their governments and appointed by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of their expertise in chemicals management and equitable geographical distribution. Among the current 31 Committee members, 11 are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan ¹⁰ , in the nomination process of members and experts, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within the Committee.
	Integrated Approach: The work of the Committee contributes to the mainstreaming of chemicals management into national development plans and budgets by increasing the information available on the chemicals under review (risk assessment and risk management evaluation) and recommending their listing to the Convention to protect human health and environment. Observers, such as relevant NGOs and industry associations, participate in the work of the Committee and provide information and comments on the chemicals under review. As observers, the NGOs and industry are thus involved in the operations of the Committee.

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
6.1 Twentieth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-20)									
Conference services and logistics			66,683	66,683					66,683
Interpretation			68,000	68,000					68,000
Meeting documents			235,093	235,093					235,093
Travel of meeting participants			88,274	88,274					88,274
<i>Subtotal</i>			458,050	458,050					458,050
6.2 Twenty-first meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-21)									
Conference services and logistics			66,683	66,683					66,683
Interpretation			68,000	68,000					68,000
Meeting documents			235,093	235,093					235,093
Travel of meeting participants			88,274	88,274					88,274
<i>Subtotal</i>			458,050	458,050					458,050
6.3 Provision of orientation to incoming POPRC members and participation of additional experts supporting the work of the Committee									
Travel of meeting participants								89,975	89,975
<i>Subtotal</i>								89,975	89,975
Total			910,626	910,626				89,975	89,975
									1,006,075

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	912,722	84,709	997,431
Approved 2024-2025	916,100	89,975	1,006,075

¹⁰ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 7
Title of activity	Individual and joint meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	N/A
Mandate	<p>COP decision(s):</p> <p>Decisions VI/36, BC-11/24 and BC-11/25 of the Basel Convention Decision RC-1/1 of the Rotterdam Convention Decisions SC-1/1 and SC-6/29 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
Background and rationale	<p>During the intersessional period, the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat regarding the preparations for the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties and in particular matters pertaining to the organization of work. The bureaux may also be entrusted by their respective Conference of the Parties to undertake specific tasks carried out between the meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Joint meetings of the bureaux serve the purpose of giving guidance to the Secretariat on the organization of back-to-back meetings of the conferences of the Parties.</p> <p>The bureaux of the conferences of the Parties are composed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basel Convention: one President, nine Vice-Presidents, three ex-officio members (Chair of Implementation and Compliance Committee and Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group), out of which a maximum of 11 are from developing countries and countries with economies in transition; 2. Rotterdam Convention: one President, four Vice-Presidents, two ex-officio members (Chair of the Chemical Review Committee and Chair of the Compliance Committee), out of which a maximum of six are from developing countries and countries with economies in transition; 3. Stockholm Convention: one President, nine Vice-Presidents, one ex-officio member (Chair of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee), out of which a maximum of 9 are from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. <p>In line with the institutional arrangements established by decisions BC-11/25 and SC-6/29, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions decided that five members of each of the two bureaux may participate in joint meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, having due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation of the five regions of the United Nations.</p> <p>Each Bureau will hold one individual meeting over one day in Geneva, Switzerland (Basel Convention - up to 11 funded members and ex-officio members, Rotterdam Convention - up to 6 funded members and ex-officio members, Stockholm Convention - up to 9 funded members and ex-officio members), approximately in June/July 2024.</p> <p>In addition, a joint bureaux meeting will be held over two days in Geneva, Switzerland (4 funded Bureau members from each Convention), approximately in November 2024.</p> <p>Bureaux members who are not able to physically attend the meetings will be able to participate through a secure online connection.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 7.1: Individual meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the three individual meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are made and quality services provided. Members of the bureaux are able to provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on preparations for the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1.1 Prepare and publish documentation for the meetings (staff costs only); 7.1.2 Prepare and dispatch invitations (staff costs only); 7.1.3 Organize travel of sponsored bureaux members, including ex-officio members, as appropriate; 7.1.4 Provide logistical support (arrangements for coffee breaks, meeting room and online participation); 7.1.5 Support the bureaux and the Presidents during and between meetings (staff costs only); 7.1.6 Prepare the reports of the meetings and follow up on guidance provided at the meetings (staff costs only);

	7.1.7 Rome Secretariat staff to participate in RC COP Bureau meeting (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management).	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions organized; 2. Documentation for the meetings, including meetings reports, available; 3. Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to bureaux members during the meetings; 4. Number of men/women elected as bureaux members. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports and lists of participants of the meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; 2. Meetings webpages; 3. Feedback from bureaux members; 4. Lists of participants of the bureaux meetings.
	<p>Component 7.2: Joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are made and quality services provided. Members of the bureaux are able to provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on the organization of back-to-back meetings of the conferences of the Parties. Meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.2.1 Prepare and publish documentation for the meetings (staff costs only); 7.2.2 Prepare and dispatch invitations (staff costs only); 7.2.3 Organize travel of sponsored bureaux members; 7.2.4 Provide logistical support (arrangements for coffee breaks, meeting room and online participation); 7.2.5 Support the bureaux and the Presidents during and between meetings (staff costs only); 7.2.6 Prepare the reports of the meetings and follow up on guidance provided at the meetings (staff costs only); 7.2.7 Rome Secretariat staff to participate in the joint bureaux meeting (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management). 	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions organized; 2. Documentation for the meeting, including meeting report, available; 3. Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to bureaux members during the meeting; 4. Number of men/women selected to participate in the joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. 	
Partner(s)	N/A	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: In between meetings, the bureaux support the conferences of the Parties through the provision of guidance and advice to the Secretariat regarding preparation of meetings. Bureaux members represent their respective region and, as such, are pivotal to ensure good communication within regions and reporting to the bureaux the concerns that are specific to their regions. This contributes to ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023. As such, 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.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan¹¹, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation during the elections of officers. In addition, pursuant to decision BC-11/25 and SC-6/29, only</p>	

¹¹ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

	<p>five members each of the bureaux of the Basel and Stockholm COPs may participate in joint meetings of the bureaux. Following past practice, the selection criteria that may be used to assist the bureaux in identifying these five members could include, among others, consideration of gender balance.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The meetings will contribute to catalyzing cooperation and coordination among bureaux members and the regions they represent, thus promoting the integration of chemicals and wastes into national budgets, sectors and development plans. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>
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Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
7.1 Individual meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions									
Travel of meeting participants	29,436	16,056	24,084	69,576					69,576
Meeting and catering costs	1,690	1,590	1,640	4,920					4,920
<i>Subtotal</i>	31,126	17,646	25,724	74,496					74,496
7.2 Joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions									
Travel of meeting participants	12,180	12,180	12,180	36,540					36,540
Meeting and catering costs	710	710	710	2,130					2,130
<i>Subtotal</i>	12,890	12,890	12,890	38,670					38,670
Total	44,016	30,536	38,614	113,166					113,166

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	109,396	0	109,396
Approved 2024-2025	113,166	0	113,166

PoW number	Activity 10				
Title of activity	Meeting of the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention				
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention				
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget				
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/13				
Mandate	Convention Article 15 of the Basel Convention COP decision(s): Decisions VI/12 and BC-16/14 of the Basel Convention				
Background and rationale	<p>The Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee is a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties established by decision VI/12. Paragraph 8 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance provides: “The Committee shall meet at least once between each regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and in conjunction with meetings of other Convention bodies. The secretariat shall arrange for and service the meetings of the Committee.” Paragraph 8 of the terms of reference provides: “Where a Party is identified in a submission or itself makes a submission, it shall be invited to participate in the consideration of the submission by the Committee”.</p> <p>The organization of the meetings of the Committee, at intervals decided upon by the Conference of the Parties, is a core activity of the Secretariat, pursuant to Article 16 of the Convention.</p> <p>Support to travel of members from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, funded from the Basel Convention general trust fund, allows for their full and effective participation in the meetings and for the quorum to be reached, resulting in an inclusive decision-making process, improved legitimacy of the conclusions and decisions adopted, and increased commitment towards them. Support to travel of Parties concerned by a submission from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, funded from the special trust fund for voluntary contributions, allows for their full and effective participation in the meetings, for the Committee to be in a position to determine the facts and root causes of the matter of concern and assist in its resolution, and to increased commitment by Parties towards decisions taken by the Committee.</p> <p>The implementation of the work programme of the Committee is described in fact sheet for POW activity 32 (BC) on legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention.</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 10.1: Sixteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the 16th meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC) are made and quality services provided. Travel of ICC members from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition and of eligible Parties concerned by a submission is organized and meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.1.1 Prepare and publish pre-session meeting documents in consultation/cooperation with ICC members as appropriate (staff costs only); 10.1.2 Organize pre-meetings and informal consultations (staff costs only); 10.1.3 Prepare and dispatch invitations; register participants and observers (staff costs only); 10.1.4 Make arrangements for the meeting venue (hospitality and equipment); 10.1.5 Organize the travel of sponsored members; 10.1.6 Organize the travel of sponsored party representatives (subject to the availability of resources); 10.1.7 Prepare outreach and communications (web announcement, briefings etc.) (staff costs only); 10.1.8 Coordinate the meeting and provide assistance to the Chair and Bureau (staff costs only); 10.1.9 Prepare meeting report (staff costs only); 10.1.10 Conduct follow up communications with members, Parties and observers as decided by the Committee (staff costs only). <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Indicators of achievement:</td> <td>Means of verification:</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting documents prepared in consultation/cooperation with Committee members as appropriate and as per agreed deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; </td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings webpage; 2. Feedback from members, enquiries or comments from meeting participants; 3. List of participants to the meetings and reports of the meetings; </td> </tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting documents prepared in consultation/cooperation with Committee members as appropriate and as per agreed deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings webpage; 2. Feedback from members, enquiries or comments from meeting participants; 3. List of participants to the meetings and reports of the meetings;
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting documents prepared in consultation/cooperation with Committee members as appropriate and as per agreed deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings webpage; 2. Feedback from members, enquiries or comments from meeting participants; 3. List of participants to the meetings and reports of the meetings; 				

	3. Travel of sponsored members organized; 4. Travel of Party representatives organized (subject to the availability of resources).	4. List of participants to the meetings and reports of the meetings (subject to the availability of resources).
Partner(s)	N/A if meeting held in Geneva	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: By supporting the participation of members and Parties from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the Committee, 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.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The members of the Committee are nominated by Parties governments and elected by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of their expertise and equitable geographical distribution. Among the current 15 Committee members, 7 are male and 8 are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan¹², in the nomination process of members, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within the Committee.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The meetings can contribute to catalysing coordination among relevant stakeholders within Parties, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, for an improved implementation and compliance with the Convention. Observers to meetings of the Conference of the Parties, such as relevant NGOs and industry associations, may participate in the open sessions of the meetings of the Committee</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
10.1 Basel Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC-16)									
Travel of meeting participants	37,554			37,554	45,492			45,492	83,046
Meeting and catering costs	3,250			3,250					3,250
Subtotal	40,804			40,804	45,492			45,492	86,296
Total	40,804			40,804	45,492			45,492	86,296

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	39,302	46,070	85,372
Approved 2024-2025	40,804	45,492	86,296

¹² UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 11
Title of activity	Second Meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/14
Mandate	<p>Convention Article 17 of the Rotterdam Convention, Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention</p> <p>COP decision(s): Decisions RC-9/7 and RC-11/15 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention</p>
Background and rationale	<p>The Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee is a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties established by decision RC-9/7 adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2019. Paragraph 7 of Annex VII to the Convention on Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance with the Rotterdam Convention provides: “The Committee shall hold meetings as necessary and wherever possible in conjunction with meetings of the Conference of the Parties or other Convention bodies”. Paragraph 8 of the terms of reference provides: “Where a submission is made with regard to the possible non-compliance of a Party, it shall be invited to participate in the consideration of the submission by the Committee”.</p> <p>By decision RC-11/5, the Conference of the Parties approved the work programme 2024-2025 of the Committee, which also instructed the Committee to continue to accord priority to dealing with specific submissions regarding Party compliance received or initiated in accordance with paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Convention.</p> <p>The organization of the meetings of the Committee, held as necessary and decided upon by the Conference of the Parties, is a core activity of the Secretariat, pursuant to Article 19 of the Convention.</p> <p>Support to travel of members from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, funded from the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund, allows for their full and effective participation in the meetings and for the quorum to be reached, resulting in an inclusive decision-making process, improved legitimacy of the conclusions and decisions adopted, and increased commitment towards them. Support to travel of Parties concerned by a submission from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, funded from the special trust fund for voluntary contributions, allows for their full and effective participation in the meetings, for the Committee to be in a position to determine the facts and root causes of the matter of concern and assist in its resolution, and to increased commitment by Parties towards decisions taken by the Committee.</p> <p>By decision RC-10/1, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties elected the first members of the Compliance Committee and adopted the programme of work for the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee for the 2022-2023 biennium by decision RC-10/11. The Compliance Committee held its first meeting in November 2022, including a joint session with the fifteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee.</p> <p>POW activity 33 (BRS) on legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions sets out the activities related to the programme of work for the biennium 2024-25 as approved by the Conference of the Parties.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 11.1: Second meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Arrangements for the 2nd meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee (CC) are made and quality services provided. Travel of eligible CC members and of eligible Parties concerned by a submission is organized and meeting documents are prepared.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.1.1 Prepare and publish pre-session meeting documents in consultation/cooperation with CC members as appropriate (staff costs only); 11.1.2 Organize pre-meetings and informal consultations (staff costs only); 11.1.3 Prepare and dispatch invitations; register participants and observers (staff costs only); 11.1.4 Make arrangements for the meeting venue (hospitality and equipment); 11.1.5 Organize travel of sponsored members; 11.1.6 Organize the travel of sponsored Party representatives (in the event of any submissions) (subject to the availability of resources); 11.1.7 Prepare outreach and communications (web announcement, briefings etc.) (staff costs only); 11.1.8 Coordinate the meeting and provide assistance to the Chair and Officers (staff costs only); 11.1.9 Prepare meeting report (staff costs only);

	11.1.10 Conduct follow up communications with members, Parties and observers as decided by the Committee (staff costs only).							
	Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting documents prepared in consultation/cooperation with Committee members as appropriate and as per agreed deadlines; 2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting; 3. Travel of sponsored members organized; 4. Travel of Party representatives organized (subject to the availability of resources). Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings webpage; 2. Feedback from members, enquiries or comments from meeting participants; 3. List of participants to the meeting and report of the meeting; 4. List of participants to the meeting and report of the meeting (subject to the availability of resources). 							
Partner(s)	N/A as meeting is to be held in Geneva							
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: By supporting the participation of members and Parties from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the Committee, 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.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The members of the Committee are nominated by Parties and elected by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of equitable geographical representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan¹³, in the nomination process of members, the Secretariat encourages a balanced gender representation within the Committee.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The meetings can contribute to catalysing coordination among relevant stakeholders within Parties, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, for an improved implementation and compliance with the Convention. Observers to meetings of the Conference of the Parties, such as relevant NGOs and industry associations, may participate in the open sessions of the meetings of the Committee.</p>							

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
11.1 Rotterdam Compliance Committee (CC-2)									
Travel of meeting participants		37,554		37,554		8,028		8,028	45,582
Meeting and catering costs		2,650		2,650					2,650
<i>Subtotal</i>		40,204		40,204		8,028		8,028	48,232
Total		40,204		40,204		8,028		8,028	48,232

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	39,302	8,130	47,432
Approved 2024-2025	40,204	8,028	48,232

¹³ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 12					
Title of activity	From science to action: support coordination among the scientific bodies of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions					
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention					
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget					
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/26–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/21–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/27					
Mandate	COP decision(s): BC-16/25 of the Basel Convention, RC-11/12 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-11/24 of the Stockholm Convention; Synergies decisions (BC-IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34)					
Background and rationale	<p>From Science to Action: The conferences of the Parties, through their subsidiary bodies, expert groups and other international partners, have established processes that are necessary for implementing the conventions and supporting Parties to enhance the understanding of the relevant scientific aspects of the conventions when taking decisions.</p> <p>The BRS COPs have emphasized the importance of, and the need to enhance, the interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors in the policy process to promote the exchange, development and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions and encouraged Parties and other stakeholders to initiate action to promote science-based decision-making in the implementation of the conventions at the national level.</p> <p>The Stockholm Convention effectiveness evaluation committee recommended that further support is provided to Parties to strengthen science-policy-industry interactions to enhance science-based decision making in the implementation of the conventions.</p> <p>Coordination among the scientific bodies of the BRS conventions: In the synergies decisions (BC-IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34), the conferences of the Parties requested the Secretariat to facilitate the exchange of relevant information between the technical and scientific bodies of the conventions through the sharing of information. Enhanced coordination and cooperation among those bodies, including through information and expertise sharing, as well as effective participation of Parties, stakeholders and members in the work of the bodies would improve efficiency and ensure consistency in the deliverables of the bodies. The CRC and the POPRC both review chemicals for listing, thus information on their evaluation and conclusions could be mutually useful. For example, the CRC regularly uses information made available through the Stockholm Convention listing process when considering chemicals for listing under the Rotterdam Convention. The two committees have met back-to-back in the past and held a joint meeting in 2013 to facilitate information exchange among participating members and observers and to jointly develop guidance on the review of chemicals by the CRC when a chemical under consideration is a persistent organic pollutant listed under the Stockholm Convention. This guidance is still applied nowadays in the review of chemicals. Briefing and debriefing webinars for the CRC and POPRC meetings are regularly held jointly.</p>					
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 12.1: From Science to Action</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Enhanced interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors in the policy process towards achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>12.1.1 Pilot activities to enhance interaction among scientists, policymakers and other actors including industry and civil society in the policy process (subject to the availability of resources).</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</td> <td>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Number of pilot activities for enhancing interaction among scientists, policymakers and other actors including industry and civil society in the policy process implemented.</td> <td>1. Report of pilot activities for enhancing interaction among scientists, policymakers and other actors including industry and civil society in the policy process.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Component 12.2: Coordination among the scientific bodies of the BRS conventions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Enhanced collaboration and cooperation among the scientific bodies of the conventions through technical and policy support provided in a coordinated manner. Opportunities for the scientific bodies to discuss and share information and expertise on cross-cutting issues.</p>		Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):	Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):	1. Number of pilot activities for enhancing interaction among scientists, policymakers and other actors including industry and civil society in the policy process implemented.	1. Report of pilot activities for enhancing interaction among scientists, policymakers and other actors including industry and civil society in the policy process.
Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):	Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):					
1. Number of pilot activities for enhancing interaction among scientists, policymakers and other actors including industry and civil society in the policy process implemented.	1. Report of pilot activities for enhancing interaction among scientists, policymakers and other actors including industry and civil society in the policy process.					

	Activities: 12.2.1 Ensure coordination in the organization of the meetings and briefings of the scientific bodies (staff costs only).	
	Indicators of achievement: 1. Meetings of the scientific bodies and briefings held in a coordinated manner; 2. Information and expertise shared among scientific bodies.	Means of verification: 1. Meetings reports and briefings webpages; 2. Meeting reports and webpages of the scientific bodies.
Partner(s)	Members and observers of the subsidiary bodies, FAO, UNEP	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The UN Sustainable Development Goal 3 of chemicals and wastes seeks to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages through substantially to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water, and soil pollution and contamination. Supporting developing countries on user-friendly access to scientific information for informed decision making on hazardous chemicals should facilitate achieving this goal.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The implementation phase of the roadmap will take into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender will be considered when specific activities are designed and during their implementation and evaluation in any follow-up projects.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: This activity is also supportive of the integrated approach in recognizing the importance of the science-policy interface for the sound management of hazardous chemicals and wastes. The work of the scientific bodies contributes to the mainstreaming of chemicals management into national development plans and budgets by increasing the information available on the chemicals under review and recommending their listing to promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts in the trade and management of those chemicals to protect human health and environment. Observers, such as relevant NGOs and industry associations, participate in the work of the Committee and provide information and comments on the chemicals under review. As observer, the NGOs and industry are thus involved in the operations of the scientific bodies.</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
12.1 From Science to Action									
Pilot projects				40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000	120,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>				40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000	120,000	
12.2 Coordination among the scientific bodies of the BRS conventions									
Internal implementation (no additional costs)									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
Total				40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000	120,000	

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	0	120,000	120,000
Approved 2024-2025	0	120,000	120,000

2. Technical assistance and capacity-building

PoW number	Activity 13
Title of activity	Technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/17–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/15
Mandate	<p>Convention Article: Articles 4, 10, and 16 of the Basel Convention; Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention; Articles 12 and 20 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>COP decision(s): BC-16/24, BC-16/22, BC-16/17, BC-16/16, BC-15/20, BC-15/21, BC-15/25, BC-15/27, BC-14/17, BC-14/18, BC-14/21, BC-14/24, BC-13/20, of the Basel Convention; RC-8/13, RC-9/8, RC-9/9, RC-9/12, RC-10/12, RC-10/14, RC-10/16, RC-11/6, RC-11/9 and RC-11/11, of the Rotterdam Convention; SC-8/23, SC-9/14, SC-9/19, SC-9/22, SC-10/15, SC-10/21, SC-10/23, SC-11/13, SC-11/21, SC-11/23, of the Stockholm Convention</p>
Background and rationale	<p>Technical Assistance Plan: The technical assistance plan for the period 2022-2025 was developed on the base of assessments of technical assistance needs of Parties which are developing countries and countries with economies in transition. It sets the direction for the delivery of the technical assistance for all involved stakeholders. This assures that Parties will fully benefit from a coherent and coordinated approach to technical assistance under the three conventions from the Secretariat, as well as from various other service providers, including organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC), academia and private sector. Particular focus will be given to the regional delivery of technical assistance through regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions and through the regional offices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The biannual Secretariat technical assistance programme of work is based on the above plan, considering also the technical assistance requests directed to the Secretariat by various means, and is set out in the programme of work activities 13–16.</p> <p>Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: This entails activities aimed at developing, strengthening and maintaining the legal and governance capacities needed to implement and enforce the conventions. It builds on several priority areas identified by Parties in 2020 in their needs assessment questionnaires (training for customs authorities, multi-stakeholder coordination at the national level, and development of national legal frameworks), and includes activities in key cross-cutting areas of importance to two or three of the conventions as described below.</p> <p>Legal and institutional frameworks: Adequate legal and institutional frameworks are prerequisites for the proper implementation and enforcement of the conventions at the national level. Activities will aim at enhancing the capacity of Parties to review or develop, as appropriate, their national legal frameworks to give full effect to the obligations and procedures of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. This will be achieved by supporting Parties through regional and national activities tailored to the needs of Parties and through the development of tools.</p> <p>Preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade: All three conventions set out obligations pertaining to the control of imports and exports of the covered chemicals and wastes. Adequate enforcement of these provisions requires that the entities involved in the enforcement chain, in particular Customs, police, prosecutors and the judiciary, are aware of these provisions and in a position to deliver on their responsibilities in coordination with the entities responsible for operationalizing the trade control provisions (Competent Authorities, Designated National Authorities and National Focal Points). This will be achieved by supporting Parties, in particular enforcement entities, through regional and national activities tailored to the needs of Parties and through the development of tools.</p> <p>Effective participation in the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals: The Chemical Review Committee (CRC) and the POPs Review Committee (POPRC) each reviews chemicals for listing under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, respectively. Supporting Parties and observers to effectively participate in the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals under the conventions will help the committees and the conferences of the Parties to make sound decision-making on listing and future implementation of the conventions for newly listed chemicals.</p> <p>Sustainable Development Goals: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes the sound management of chemicals and wastes as an essential and integral cross-cutting element of sustainable development. Respective 2023 decisions by the conferences of the Parties on international cooperation and coordination with other organizations (BC-16/22, RC-11/19 and SC-11/21) called upon all Parties and other stakeholders to continue</p>

	<p>intensifying and prioritizing efforts on the sound management of chemicals and waste towards the achievement of target 12.4 to enable Parties to meet the relevant goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda as soon as possible. Furthermore, appropriate linkages between the obligations of the BRS conventions and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework which is the most important instrument for planning and implementation of the UN development activities at country level need to be established for a coordinated development system response provided by the United Nations based on and tailored to country needs.</p> <p>Chairs and negotiators training: Enhancing the skills and techniques of chairs and negotiators under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and expanding the number and diversity of trained, confident and willing chairs will support the development of continued and solid expertise among Parties to ensure active and inclusive participation in the various meetings of the conventions, and will strengthen the implementation of the BRS conventions. The meetings of the BRS conventions include regular meetings such as conferences of the Parties, subsidiary bodies (e.g., CRC, POPRC, OEWG, ICC) and contact and drafting groups, as well as ad hoc meetings such as extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the Parties. In delivering these activities, the Secretariat will explore opportunities for cooperation with other multilateral environmental agreements in the chemicals and waste cluster and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). The principle of gender equality will be applied in the planning and implementation of the training activities.</p> <p>Gender: The Gender Action Plan of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (BRS-GAP)¹⁴ outlines short, medium and long-term goals to ensure that gender is systematically integrated into the activities undertaken by the BRS Secretariat. The activities proposed seek to: (i) enhance the understanding of the potential impacts that hazardous chemicals and waste can have on differing genders and those from vulnerable groups; (ii) enhance the systematic integration of gender considerations by the Secretariat, Parties and other key stakeholders in the implementation of the BRS conventions; (iii) promote the equal and meaningful participation of women in decision-making at the national and regional levels with respect to hazardous chemicals and waste management and in BRS processes; (iv) continue to monitor and report on gender-related mandates under the BRS conventions.</p> <p>Emergencies: In cases of emergency resulting from incidents caused by transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal, developing countries or countries with economies in transition can apply for assistance from the Special Trust Fund for voluntary contributions of the Basel Convention. This activity focuses also on capacity building and training on prevention and preparedness for chemicals and wastes emergencies, thus addressing chemicals and wastes throughout their life-cycle under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. The implementation of this activity will be carried out in coordination with the UNEP Joint Environment Unit (JEU).</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 13.1: Technical Assistance Plan</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Coherent and coordinated approach to technical assistance under the three conventions from the Secretariat, as well as from various other service providers, responding to the technical assistance needs of Parties which are developing and with economies in transition.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>13.1.1 Collect requests for technical assistance and keep the database up-to-date (staff costs only);</p> <p>13.1.2 Make available the technical assistance plan for the period 2022-2025 to relevant stakeholders by various means (staff costs only).</p>				
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Indicators of achievement:</td><td>Means of verification:</td></tr> <tr> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance needs database is up-to-date; Various technical assistance service providers are guided by the Technical Assistance Plan for 2022-2025. </td><td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports by the Secretariat to the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; Reports of technical assistance service providers (e.g. UNEP, GEF) to the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. </td></tr> </table> <p>Component 13.2: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Legal and institutional frameworks</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to legal and institutional frameworks.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>13.2.1 Regional and/or national training activities (subject to the availability of resources);</p>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance needs database is up-to-date; Various technical assistance service providers are guided by the Technical Assistance Plan for 2022-2025. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports by the Secretariat to the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; Reports of technical assistance service providers (e.g. UNEP, GEF) to the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.
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¹⁴ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

	<p>13.2.2 Participation in activities by partners (subject to the availability of resources); 13.2.3 Development of tools (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties trained on developing legal and institutional frameworks through national and/or regional activities; 2. Number of activities organized by partners aimed at assisting Parties develop legal and institutional frameworks in which the Secretariat participated; 3. Number of expert/consultant support provided for development of tools. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop report available on the BRS website; 2. Report to COPs; 3. Tools available on the BRS website.
	<p>Component 13.3: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13.3.1 Regional and/or national training activities (subject to the availability of resources); 13.3.2 Participation in activities by partners (subject to the availability of resources); 13.3.3 Development of tools (subject to the availability of resources); 13.3.4 Development of case studies (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties trained on preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade; 2. Number of activities organized by partners aimed at assisting Parties prevent and combat illegal traffic in trade, in which the Secretariat participated; 3. Number of Parties that received country-level support to prevent and combat illegal traffic in trade; 4. Number of case studies from different regions on practices dealing with preventing and combating illegal traffic prepared; 5. Number of tools and training materials developed to assist Parties in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports available on the BRS website; 2. Workshop reports available on the BRS website; 3. Report to COPs; 4. Case studies available on the BRS website; 5. Tools and training materials available on the BRS website.
	<p>Component 13.4: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Effective participation in the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to effective participation in the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13.4.1 Organize regional workshops on effective participation in the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties trained on the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports available on the BRS website.
	<p>Component 13.5: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with</p>

	<p>regard to Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.5.1 Country-level support for mainstreaming BRS conventions into development plans and/or United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (subject to the availability of resources); 13.5.2 Country-level support for strengthening data collection for the SDG indicators framework and BRS conventions (subject to the availability of resources); 13.5.3 Participation in partners' activities (subject to the availability of resources); 13.5.4 Development of training materials (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of follow up activities implemented at the national level to assist individual Parties with mainstreaming BRS conventions into national development plans and/or United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks; 2. Number of follow up activities implemented at the national level to assist individual Parties with data collection under SDGs indicators and BRS conventions; 3. Number of outreach materials developed on SDGs and BRS conventions. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to COPs; 2. Report to COPs; 3. Outreach materials available on the BRS website.
	<p>Component 13.6: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Chairs and negotiators training</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions through the training of chairs and negotiators from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.6.1 Chairs' global training (subject to the availability of resources); 13.6.2 Negotiators' regional training (subject to the availability of resources); 13.6.3 Participation in partners' activities (subject to the availability of resources); 13.6.4 Development of tools (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties trained on chairing meetings of the BRS conventions; 2. Number of Parties trained on negotiations under the BRS conventions; 3. Number of online training tools on negotiations and chairing skills developed; 4. Number of Parties trained using the online training tools; 5. Number of activities by partners on chairs and negotiators training in which the Secretariat participated. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop report available on the BRS website, including a list of participants; 2. Workshop report available on the BRS website, including a list of participants; 3. Online training tools available on the BRS website; 4. Training report available on the BRS website, including a list of participants; 5. Workshop report available on the BRS website, including a list of participants.
	<p>Component 13.7: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Gender</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to gender activities.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.7.1 Case studies in 2 regions to identify and highlight the different impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes on men and women (subject to the availability of resources); 13.7.2 Projects to enhance the systematic integration of gender considerations in the implementation of the BRS conventions (subject to the availability of resources);

	<p>13.7.3 Additional half days or days are added to already planned workshops and meetings to train participants on gender and its relevance to the BRS conventions (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>13.7.4 Additional funding for regional centres to include a gender element in Small Grants Programme projects (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>13.7.5 Expert/consultant support provided for the development of materials and data collection (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>13.7.6 Participation in activities by partners on gender mainstreaming (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of case studies developed to identify and highlight the different impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes on men and women; 2. Number of projects implemented to enhance the systematic integration of gender considerations in the implementation of the BRS conventions; 3. Number of additional half days/days added to already planned workshops and meetings to train participants on gender and its relevance to the BRS conventions; 4. Top-up funding available if regional centres include a gender element in Small Grants Programme projects; 5. Number of expert/consultant support provided for the development of materials and data collection; 6. Number of activities by partners on gender mainstreaming in which the Secretariat participated. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case studies available on the BRS website; 2. Project reports available on the BRS website; 3. Training workshop reports and lists of participants; 4. Project reports available on the BRS website; 5. Training materials and sex disaggregated data available; 6. Workshop report(s) available on the BRS website.
	<p>Component 13.8: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Emergencies</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to emergencies.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>13.8.1 Expert support (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>13.8.2 Training and capacity building on emergencies preparedness (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties that received assistance in case of emergencies, in cooperation with JEU; 2. Number of Parties trained on emergency preparedness and response. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents on emergencies prepared for COPs; 2. Workshop report and related information available on the BRS website.
Partner(s)	The activity will be implemented in close collaboration with the regional centers, which will provide administrative support and technical input. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Chemicals and Health Branch, the Secretariat on the Minamata Convention on Mercury and SAICM will be consulted on the activity when relevant. IOMC organizations will be informed about the technical assistance plan for the period 2022-2025 and invited to participate in the workshops and projects, as appropriate. Other relevant key stakeholders, such as the World Customs Organization, Interpol, other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), the UNEP and FAO Regional Offices, non-governmental organizations and private sector organizations, and gender focal points of these organizations, will be welcomed to participate in the activity.
Socio-economic aspects	Sustainable Development Goals: The project supports directly SDG target 12.4 related to sustainable consumption and production where, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes should be achieved throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and their release to air, water and soil should be significantly reduced to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment. It further contributes to SDG target 2.4 to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production; and to SDG target 3.9, to substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and

	<p>contamination. The project supports SDG target 17.9 by enhancing international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: A predominant aim of the activities on gender is to support the implementation of SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. These activities promote gender equality and mainstreaming as their main objective is to develop understanding and foster action by Parties and stakeholders on gender related issues, particularly in the context of the BRS conventions and the chemicals and waste agenda.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The capacity development activities are also supportive of the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and waste, as it promotes industry involvement and mainstreaming of the objectives of the conventions into the broader development agenda.</p>							
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Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
13.1 Technical Assistance Plan									
Internal implementation (no additional costs)									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
13.2 Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Legal and institutional frameworks									
Experts' support					8,000	8,000	8,000	24,000	24,000
Travel of staff					4,000	3,000	3,000	10,000	10,000
Workshop and travel costs					30,000	30,000	30,000	90,000	90,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					42,000	41,000	41,000	124,000	124,000
13.3 Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade									
Tools - Translation, design and printing of customs manual and preparation of other relevant materials					25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000	75,000
Travel of staff					8,333	8,333	8,334	25,000	25,000
Case studies					25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000	75,000
Workshop and travel costs					90,000	90,000	90,000	270,000	270,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					148,333	148,333	148,334	445,000	445,000
13.4 Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Effective participation in the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals									
Workshop and travel costs						90,000	90,000	180,000	180,000
<i>Subtotal</i>						90,000	90,000	180,000	180,000
13.5 Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Sustainable Development Goals									
Travel of staff					7,000	7,000	6,000	20,000	20,000
Partnership agreements					5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	15,000
Workshop and travel costs					40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000	120,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					52,000	52,000	51,000	155,000	155,000
13.6 Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Chairs and negotiators training									
Training material					3,767	3,767	3,767	11,300	11,300
Travel of staff					6,667	6,667	6,667	20,000	20,000
Workshop and travel costs					76,200	76,200	76,200	228,600	228,600
<i>Subtotal</i>					86,633	86,633	86,633	259,900	259,900
13.7 Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Gender									
Experts' support					13,334	13,333	13,333	40,000	40,000
Meeting and travel costs					25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000	75,000
Pilot projects					33,334	33,333	33,333	100,000	100,000
Travel of staff					3,334	3,333	3,333	10,000	10,000
Partnership agreements					68,334	68,332	68,334	205,000	205,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					143,336	143,331	143,333	430,000	430,000
13.8 Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Emergencies									
Experts' support					15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000	45,000
Meeting and travel costs					80,000	80,000	80,000	240,000	240,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					95,000	95,000	95,000	285,000	285,000
Total					567,302	656,297	655,300	1,878,900	1,878,900

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	0	1,728,900	1,728,900
Approved 2024-2025	0	1,878,900	1,878,900

PoW number	Activity 14
Title of activity	Training and capacity development activities under the Basel Convention
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/17–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/15
Mandate	Convention Articles: Articles 4, 10 and 16 of the Basel Convention COP decision(s): BC-16/17, BC-15/21, BC-14/18 of the Basel Convention
Background and rationale	<p>Training and capacity building for the prevention and environmentally sound management (ESM) of hazardous and other wastes: The activities aim at supporting Parties to enhance the prevention and ESM of hazardous wastes and other wastes. Activities are intended to enhance the capacity of Parties to review, develop or update, as appropriate, their national legal and institutional frameworks in order to give full effect to the obligations of the Basel Convention. They will also disseminate and pilot test newly developed and revised technical guidelines, guidance documents, toolkits, methodologies and other tools on hazardous and other wastes on the prevention and ESM of wastes developed under the Convention, such as those developed by the ESM expert working group and small intersessional working groups on technical guidelines.</p> <p>The activities include the organization of face-to-face and online workshops (regional training), implementation of pilot projects (country-level support), case studies, development of awareness raising materials and participation in partners' activities related to the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes.</p> <p>The activities focus on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general, and specific waste streams including e-waste, POPs waste, plastic waste and household waste and other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres.</p> <p>Training and capacity building to control transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes: These activities will assist Parties in implementing the Basel Convention provisions pertaining to the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes. The activities will present the trade control regime as a whole and also focus on specific issues which have been challenging for Parties over time, including with respect to the distinction between waste and non-waste (e.g. glossary of terms, e-waste technical guidelines on the distinction between waste and non-wastes), transit issues (e.g. guidance on transit TBM), import/export restrictions or prohibitions including the Ban amendment, national definitions of hazardous wastes, as well as establishing adequate legal and institutional frameworks (e.g. guide on the development of legal frameworks). Support continues to be given to Parties for the implementation of the Plastic Waste Amendments, regarding entries in Annexes II, VIII and IV adopted by COP-14. In light of the adoption of amendments to the e-waste entries (i.e. A 1181 of Annex VIII and entry Y49 of Annex II) at COP-15, becoming effective on 1 January 2025, the training and capacity building activities will extend to those as well. The activities will also assist Parties in preventing and combating illegal traffic, including through promoting better coordination at the national level. The activities will involve competent authorities as well as enforcement entities (customs, prosecutors, judiciary). The activities also include the development of tools to complement existing guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties and provide for cooperative activities with other entities undertaking training and capacity building to control transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes.</p> <p>Activities pertaining to the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes are also addressed in the following factsheets: 13 (Technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, in particular 13.2 and 13.3), 32 (legal and policy activities under the Basel Convention, in particular 32.1 and 32.3), 18 (Partnerships) and 19 (Regional Centres).</p> <p>Enhancing national reporting under Basel Convention: Reporting is a key obligation under the Basel Convention. The information provided in national reports enables the Conference of the Parties to monitor progress of the implementation. National reports are important means for Parties to share information on the national control system of hazardous and other wastes and their transboundary movements. Insufficient reporting rates as well as limited quality of the reported data were identified as major shortcomings by the Implementation and Compliance Committee under the Basel Convention. This component aims at improving the reporting rates as well as the overall quality of the reported information, with a strong focus on data collection, including inventories of hazardous wastes and their disposal. Such data are essential for various assessments under the convention, as well as in the broader context of follow-up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development.</p>

Outcomes and activities	Component 14.1: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: General Outcomes: Enhanced capacity of Parties to prevent and manage hazardous and other wastes in general in an environmentally sound manner including through the strengthening of legal frameworks and training on the technical guidelines, ESM toolkit and other guidance materials developed under the Convention. Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14.1.1 Regional training on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general (subject to the availability of resources); 14.1.2 Country-level support on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general (subject to the availability of resources); 14.1.3 Case studies on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general (subject to the availability of resources); 14.1.4 Development and translation of tools and training materials on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general (subject to the availability of resources); 14.1.5 Participation in partners' activities related to the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes (subject to the availability of resources). 	
Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general; 2. Number of Parties that received assistance through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general; 3. Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general; 4. Number of training and awareness raising tools and materials on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general developed, translated and disseminated; 5. Number of activities organized by partners on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in which the Secretariat participated. 	Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Reports of pilot projects available on the Basel Convention website; 3. Case studies available on the Basel Convention website; 4. Training and awareness raising materials and publications, available on the Basel Convention website; 5. Report of activities organized by partners on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes available on the Basel Convention website. 	
Component 14.2: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: e-waste Outcomes: Enhanced capacity of Parties to prevent and manage e-waste in an environmentally sound manner including through the strengthening of legal frameworks and training on the technical guidelines, ESM toolkit and other guidance materials developed under the Convention. Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14.2.1 Regional training on the prevention and ESM of e-waste, including their TBM (subject to the availability of resources); 14.2.2 Country-level support on the prevention and ESM of e-waste, including their TBM (subject to the availability of resources); 14.2.3 Case studies on the prevention and ESM of e-waste, including their TBM (subject to the availability of resources); 14.2.4 Development and translation of tools and training materials on the prevention and ESM of e-waste, including their TBM (subject to the availability of resources). 	Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of e-waste; 2. Number of Parties that received assistance Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Reports of pilot projects available on the Basel Convention website. 	

<p>through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of e-waste;</p> <p>3. Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of e-waste;</p> <p>4. Number of training and awareness raising tools and materials on the prevention and ESM of e-waste developed and disseminated.</p>	<p>Convention website;</p> <p>3. Case studies available on the Basel Convention website;</p> <p>4. Training and awareness raising materials and publications, available on the Basel Convention website.</p>
Component 14.3: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: POPs wastes	
Outcomes:	
<p>Enhanced capacity of Parties to prevent and manage POPs wastes in an environmentally sound manner including through the strengthening of legal frameworks and training on the technical guidelines, ESM toolkit and other guidance materials developed under the Convention.</p>	
Activities:	
<p>14.3.1 Regional training on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.3.2 Country-level support on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.3.3 Case studies on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.3.4 Development and translation of tools and training materials on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):	Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):
<p>1. Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes;</p> <p>2. Number of Parties that received assistance through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes;</p> <p>3. Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes;</p> <p>4. Number of training and awareness raising tools and materials on the prevention and ESM of POPs wastes developed and disseminated.</p>	<p>1. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website;</p> <p>2. Reports of pilot projects available on the Basel Convention website;</p> <p>3. Case studies available on the Basel Convention website;</p> <p>4. Training and awareness raising materials and publications, available on the Basel Convention website.</p>
Component 14.4: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: Plastic waste and household waste	
Outcomes:	
<p>Enhanced capacity of Parties to prevent and manage plastic waste and household waste in an environmentally sound manner including through the strengthening of legal frameworks and training on the technical guidelines, ESM toolkit and other guidance materials developed under the Convention.</p>	
Activities:	
<p>14.4.1 Regional training on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.4.2 Country-level support on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.4.3 Case studies on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.4.4 Development and translation of tools and training materials on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):	Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):
<p>1. Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste;</p> <p>2. Number of Parties that received assistance through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste;</p> <p>3. Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste;</p>	<p>1. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website;</p> <p>2. Reports of pilot projects available on the Basel Convention website;</p> <p>3. Case studies available on the Basel Convention website;</p> <p>4. Training and awareness raising materials and publications, available on the Basel Convention website.</p>

<p>4. Number of training and awareness raising tools and materials on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste developed and disseminated.</p>	<p>website.</p>
Component 14.5: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: Other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres, and upon request	
Outcomes:	
<p>Enhanced capacity of Parties to prevent and manage waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres and other waste upon request, in an environmentally sound manner including through the strengthening of legal frameworks and training on the technical guidelines, ESM toolkit and other guidance materials developed under the Convention.</p>	
Activities:	
<p>14.5.1 Regional training on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.5.2 Country-level support on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres and upon request (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.5.3 Case studies on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.5.4 Development and translation of tools and training materials on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres; 2. Number of Parties that received assistance through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres and upon request; 3. Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres; 4. Number of training and awareness raising tools and materials on the prevention and ESM of other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres developed and disseminated. 	
Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Reports of pilot projects available on the Basel Convention website; 3. Case studies available on the Basel Convention website; 4. Training and awareness raising materials and publications, available on the Basel Convention website. 	
Component 14.6: Training and capacity building to control transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes	
Outcomes:	
<p>Increased capacities of Parties to implement the procedures for controlling transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes under the Basel Convention.</p>	
Activities:	
<p>14.6.1 Regional workshops on the control procedure, including the plastic waste amendments and e-waste amendments, etc. (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.6.2 Sub-regional workshops on the control procedure for specific waste streams, e.g., plastic wastes, etc. (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.6.3 Sub-regional workshops on preventing and combating illegal traffic (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.6.4 National level projects on the control procedure in up to 8 Parties, including on plastic waste amendments and e-waste amendments, illegal traffic and national legal and institutional frameworks (subject to the availability of resources);</p>	

	<p>14.6.5 Participation in up to 8 technical assistance activities by partners, e.g. UNEP, BCRCs (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>14.6.6 Development of training materials (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties trained on the control procedures for transboundary movements, e.g. in relation to the plastic waste amendments and e-waste amendments; 2. Number of Parties trained on preventing and combating illegal traffic; 3. Number of follow up activities at the national level to assist individual Parties to implement the plastic waste amendments and e-waste amendments and to control e-waste transboundary movements, including through strengthened national legal and institutional frameworks and preventing and combating illegal traffic; 4. Number of training materials which were elaborated and, where appropriate, made available in the UN languages to assist Parties in controlling transboundary movements, developing legal frameworks or in preventing and combating illegal traffic; 5. Number of training activities undertaken by others to assist Parties in implementing the control procedures for transboundary movements in which the Secretariat participated. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website; 3. Report to Basel Convention Conference of the Parties; 4. Tools and materials available on the Basel Convention website; 5. Report to the Basel Convention Conference of the Parties.
Component 14.7: Enhancing national reporting under the Basel Convention	
	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened capacity of Parties to report under the Basel Convention and improved availability and quality of relevant data to perform various assessments, including review of Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14.7.1 Training and capacity building workshops for enhancing national reporting under the Basel Convention (subject to the availability of resources); 14.7.2 Pilot projects for enhancing national reporting under the Basel Convention (subject to the availability of resources); 14.7.3 Pilot test guidance on inventory of priority hazardous wastes (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties that are trained on national reporting under the Basel Convention; 2. Number of guidance documents on inventories pilot tested. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports and lists of participants available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Reports of pilot testing of guidance documents on inventories.
Partner(s)	Regional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, FAO and UNEP regional offices, UNEP Chemicals and Health and other UNEP offices such as the International Environment and Technology Centre (IETC), the Ecosystem Division, including the Joint UNEP/ Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Environment Unit, UNDP, UNITAR, the SAICM secretariat, the secretariat of the Minamata Convention and other MEAs, Regional Seas conventions, WHO, ILO, WCO, Interpol, NGOs, academia and the private sector.
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The project will contribute to sustainable development and in particular to the achievement of Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns and targets 12.4 and 12.5: by 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: All technical assistance activities will take into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender will be considered when specific activities are designed and during the implementation of activities and their evaluation. A basic gender analysis will be conducted for gender relevant activities as part of the design phase.</p>

	Integrated Approach: This activity is also supportive of the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and waste as it promotes mainstreaming of the Basel Convention-related issues into development processes.							
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Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
14.1 Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: General									
Data collection and analysis				40,000				40,000	40,000
Experts' support				20,000				20,000	20,000
Pilot projects				100,000				100,000	100,000
Training material				120,000				120,000	120,000
Travel of staff				30,000				30,000	30,000
Training and travel costs				280,000				280,000	280,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				590,000				590,000	590,000
14.2 Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: e-waste									
Data collection and analysis				40,000				40,000	40,000
Experts' support				20,000				20,000	20,000
Pilot projects				540,000				540,000	540,000
Training material				120,000				120,000	120,000
Training and travel costs				70,000				70,000	70,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				790,000				790,000	790,000
14.3 Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: POPs wastes									
Data collection and analysis				40,000				40,000	40,000
Experts' support				20,000				20,000	20,000
Pilot projects				100,000				100,000	100,000
Training material				60,000				60,000	60,000
Training and travel costs				140,000				140,000	140,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				360,000				360,000	360,000
14.4 Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: Plastic waste and household waste									
Data collection and analysis				40,000				40,000	40,000
Experts' support				40,800				40,800	40,800
Pilot projects				200,000				200,000	200,000
Training material				120,000				120,000	120,000
Training and travel costs				420,000				420,000	420,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				820,800				820,800	820,800
14.5 Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: Other waste streams such as medical waste, waste lead acid batteries, mercury waste, used oil, used tyres									
Data collection and analysis				40,000				40,000	40,000
Experts' support				20,000				20,000	20,000
Pilot projects				100,000				100,000	100,000
Training material				60,000				60,000	60,000
Training and travel costs				140,000				140,000	140,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				360,000				360,000	360,000
14.6 Training and capacity building to control transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes									
Experts' support				120,000				120,000	120,000
Pilot projects				560,000				560,000	560,000
Training material				30,000				30,000	30,000
Travel of staff				240,000				240,000	240,000
Workshop and travel costs				840,000				840,000	840,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				1,790,000				1,790,000	1,790,000
14.7 Enhancing national reporting under the Basel Convention									
Pilot projects				200,000				200,000	200,000
Training and travel costs				170,000				170,000	170,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				370,000				370,000	370,000
14.8 Technical assistance upon request for the ESM of hazardous and other wastes									
Experts' support				25,000				25,000	25,000
Pilot projects				450,000				450,000	450,000
Travel of staff				25,000				25,000	25,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				500,000				500,000	500,000
Total				5,580,800				5,580,800	5,580,800

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	0	5,880,094	5,880,094
Approved 2024-2025	0	5,580,800	5,580,800

PoW number	Activity 15
Title of activity	Training and capacity development activities under the Rotterdam Convention
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/17–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/15
Mandate	Convention Article: Articles 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19 and 21 of the Rotterdam Convention COP decision(s): Decisions RC-9/1, RC-11/1, RC 11/6 of the Rotterdam Convention
Background and rationale	<p>The objective of the delivery of technical assistance under the Rotterdam Convention is to strengthen Parties' capacities in promoting shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among Parties in the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in order to protect human health and the environment from potential harm and to contribute to their environmentally sound use, by facilitating information exchange about their characteristics, by providing for a national decision-making process on their import and export and by disseminating these decisions to Parties.</p> <p>Enhancing the capacity of Parties to review, develop or update, as appropriate, their national legal and institutional frameworks plays an important role in order to give full effect to the obligations and procedures of the Rotterdam Convention. In particular, adequate frameworks enable Parties to take essential actions e.g. to designate national authorities responsible for implementation (Article 4), to notify the Secretariat of any final regulatory actions adopted (Article 5) and transmit import responses (Article 10). For a Party to implement its obligations under Article 10, paragraph 2 of the Convention, it must make decisions on whether to allow the import of Annex III chemicals. Every Party should have the ability to assess the national risks and make risk management decisions associated with the (potential) import of Annex III chemicals.</p> <p>The training and capacity building activities will focus on enhancing Parties' capacities, awareness-raising and understanding of general issues under the Convention as well as on specific areas such as to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen national coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention so as to increase and enhance the transmission by Parties of import responses for industrial chemicals and pesticides; 2. Facilitate the strengthening of the capacities of Parties to control their ports through training and awareness raising activities among customs and enforcement officials; 3. Support and enhance the domestication of the Convention requirements and obligations into the national legal and regulatory frameworks, including for newly listed chemicals; 4. Strengthen national capacities related to hazard and risk evaluation of priority chemicals leading to decision-making whether to ban or severely restrict them; 5. Strengthen national capacities related to severely hazardous pesticide formulations (SHPF); 6. Assist in identifying suitable and economically feasible alternatives to certain chemicals and pesticides that are considered for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention; 7. Disseminate information to increase the understanding and usefulness of tools and guidance to effectively address obligations under the Rotterdam Convention. <p>Capacity building on Convention's provisions/mechanisms and on national action plans: This component aims at enhancing knowledge of the provisions and mechanisms of the Rotterdam Convention; improved coordination among national stakeholders; and strengthened capacity to develop national action plans (NAPs) and transmit other information pursuant to obligations under the Convention.</p> <p>Risk evaluations and final regulatory actions: This component aims at improving chemicals management through strengthened capacity to undertake risk evaluations (including bridging information), to develop/review/update legal and institutional frameworks including final regulatory actions (FRAs) and prepare and submit notifications of FRAs on industrial chemicals and pesticides.</p> <p>PIC procedure, including import responses, and export notifications: This component aims at improved control of international trade in industrial chemicals, pesticides and SHPFs and implementation of the PIC procedure through: enhanced enforcement capacity and cooperation among designated national authorities (DNAs), customs and other stakeholders; strengthened capacity for the development/updating of legal and institutional frameworks; and strengthened capacity to draft and submit import responses to the Secretariat and export notifications to the importing Parties.</p> <p>Strengthening Parties' capacities to propose Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations (SHPF) through provision of technical assistance in monitoring and reporting pesticide incidents and identification of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs): This component will provide Parties with technical assistance in setting up framework to systematically collect, evaluate and report information pursuant to Article 6 and Annex IV to the Convention related to SHPF. An integrated approach to pesticide management will be promoted in the</p>

	<p>identification of SHPF and HHPs at the national level. Furthermore, Parties will be assisted in identifying pesticides of relevance to Article 5 and Article 6 of the Convention and the identification and validation of suitable and economically viable alternatives and alternative methods.</p> <p>Leveraging impact from cooperation with FAO Pest and Pesticide Management: The FAO Pest and Pesticide Management Team provides policy advice and guidance to Member States to reduce the risks resulting from challenges in pesticide management. A number of programmes and activities are closely related to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and support decisions taken by their conferences of the Parties. It includes activities on further elaborating the criteria and developing an approach for the identification of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) and related risk mitigation measures, the development of modules on bridging approach, risk evaluation under the FAO pesticide registration toolkit, as well as the work related to identification and destruction of obsolete stocks of pesticides including POPs. Support is further strengthened through the dialogue on relevant issues at global, regional and sub-regional meetings. Furthermore, cooperation with the FAO Ecosystem approach and Integrated Pest Management to crop production intensification team supports activities on Farmer Field Schools. Collaboration under these activities strengthens the partnership between FAO and the three conventions.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 15.1: Capacity building on Convention's provisions/mechanisms and on national action plans</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Enhanced knowledge of the provisions and mechanisms of the Rotterdam Convention; improved coordination among national stakeholders; strengthened capacity to develop NAPs and transmit other information pursuant to obligations under the Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.1.1 Organize workshops and webinars on the provisions and mechanisms of the Rotterdam Convention targeting DNAs and other stakeholders (subject to the availability of resources); 15.1.2 Support the development/updating of (draft) NAPs (subject to the availability of resources); 15.1.3 Develop training and education materials on the provisions and mechanisms of the Rotterdam Convention subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of DNAs, OCPs and other stakeholders trained on the provisions and mechanisms of the Rotterdam Convention; 2. Number of Parties supported in the development/review/updating of (draft) NAPs; 3. Number of training and education materials developed on the provisions and mechanisms of the Rotterdam Convention. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop/webinar reports available on the Rotterdam Convention website; 2. Electronic copies of relevant (draft) NAPs/report on technical assistance; 3. Training and education materials available on the Rotterdam Convention website.
	<p>Component 15.2: Risk evaluations and final regulatory actions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Improved chemicals management through strengthened capacity to undertake risk evaluations (including bridging information), to develop/review/update legal and institutional frameworks including FRAs and prepare and submit notifications of FRAs on industrial chemicals and pesticides.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.2.1 Support Parties in undertaking risk evaluations, developing/updating legal and institutional frameworks including FRAs, and preparing and submitting notifications of FRAs (subject to the availability of resources); 15.2.2 Support Parties in developing registration systems and databases on industrial chemicals and pesticides (subject to the availability of resources); 15.2.3 Organize workshops and webinars on undertaking risk and/or hazard evaluations, developing/reviewing/updating legal and institutional frameworks including FRAs, and preparing and submitting notifications of FRAs, including the use of existing tools and training materials, targeting DNAs and other stakeholders (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties supported in undertaking risk evaluations, developing/ reviewing/ updating legal and institutional frameworks including FRAs, and preparing and submitting notifications of FRAs; and acknowledgments of receipt of export notifications; <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on country-level activity/report on technical assistance; 2. Project report/report on technical assistance; 3. Workshop/webinar reports available on the Rotterdam Convention website.

	<p>2. Number of Parties supported in developing registration systems and databases;</p> <p>3. Number of DNAs and other stakeholders trained in undertaking risk evaluations, developing/reviewing/updating legal and institutional frameworks including FRAs and preparing and submitting notifications of FRAs.</p>	
	<p>Component 15.3: PIC procedure, including import responses, and export notifications</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Improved control of international trade in industrial chemicals, pesticides and SHPFs and implementation of the PIC procedure through: enhanced enforcement capacity and cooperation among DNAs, customs and other stakeholders; strengthened capacity for the development/updating of legal and institutional frameworks; and strengthened capacity to draft and submit import responses and export notifications.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>15.3.1 Support Parties in enhancing enforcement capacity and national coordination, developing/strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, drafting and submitting import responses, and providing export notifications (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>15.3.2 Workshops and trainings on implementing the PIC procedure, targeting in particular DNAs and enforcement entities (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>15.3.3 Develop tools and training materials to assist Parties in implementing and enforcing the PIC procedure, including drafting and submitting import responses and export notifications (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Parties supported in enhancing enforcement capacity and national coordination, developing/strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, drafting and submitting import responses, and providing export notifications; Number of DNAs, custom officials and other stakeholders trained in implementing and enforcing the PIC procedure; Number of tools and training materials developed to assist Parties in implementing and enforcing the PIC procedure. 	
	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop reports available on the Rotterdam Convention website; Project report/technical assistance report; Tools and training material available on the Rotterdam Convention website. 	
	<p>Component 15.4: Strengthening Parties' capacities to propose Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations (SHPF) through provision of technical assistance in monitoring and reporting pesticide incidents and identification of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Developing country parties and parties with economies in transition are assisted in setting up framework to systematically collect, evaluate and report information pursuant to Article 6 and Annex IV to the Convention related to SHPF; an integrated approach to pesticide management is promoted in the identification of SHPF and HHPs at the national level; Parties are assisted in identifying pesticides of relevance to Article 6 of the Convention and the identification and validation of suitable and economically viable alternatives and alternative methods; information exchange among Parties on sustainable alternatives is promoted.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>15.4.1 Provide technical assistance to Parties in setting up framework to systematically collect, evaluate and report information pursuant to Article 6 and Annex IV on SHPFs (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>15.4.2 Promote an integrated approach on pesticide management both the work on identification of SHPFs and on HHPs on the national level (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>15.4.3 Provide technical assistance to Parties in identifying pesticides of relevance to Article 6 and the identification and validation of suitable and economically viable alternatives and alternative methods, promote information exchange among Parties on sustainable alternatives (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p>	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of proposals for listing SHPF submitted by Parties; 2. Number of information documents on alternatives developed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information in PIC Circular; 2. Reports on alternatives available under country profile of the Rotterdam Convention website.
Component 15.5: Leveraging impact from cooperation with various FAO Divisions		
<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened cooperation with FAO Pest and Pesticide Management Team (within the Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP)) and enhanced capacities of Parties related to identification of HHPs and Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations (SHPF), pesticide registration and other related issues. Strengthened cooperation with relevant FAO teams and improved farmers' capacities for safe handling of pesticides. Parties have access to tools and training materials on specific issues relevant to the Rotterdam Convention. Vulnerable groups are aware of risks related to pesticides and their exposure is reduced.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.5.1 Strengthen countries capacities in identifying SHPF and HHPs in partnership with FAO (subject to the availability of resources); 15.5.2 Strengthen pesticide registration capacities in using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit, in particular the guidance on bridging information to the targeted audience at various occasions (subject to the availability of resources); 15.5.3 Strengthen capacities of countries to implement Integrated Pest Management through Farmer Field Schools (subject to the availability of resources); 15.5.4 Reduce child labour and exposure of vulnerable groups to pesticides in agricultural production in partnership with FAO Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP) (subject to the availability of resources). 		
<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties trained on the Rotterdam Convention requirements under Article 6 in relation to SHPF and HHPs; 2. Number of Parties strengthened at the national level in applying the FAO Pesticide Toolkit, assisting their legal and institutional frameworks and their capacity to evaluate the risk or hazard of pesticides and SHPF; 3. Tools and training materials are developed to assist 10 Parties in conducting Farmer Field Schools on agro-ecosystem approaches and Integrated Pest Management; 4. Number of Parties strengthened at the national level in reducing child labour and reducing exposure of vulnerable groups to pesticides in agricultural production. 		<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop reports on SHPF and HHPs available on the Rotterdam Convention website; 2. Workshop reports on Pesticide Toolkit available on the Rotterdam Convention website; 3. Tools and training materials on Farmer Field Schools and agro-ecosystem available on the Rotterdam Convention website; 4. Workshop reports on child labour and exposure of vulnerable groups available on the Rotterdam Convention website.
Partner(s)	WHO, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, FAO regional, subregional and country offices, FAO Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), FAO Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP), Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNIDO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups, IOMC, WCO, UNITAR, ECHA.	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The project supports directly SDG target 12.4 related to sustainable consumption and production where, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes should be achieved throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and their release to air, water and soil should be significantly reduced to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment. It further contributes to SDG target 2.4 to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production; and to SDG target 3.9, to substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination. The project supports SDG target 17.9 by enhancing international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: A predominant aim of the activities on gender is to support the implementation of SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The activities consider involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. The development and implementation of various guidance aims at reducing exposure to hazardous</p>	

	chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.							
	Integrated Approach: The activities contribute to the implementation of the integrated approach to addressing the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes in particular through enhancing industry's involvement in information gathering and developing guidance and reports, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.							

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
15.1 Capacity building on Convention's provisions/mechanisms and on national action plans									
Experts' support								20,000	20,000
Workshop and travel costs								120,000	120,000
Meetings, expert support and travel costs								120,000	120,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								260,000	260,000
15.2 Risk evaluations and final regulatory actions									
Workshop and travel costs								60,000	60,000
Meetings, expert support and travel costs								120,000	120,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								180,000	180,000
15.3 PIC procedure, including import responses, and export notifications									
Experts' support								50,000	50,000
Workshop and travel costs								180,000	180,000
Meetings, expert support and travel costs								110,000	110,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								340,000	340,000
15.4. Strengthening Parties' capacities to propose Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations (SHPF) through provision of technical assistance in monitoring and reporting pesticide incidents and identification of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)									
Pilot projects								320,000	320,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								320,000	320,000
15.5 Leveraging impact from cooperation with various FAO Divisions									
Information materials								10,000	10,000
Pilot projects								100,000	100,000
Workshop and travel costs								100,000	100,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								210,000	210,000
Total								1,310,000	1,310,000

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	0	1,310,000	1,310,000
Approved 2024-2025	0	1,310,000	1,310,000

PoW number	Activity 16
Title of activity	Training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/POPS/COP.11/10, UNEP/CHW.16/17–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/15
Mandate	Convention Article: Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): SC-11/1, SC-11/2, SC-11/3, SC-11/4, SC-11/5, SC-11/6, SC-11/7, SC-11/8, SC-11/9, SC-11/10, SC-11/11, SC-11/13, SC-11/16, SC-10/8, SC-10/14, SC-9/5, SC-9/13, of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	All the activities are aimed at meeting the objectives and mandates of the Stockholm Convention and also to those provided by the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties in its decisions, particularly in those listed above, requested the Secretariat to provide technical assistance to Parties and to build their capacity so that they can successfully fulfill their obligations under the Convention. Enhancing the capacity of Parties to review, develop or update, as appropriate, their national legal and institutional frameworks plays important role in order to give full effect to the obligations and procedures of the Stockholm Convention. Support Parties to develop, review, update and implement NIPs under the Stockholm Convention: Article 7 of the Convention requires Parties to develop and endeavour to implement a plan for the implementation of its obligations under the Convention and to transmit it to the Conference of the Parties within two years of the date on which the Convention entered into force for it. Furthermore, Parties are required to review and update their national implementation plan (NIP) on a periodic basis and in a manner specified by a decision of the Conference of the Parties. Changes in obligations arising from amendments to the Convention or its annexes, including the addition of chemicals to Annexes A, B, or C are identified as external factors that trigger the need for a Party to review and update its national implementation plan. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 4, any State may, on becoming a Party, by means of a notification in writing to the Secretariat, register for one or more types of specific exemptions listed in Annex A or Annex B. Parties have expressed the need for assistance in particular in obtaining information on the presence of newly listed POPs at the national level (inventory), in particular POPs in products, identifying alternatives to POPs, understanding the process for registering exemptions, and managing wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with POPs in an environmentally sound manner. Capacity building on issues pertaining to the chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention: According to the needs expressed by Parties, the following areas have been identified as priorities for building the capacities of Parties to implement the Stockholm Convention: promoting alternatives to DDT use; phasing-out POPs both pesticides (lindane, endosulfan, PCP, dicofol, methoxychlor), and industrial chemicals (PCB, PCN, PFOS, HBCD, SCCPs, BDEs, PFOA, Dechlorane Plus, UV-328); minimizing and ultimately eliminating releases of unintentional POPs (e.g. PCDD/PCDF) by promoting best available techniques and best environmental practices (BAT/BEP) to reduce and ultimately eliminate releases; promoting measures to eliminate release from waste and promoting science based decision making among others. Enhancing national reporting capacity: Reporting is a key obligation under the Stockholm Convention. Information provided in national reports enables the Conference of the Parties to monitor progress of the implementation. Information provided in national reports is essential for the effectiveness evaluation under Article 16 and other evaluation processes such as that for PCB, BDEs and PFOS, its salts and PFOSF. Insufficient reporting rates as well as limited quality of the reported data were identified as major shortcomings by the effectiveness evaluation process of the Stockholm Convention. This component aims at improving the reporting rates as well as the overall quality of the reported information, with a strong focus on inventories of chemicals listed in the Annexes to the conventions. Such data are essential for various assessments under the convention, as well as in the broader context of follow-up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development.
Outcomes and activities	Component 16.1: Support Parties to develop, review, update and implement NIPs under the Stockholm Convention Outcomes: Strengthened capacity of Parties to develop, review, update and implement NIPs to meet their obligations under the Convention, in particular those related to new POPs, POPs in products and wastes and exemptions, through the use of guidance documents and pilot projects. This will be accompanied and facilitated by the development of or actions to strengthen national legal and institutional frameworks.

<p>Activities:</p> <p>16.1.1 Develop new guidance documents on inventory and alternatives to newly listed POPs and update existing guidance for developing, reviewing and updating NIPs (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.1.2 Training and capacity building workshops for developing and updating NIPs and implement obligations under the Convention, in particular those related to new POPs, POPs in products and wastes and exemptions, using guidance documents, including as relates to legal and institutional frameworks (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.1.3 Pilot projects on developing inventories and updating NIPs (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of NIP guidance documents developed or updated and published; Number of training and capacity building workshops for developing and updating NIPs organized, including development and strengthening of legal and institutional frameworks; Number of pilot projects to develop inventories and update NIPs implemented. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Newly developed and updated guidance documents available on the Stockholm Convention website; Workshop reports available on the Stockholm Conventions website; Project reports and updated NIPs available on the Stockholm Conventions website.
<p>Component 16.2: Capacity building on issues pertaining to the chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened capacity of Parties to implement the Stockholm Convention for all the chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>16.2.1 Support national projects to establish national road maps for the development of alternatives to DDT (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.2.2 Pilot project to support Parties in the actions towards meeting the 2025/2028 goals for the elimination of PCB (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.2.3 Pilot project to support Parties in addressing fluorinated POPs (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.2.4 Training workshops to assist Parties in phasing out flame retardant POPs and eliminating their presence in articles (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.2.5 Pilot projects to support Parties in addressing flame retardants POPs (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.2.6 Support Parties in the actions to minimize and ultimately eliminate releases of unintentionally produced POPs (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.2.7 Regional consultation workshops with stakeholders to share best practices on POPs management, including as relates to the development and strengthening of legal and institutional frameworks (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.2.8 Training workshops to enhance monitoring capacity of POPs in the environment (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of malaria endemic countries in the African region that established national road maps for the development of alternatives to DDT; Number of countries supported in the actions towards meeting the 2025/2028 goals for the elimination of PCB; Number of Parties supported in addressing fluorinated POPs; Number of Parties supported in addressing unintentional releases of POPs; Number of stakeholders informed on, and contributing to sharing best practices on POPs management; 	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Activity report on DDT alternatives available on the Stockholm Convention website; Report of the project to support actions towards meeting the 2025/2028 goals for the elimination of PCB available on the Stockholm Convention website; Report of the project to support addressing fluorinated POPs available on the Stockholm Convention website; Reports of the regional centres, activity reports of specific activities, workshop reports, and publication available on the Stockholm Convention website;

	<p>6. Number of workshops on eliminating flame retardant POPs in articles and plastics organized;</p> <p>7. Number of Parties supported in addressing flame retardants POPs;</p> <p>8. Number of activities on sampling and analytical capacity building for developing countries implemented.</p>	<p>5. Report of the stakeholder consultation to share best practices available on the Stockholm Convention website;</p> <p>6. Report of the workshop on eliminating flame retardant POPs in articles and plastics available on the Stockholm Convention website;</p> <p>7. Report of the project to support addressing flame retardant POPs available on the Stockholm Convention website;</p> <p>8. Report on the activity on sampling and analytical capacity building for developing countries available on the Stockholm Convention website.</p>
	<p>Component 16.3: Enhancing national reporting under the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened capacity of Parties to report under the Stockholm Convention and improved availability and quality of relevant data to perform various assessments, including effectiveness evaluation and review of Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>16.3.1 Training and capacity building workshops to support Parties to complete and submit national reports under the Stockholm Convention (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>16.3.2 Pilot projects to coordinate data collection for national reporting (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Parties trained to complete and submit national reports under the Stockholm Convention; Number of Parties undertook pilot projects to coordinate data collection for national reporting. 	
Partner(s)	WHO, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, FAO Plant Production and Protection Division and regional and sub-regional offices, regional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNIDO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups, academic and research institutions.	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The activities contribute to delivering of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and relevant sustainable development goals, in particular through promoting healthy lives and well-being by environmentally sound management of chemicals and minimizing and ultimately eliminating releases of POPs and related exposure to hazardous chemicals.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The activities consider involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. The development and implementation of various guidance aims at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The activities contribute to the implementation of the integrated approach to addressing the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes in particular through enhancing industry's involvement in information gathering and developing guidance and reports, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
16.1 Support Parties to develop, review, update NIPs and implement obligations NIPs under the Stockholm Convention									
Experts' support								120,000	120,000
Pilot projects								100,000	100,000
Workshop and travel costs								280,000	280,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								500,000	500,000
16.2 Capacity building on issues pertaining to the chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention									
Meeting and travel costs								30,000	30,000
Pilot projects								280,000	280,000
Workshop and travel costs								120,000	120,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								430,000	430,000
16.3 Enhancing national reporting under the Stockholm Convention									

Pilot projects						60,000	60,000	60,000
Workshop and travel costs						160,000	160,000	160,000
<i>Subtotal</i>						220,000	220,000	220,000
Total						1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	0	1,195,000	1,195,000
Approved 2024-2025	0	1,150,000	1,150,000

PoW number	Activity 18
Title of activity	Partnerships under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/19
Mandate	Convention Articles: Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention COP decision(s): Decision BC-14/19, BC-15/17, BC-15/22 and BC-16/18 of the Basel Convention, decision RC-10/19 of the Rotterdam Convention and decision SC-10/26 of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	<p>Partnerships overall: Involvement and cooperation with non-state partners has a multiplier effect for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions because convention-specific issues are taken up and/or strengthened within the work programmes of partners or in programmes of mutual interest among several partners. This expands the outreach of conventions' issues to additional directly and indirectly affected stakeholders, but also brings in expertise from other fora to the discussion under the conferences of the Parties of the three conventions. The activity will focus on fostering new partnerships to advance the implementation of the three conventions; allowing the exchange of convention-related expertise; integrating conventions' matters into activities of partners and their constituencies. This includes efforts to foster participation in multi-stakeholder partnerships under the auspices of UNEP and FAO on areas of mutual interest.</p> <p>Household Waste Partnership: By its decision BC-13/14, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish the Household Waste Partnership to promote the environmentally sound management (ESM) of household waste, separation at source, collection, transport, storage, recycling, energy recovery and final disposal, including its prevention and minimization, through the development of guidance, tools and manuals for governments, regional and local authorities and other stakeholders on, among other things, best practices, business models, policies and innovative solutions for the ESM of household waste. By decision BC-15/22, the Conference of the Parties requested the working group of the Partnership to prepare a revised draft of the overall guidance document on the ESM of household waste and requested it to implement its workplan for the biennium 2022-23. The Partnership was further requested to continue to coordinate closely with the Partnership on Plastic Waste.</p> <p>Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste (PACE II): By its decision BC-15/22, Part I, the Conference of the Parties decided to extend the scope of the Follow-up Partnerships to the Partnership for Action, to adopt a new name: Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste, abbreviated PACE II and invited Parties, signatories and all other stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academia, relevant e-waste platforms, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and former PACE partners to indicate their interest in participating in the working group of the Partnership, and requested it to implement the programme of work.</p> <p>Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE): Preventing and combating illegal traffic of hazardous and other wastes is a cornerstone of the Basel Convention. The mission of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE) established by decision BC-11/8 is through a network of relevant experts, to promote Parties' compliance with Basel Convention provisions pertaining to preventing and combating illegal traffic through better implementation and enforcement of national law. ENFORCE aims to bring together existing resources and enhance cooperation and coordination between relevant entities with a specific mandate to deliver capacity-building activities and tools on preventing and combating illegal traffic. Decision BC-15/22 acknowledged progress made by ENFORCE since COP-12 and encouraged members to continue to collaborate by exchanging experiences, providing relevant information, undertaking capacity-building activities to prevent and combat illegal traffic in the framework of ENFORCE which was reiterated by decision BC-16/17. Decision BC-15/17 on the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance modified the terms of reference of ENFORCE to strengthen its role as the enforcement network.</p> <p>Partnership on Plastic Wastes (PWP): By its decision BC-14/13 on further actions to address plastic waste under the Basel Convention, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish a working group of the Basel Convention Partnership on Plastic Waste (PWP), adopted its terms of reference and requested the working group to implement its workplan for the biennium 2020-21. Following COP-14, Parties and others nominated members of the working group met for the first time in Seychelles in March 2020, at which time it established four project groups on: 1. Prevention and minimization; 2. Plastic waste collection, recycling and other recovery, including financing and related markets; 3. Transboundary movements; and 4. Outreach, education and awareness-raising. The project groups subsequently elaborated activities and outputs in their respective workplans and commenced implementation. In addition, the working group adopted modalities for the submission, selection, implementation and evaluation of pilot projects of the Basel Convention Partnership on Plastic Waste working group clarifying</p>

	<p>roles, responsibilities and processes to enable the working group to undertake capacity building pilot projects for the benefit of developing country Parties or Parties with economies in transition. At COP-16, Parties would approve the workplan for the biennium 2024–2025.</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 18.1: Partnerships overall</p> <p>Outcomes: Expanded influence of partnerships to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18.1.1 Expand influence of partnerships (staff costs only); 18.1.2 Participate in partnerships of others (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management); 18.1.3 Explore opportunities for participating in partnerships under the auspices of UNEP and FAO (staff costs only). 				
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Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of activities implemented through BRS partnerships; 2. Number of activities on the BRS conventions developed and implemented by partners, (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Participation in partnerships under the auspices of UNEP and FAO. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to COPs in 2025; 2. Reports on partners' websites (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Report to COPs in 2025. 				
	<p>Component 18.2: Household Waste Partnership</p> <p>Outcomes: Development of further guidance, tools and awareness raising materials on the basis of the overall guidance document on the ESM of household waste for governments, regional and local authorities and other stakeholders to promote the ESM of household waste. Development and implementation of pilot projects to test the guidance and tools developed under the Partnership, including the dissemination of awareness-raising materials.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18.2.1 Meeting of the Household Waste Partnership working group (subject to the availability of resources); 18.2.2 Support development of further guidance, tools and awareness raising materials, including online platform (subject to the availability of resources); 18.2.3 Translation of guidance, tools and materials into languages (subject to the availability of resources); 18.2.4 Pilot projects to test and disseminate household waste guidance materials (subject to the availability of resources). 				
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	<p>Component 18.3: Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste (PACE II)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Support and up-to-date information on e-waste is provided to Parties and stakeholders through the working group in collaboration with the regional centres. Translation and dissemination of guidance documents developed under the former Partnerships under the Basel Convention related to e-waste (MPPI and PACE). Development and implementation of pilot projects to test the guidance and tools developed under the above-mentioned Partnerships, including the dissemination of awareness-raising and training materials and, the development of guidance documents on environmentally sound repair and refurbishment of used and waste equipment and ESM of waste equipment of the new waste streams added in the scope of the Partnership by COP-15.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18.3.1 Organize one meeting of the working group of PACE II (subject to the availability of resources); 18.3.2 Translate into regional languages and disseminate Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative (MPPI) and PACE guidance documents and guidelines, (subject to the availability of resources); 				

	<p>18.3.3 Pilot projects to implement the programme of work of the partnership (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.3.4 Expert support to develop draft guidance documents and tools on the new e-waste types added to the scope of the partnership by COP-15, (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.3.5 Disseminate the model workshop toolkit, conducting training and awareness raising activities, (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online consultations and annual face-to-face meetings of the follow-up partnership to PACE working group; 2. MPPI and PACE guidance documents are translated into regional languages and disseminated; 3. Model toolkit further developed, tested and disseminated; 4. Number of pilot projects funded to implement the workplan of the partnership; 5. Draft guidance documents and/or tools on new e-waste types added to the scope of the partnership by COP-15. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting reports and lists of participants; 2. MPPI and PACE guidance documents available in additional languages on the website, workshop reports; 3. Workshops report or recording of online workshops available on the website; 4. Report on the implementation of pilot projects; 5. Draft documents and/or tools submitted to OEWG-14 and COP-17.
	<p>Component 18.4: ENFORCE</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Enhanced and improved cooperation and coordination between relevant entities with a specific mandate to deliver capacity-building activities and tools on preventing and combating illegal traffic. Specialized expertise and knowledge are made available by the enforcement community to Parties and the regional centres.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>18.4.1 Hold meetings of ENFORCE members (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.4.2 Support dissemination of ENFORCE related information (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.4.3 Capacity building and training activities for support ENFORCE (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expert support is provided for outreach and dissemination of ENFORCE related information; 2. Annual meetings of ENFORCE are held; 3. Number of activities delivered in the framework of ENFORCE. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress report to Basel Convention COP-17 available; 2. Report of ENFORCE meetings; 3. Activities reports on the website.
	<p>Component 18.5: Partnership on Plastic Waste</p> <p>Outcomes: Development and implementation of activities in the workplan of the Plastic Waste Partnership working group to improve and promote the environmentally sound management of plastic waste at the global, regional and national levels and prevent and minimize its generation.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>18.5.1 Meetings of the Plastic Waste Partnership working group (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.5.2 Support information and data collection, analysis and reporting on lessons learned and best practices for the prevention and ESM of plastic waste (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.5.3 Support development of tools and awareness raising and information materials (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.5.4 Support development of an online platform for knowledge sharing on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.5.5 Translation of tools and materials into languages (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.5.6 Organization of initiatives/events and capacity building activities to promote the objectives of the Partnership and cooperation among members, in collaboration with partners (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.5.7 Development and implementation of pilot projects to promote the objectives of the Partnership and test the tools and materials developed by it (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>18.5.8 Participation in partners' activities and initiatives to promote PWP (subject to the availability of resources).</p>

	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online and consultations and annual face-to-face meetings of the Plastic Waste Partnership working group; 2. Information and data collected, analyzed and reports prepared on lessons learned and best practices for the prevention and ESM of plastic waste; 3. Number of sets of tools, awareness raising and information materials developed; 4. Development of an online platform for knowledge sharing; 5. Number of sets of tools, awareness raising or information materials translated into languages; 6. Number of initiatives and capacity building activities organized in collaboration with partners; 7. Number of pilot projects developed and implemented; 8. Number of partner activities participated in to promote the PWP. 	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting reports and lists of participants; 2. Information, data, analysis and reports available online; 3. Tools, awareness raising and information materials available online and in languages; 4. Online platform on BRS website; 5. Workshop/activity reports and lists of participants; 6. Activity reports; 7. Project reports; 8. Activity reports.
Partner(s)	Regional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions implementing partnership activities; the GEF secretariat, GEF implementing agencies, FAO (pesticides management team, social protection team and regional offices) and UNEP regional offices, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, UNDP, UNIDO, SAICM secretariat, Minamata Convention secretariat, WHO, WCO, secretariats of the multilateral environmental agreements, academia, the private sector and civil society organizations that are partners or observers in the partnership activities.	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The household waste, e-waste and other waste-related partnerships in the medium-term support the implementation of SDG target 12.5 where, by 2030, waste generation should be substantially reduced through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse. They also contribute to SDG target 11.6 by reducing the adverse environmental impact of cities paying special attention to municipal and other waste management. The partnerships with academia support the implementation of SDG target 12.8 where, by 2030, people everywhere should have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development, and SDG target 12.a where support should be provided to developing countries to strengthen their scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production. The activity will contribute to SDG 2.4 to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production that help maintain ecosystems, to SDG 3.9 to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals, to SDG 8.8 to protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment, to SDG 12.4 to achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment, to SDG 16.8 to broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The household waste, e-waste and other waste related partnerships address gender differentiated target groups, as appropriate, e.g. with respect to waste segregation in the households, waste collection and processing behavior and waste workers safety and protection. The most vulnerable groups are women and children who form about 30% of the workforce in crude waste processing business. Mother's intake and body burden is transferred across the placenta and through breast milk. Women and girls are affected directly and as mothers of tomorrow. The training carried out in partnership with academia will be equally open to men and women. The content of the courses will be provided in a gender differentiated manner, e.g. gender specific risks to exposure to chemical emissions in the workplace and at home. The work developed under the FAO programme takes into consideration date collection on different groups, in particular women and raises awareness on hazardous pesticides for family farmers through the identification of alternatives. Women empowerment and gender equality are the main criteria for involving beneficiaries and stakeholders in all activities.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The partnerships involve the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres in the execution of related projects and activities to build and strengthen regional expertise on chemicals and waste issues. All activities support the implementation of the chemicals and wastes agenda and contribute to mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels. The partnerships related to waste streams and the life cycle of chemicals involve industry partners from the beginning in the set-up and implementation of the partnership activities. The partnerships build on technical support from countries and the stakeholders, including the private sector so that their work programme including face-to-face meetings and pilot</p>	

	projects can be implemented in time. Information exchange networks and partnerships support enforcement and chemicals and waste policy programmes of Parties and link to information from the private sector as appropriate. The development of the activities under FAO involves cross-cutting elements that are all concurring to the sustainable production and protection of natural resources. Different stakeholders are involved in the social pillar aspect of sustainability as for example health centers and local NGOs.							
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Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
18.1 Partnerships overall									
Internal implementation (no additional costs)									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
18.2 Household Waste Partnership									
Experts' support					100,000			100,000	100,000
Translation					60,000			60,000	60,000
Partnership agreements					500,000			500,000	500,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					660,000			660,000	660,000
18.3 Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste									
Experts' support					120,000			120,000	120,000
Information materials					50,000			50,000	50,000
Partnership agreements					720,000			720,000	720,000
Travel of staff or partners					40,000			40,000	40,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					930,000			930,000	930,000
18.4 ENFORCE									
Information materials					40,000			40,000	40,000
Partnership agreements					300,000			300,000	300,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					340,000			340,000	340,000
18.5 Partnership on Plastic Waste									
Experts' support					500,000			500,000	500,000
Translation					120,000			120,000	120,000
Travel of staff					40,000			40,000	40,000
Partnership agreements					1,160,000			1,160,000	1,160,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					1,820,000			1,820,000	1,820,000
Total					3,750,000			3,750,000	3,750,000

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	0	4,429,294	4,429,294
Approved 2024-2025	0	3,750,000	3,750,000

PoW number	Activity 19			
Title of activity	Coordination of and support for the Basel and Stockholm convention regional centres and cooperation and coordination between regional centres			
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention			
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget			
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/18, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/16			
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 14 of the Basel Convention and Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention. COP decision(s): BC-16/17, BC-15/17, BC-14/15, BC-15/21, BC-14/18, BC-15/22, BC-14/19, BC-15/25, BC-14/21 of the Basel Convention and SC-11/13, SC-10/15, SC-9/14, SC-10/17, SC-9/16, SC-10/21, SC-9/19 of the Stockholm Convention.			
Background and rationale	<p>The activity is aimed at strengthening the functioning of the regional centres in order to ensure their effective delivery of technical assistance and the transfer of technology to eligible Parties for the implementation of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions. All the activities are in line with the objectives and mandates provided in the Basel and Stockholm conventions and relevant COPs decisions, in particular those that requested regional centres to assist Parties in implementing various activities as mentioned above.</p> <p>Annual meetings of the regional centres: Annual meetings of the directors of the regional centres provide an opportunity for the regional centres to plan on how to support the implementation of decisions of the conferences of the Parties (COPs) including providing inputs to the BRS technical assistance plan for 2022-2025 adopted at the 2021/2022 COPs and to exchange experiences, expertise, and best practices. At these meetings, the directors of the regional centres will have the opportunity to meet with donors and implementing agencies working in the field.</p> <p>Strengthening regional delivery of technical assistance through the regional centres Small Grant Programme (SGP): Implementation of pilot projects by the regional centres under the Small Grant Programme of the Basel and Stockholm conventions will contribute to the implementation of the technical assistance plan so that Parties receive much needed technical assistance to fulfill their obligations under the conventions.</p> <p>Support to regional centres on institutional aspects and programmatic matters: The Secretariat supports Parties and the regional centres with the institutional arrangements, including conclusion of the framework agreements with host countries for the establishment of regional centres or their renewal as per required procedures under the Basel Convention as well as the selection process for the nomination of new regional and subregional centres under the Stockholm Convention. These arrangements will also include the assessment of technical expertise and capacity of nominated centres as needed. The Secretariat participates as ex-officio member in the steering committee meetings organized by selected Basel Convention regional centres for the endorsement of their business plans as well as the provision of advice, input and guidance on relevant developments under the conventions and related decisions.</p>			
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 19.1: Annual meetings of the regional centres</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened collaboration among the regional centres with enhanced information exchange including on the expertise and comparative advantage among them. Initiated early planning for the implementation of BRS 2024-2025 programme of work activities in joint collaboration with the centres. Increased understanding on the support expected from the centres for the implementation of the COPs decisions as well as networking opportunities with partners, including bilateral and multilateral donors.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19.1.1 Organize one annual meeting of the directors of the regional centers; 19.1.2 Organize one annual meeting of the directors of the regional centers (subject to the availability of resources). <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual meetings of the directors of regional centres held. </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting reports and the list of participants available on the BRS website. </td> </tr> </table> <p>Component 19.2: Strengthening regional delivery of technical assistance through the regional centres Small Grant Programme (SGP)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened regional delivery of technical assistance by implementing the regional/subregional/national projects based on the business plan/workplan of the regional centres through the Small Grant Programme (SGP). Enhanced</p>		Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual meetings of the directors of regional centres held. 	Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting reports and the list of participants available on the BRS website.
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	<p>capacities of Parties to meet their obligations under the Basel and Stockholm conventions. Increased capacities of the regional centres to apply and implement projects in line with the business plans endorsed by Parties.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>19.2.1 Make arrangements for the Small Grant Programme (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of regional centres that implemented projects; Number of Parties benefitted through the projects; Number of activities that address gender mainstreaming. 	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Project reports, website, and report to COPs; Activity reports by the implementing regional centres, website, and report to COPs; Project report, website and report to COPs.
	<p>Component 19.3: Support to regional centres on institutional aspects and programmatic matters</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Institutional arrangements in support of establishing and functioning of the regional centres for the Basel and Stockholm conventions are put in place and harmonized across all the centres. This includes support to Parties in the process of selection/establishment of regional centres and assessment of technical expertise and capacity of selected/nominated centres. Framework agreements to establish BCRCs are concluded and amended as per required procedures. Support is provided for the regional and subregional centres under the Stockholm Convention to be endorsed by the Conference of the Parties. The steering committee meetings organized by selected Basel Convention regional centres are supported as necessary.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>19.3.1 Establish and/or strengthen institutional arrangements with regional centres (staff costs only);</p> <p>19.3.2 Institutional visits to the regional centres (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>19.3.3 Participate in steering committee meetings of regional centres (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support is provided as needed in establishing /strengthening institutional arrangements with the regional centres in line with relevant procedures; Visits of the regional centres by the Secretariat (subject to the availability of resources); Number of steering committee meetings attended by the Secretariat (subject to the availability of resources). 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports to the COPs, including reports on assessment of technical expertise and capacity; Information on the visits of the regional centers by the Secretariat available on the BRS website (subject to the availability of resources); Mission reports and steering committee meeting reports available on the BRS website (subject to the availability of resources).
Partner(s)	Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, donors, implementing agencies	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The project supports directly SDG target 12.4 related to sustainable consumption and production where, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes should be achieved throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and their release to air, water and soil should be significantly reduced to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment. It further contributes to SDG target 2.4 to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production; and to SDG target 3.9, to substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination. The project supports SDG target 17.9 by enhancing international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: A predominant aim of the activities on gender is to support the implementation of SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The activities consider involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. Gender-specific training sessions will be added with the support from the Secretariat to the training workshops organized by the regional centres, where possible. The development and implementation of various guidance aims at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The activities contribute to the implementation of the integrated approach to addressing the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes in particular through enhancing industry's involvement in information gathering and developing guidance and reports, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
19.1 Annual meetings of the regional centers									
Meeting and travel costs				44,150			44,150	88,300	88,300
<i>Subtotal</i>				44,150			44,150	88,300	88,300
19.2 Strengthening regional delivery of technical assistance through regional centres Small Grant Programme									
Pilot projects				900,000			900,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				900,000			900,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
19.3 Support to regional centres on institutional aspects and programmatic matters¹⁵									
Travel of staff				32,500			12,500	45,000	45,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				32,500			12,500	45,000	45,000
Total				976,650			956,650	1,933,300	1,933,300

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	0	1,933,300	1,933,300
Approved 2024-2025	0	1,933,300	1,933,300

¹⁵ Additional mandate to the Secretariat (BC-16/17, SC-11/13) on assisting regional centres in identifying and mobilizing sources of financial support to foster implementation of BRS conventions has been budgeted under PoW 30.

3. Scientific and technical activities

PoW number	Activity 20
Title of activity	Scientific support for Parties to the Basel Convention
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/6, UNEP/CHW.16/6/Add.1-Add.3, UNEP/CHW.16/7, UNEP/CHW.16/8, UNEP/CHW.16/9, UNEP/CHW.16/10, UNEP/CHW.16/11
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 6 of the Basel Convention COP decision(s): VIII/20, BC-10/10, BC-14/4-9, BC-14/11, BC-14/13, BC-14/14, BC-14/20, BC-15/6, BC-15/7-9, BC-15/11, BC-15/12, BC-15/14-1616, BC-15/23, BC-16/3-8, BC-16/10-13 of the Basel Convention, SC-9/8, SC-10/10, SC-11/6 of the Stockholm Convention, UNEA resolutions 1/6, 2/11, 3/7, 3/9, 4/7 and 4/9
Background and rationale	<p>Technical guidelines for environmentally sound management of hazardous waste: The COPs mandated the Secretariat to update the technical guidelines on POPs wastes, as well as developing new ones, as appropriate. Since 2011, experts under the Basel and the Stockholm conventions have been working on the development and the updating of technical guidelines on POPs wastes.</p> <p>COP-11 of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention decided to add three new POPs in Annexes to the Convention, which implies that technical guidelines need to be updated (BC-16/3).</p> <p>Decision BC-16/5 requested that work on updating the technical guidelines on e-waste and used equipment should continue in 2024-2025.</p> <p>Decision BC-16/4 adopted the technical guidelines on the ESM of plastic wastes and they are going to be disseminated to Parties on the convention website.</p> <p>Decision BC-16/6 decided to continue with the update of the technical guidelines on waste lead-acid batteries and to develop a new set of technical guidelines for other types of waste batteries.</p> <p>Decision BC-16/7 decided to continue the update of the technical guidelines on used and waste pneumatic tyres.</p> <p>Decision BC-14/20 included the consideration of whether a set of previously adopted technical guidelines should be updated (on D8 and D9 operations of Annex IV of the Basel Convention). This issue will be taken up by the COP-17 meeting, as no decision was yet made on it.</p> <p>Decision BC-16/12 requested the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare draft updates of the several technical guidelines, guidance documents and manuals in order to reflect adjustments consequential to the adoption of the amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, set out in decision BC-15/18 and known as the “e-waste amendments”.</p> <p>Cooperation with the World Customs Organization: Pursuant to decision VIII/20, the Secretariat maintains an ongoing cooperation with the World Customs Organization (WCO) that ensures the identification of wastes covered by the Basel Convention in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. Pursuant to decisions BC-16/8 and BC-14/9, the Secretariat is to develop proposals on waste types for inclusion in the Harmonized System and submit them for review by the relevant Committees of the WCO. The Secretariat also provides advisory support to the Committees during the review process. This work continues during the 2024-2025 biennium.</p> <p>Control system for transboundary movements (E-notification): The Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, in its decision BC-16/10, requested the Secretariat to continue to advance with the work on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents and to prepare a report with further recommendations for further consideration by the OEWG-14 and COP-17.</p> <p>The activities should provide Parties with shared understanding of the potential benefits of a system for establishing a Basel Convention system that allows for the automation of processes and the electronic exchange of information relating to the notification and movement of hazardous and other wastes and of options for such a system. Decision BC-15/14 decided to establish a small intersessional working group to advance the work on this thematic area.</p> <p>Issues related to waste containing nanomaterials: Potential hazards posed by waste containing nanomaterials and the need for the ESM of such waste have become issues of intense policy interest at the national and international level in recent years. Decision BC-16/13 invited Parties and others to make available to the Secretariat information related to activities aimed at addressing issues related to waste containing nanomaterials, including case studies about and best practices relating to the management of waste containing nanomaterials. The Secretariat will make such information available on the Convention’s website.</p>

	<p>Issues related to plastic waste:</p> <p>Plastic pollution is one of the most serious environmental problems in the world. Its wide-spread use and a sharp increase in consumption of plastic goods, including single-use plastic products, leads to a steady annual growth in the amount of plastic waste. In line with its work programme for the biennium 2024-2025, the OEWG is to consider possible further activities that could be conducted under the Basel Convention in response to developments in scientific knowledge and environmental information and health impacts related to plastic waste as a source of land pollution, marine plastic litter and microplastics.</p> <p>In addressing continuous needs of Parties, the Secretariat provides technical advice, either through guidelines, emails or meetings. Inputs into various processes at the international levels are also required, for instance with OECD, UNEP, SAICM, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, etc.</p> <p>The activities listed in activity 20 will be implemented in coordination with activities listed in activity 14 (Training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Basel Convention).</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 20.1: Technical guidelines for environmentally sound management of hazardous waste</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Coordinated development of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management (ESM) of different waste streams and on waste management technologies. Parties to the Basel and to the Stockholm conventions are better equipped with technical information on the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes, including POPs wastes.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20.1.1 Prepare electronic versions of the technical guidelines using the standard cover page, and UN layout, and short information documents that explains how the technical guidelines can be used at the national level (subject to the availability of resources); 20.1.2 Organize a face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group on POPs wastes (subject to the availability of resources); 20.1.3 Organize a face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group on waste lead-acid batteries (subject to the availability of resources); 20.1.4 Organize a face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group on used and waste pneumatic tyres (subject to the availability of resources); 20.1.5 Organize a face-to-face meeting of the expert working group on the technical guidelines on e-waste and used equipment (subject to the availability of resources); 20.1.6 Translation of technical guidelines approved by the COP; 20.1.7 Develop and update technical guidelines for newly listed POPs; 20.1.8 Update the technical guidelines on waste lead-acid batteries and develop new technical guidelines on other types of batteries; 20.1.9 Update the technical guidelines on e-waste (staff cost only); 20.1.10 Update technical guidelines on used and waste pneumatic tyres. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Indicators of achievement:</td><td style="padding: 5px;">Means of verification:</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of technical guidelines on different waste streams or technologies developed or updated, and made available to Parties and others (partly subject to the availability of resources); 2. Number of women and men who are members of the small intersessional working groups. </td><td style="padding: 5px;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical guidelines on different waste streams or technologies available on the Basel Convention website (partly subject to the availability of resources); 2. Membership of the small intersessional working groups available on the Basel Convention website. </td></tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of technical guidelines on different waste streams or technologies developed or updated, and made available to Parties and others (partly subject to the availability of resources); 2. Number of women and men who are members of the small intersessional working groups. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical guidelines on different waste streams or technologies available on the Basel Convention website (partly subject to the availability of resources); 2. Membership of the small intersessional working groups available on the Basel Convention website.
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	<p>Component 20.2: Cooperation with the World Customs Organization</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Enhanced coherence between the WCO Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) and the list of wastes controlled under the Basel Convention. Monitoring of the transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes and enforcement of the related regulations are facilitated.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20.2.1 Develop proposals on amendments to the HS for the identification of wastes listed under the Basel Convention for submission to WCO; 20.2.2 Provide technical advice on identifying Basel Convention wastes in the Harmonized System. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Indicators of achievement:</td><td style="padding: 5px;">Means of verification:</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wastes listed under the Basel Convention are identified in the HS; </td><td style="padding: 5px;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress reports to OEWG and COP on the cooperation with WCO regarding the classification of wastes; </td></tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wastes listed under the Basel Convention are identified in the HS; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress reports to OEWG and COP on the cooperation with WCO regarding the classification of wastes;
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	<p>2. The HS Committee and its subsidiary bodies receive advisory support related to the Basel Convention during the HS review process.</p>	<p>2. Progress reports to OEWG and COP on the cooperation with WCO regarding the classification of wastes.</p>
	<p>Component 20.3: Control system for transboundary movements (E-notification)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Parties have a shared understanding of the expected benefits of an initiative to establish a Basel Convention system that allows for the automation of processes and the electronic exchange of information relating to the notification and movement of hazardous and other wastes and of options for such a system.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>20.3.1 Prepare a report with further recommendations on e-notification for further consideration by the OEWG-14 and COP-17 (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. Activities are carried out in line with the decision by COP-16 on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents.</p>	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. Reports to OEWG and COP.</p>
	<p>Component 20.4: Issues related to waste containing nanomaterials</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Parties have an enhanced understanding of issues related to waste containing nanomaterials, how to address such wastes and the potential impacts on human health and the environment.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>20.4.1 Undertake follow up activities on issues related to waste containing nanomaterials (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. Activities are carried out in line with the decision by COP-16 on wastes containing nanomaterials.</p>	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. Reports to OEWG and COP.</p>
	<p>Component 20.5: Issues related to plastic waste</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Activities to follow up the decision by COP-16 on further consideration of plastic waste are carried out.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>20.5.1 Undertake follow up activities on further consideration of plastic waste (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. Activities are carried out in line with the decision by COP-16 on further consideration of plastic waste.</p>	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. Reports to OEWG and COP.</p>
Partner(s)	<p>Regional and coordinating centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNEP, FAO, Regional Seas Conventions, other relevant MEAs, industry, NGOs</p>	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The activity relates to SDG 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns (specifically Target 12.4: by 2020 achieve environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their lifecycle and minimizing their adverse impacts on human health and the environment). It also relates to Sustainable Development Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives (specifically Target 3.9: by 2030 substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination). Addressing marine plastic litter and microplastics contributes to the following SDG targets: target 11.6 on municipal and other waste; target 12.4 on the environmentally sound management of chemicals and wastes; target 12.5 on substantially reducing waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse; target 14.1 on reducing marine pollution including marine debris.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: Membership of the small intersessional working groups is gender neutral, and participation of women is welcome. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan¹⁶, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage</p>	

¹⁶ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

	Parties and observers to take into account gender-related aspects in their nomination of participants, as well as when engaging consultants to carry-out the different activities. Additionally, information provided in the advice to Parties, and in the technical guidelines on the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes, and their impacts on human health and the environment, can assist in formulating policies to protect vulnerable populations including women and children.
	Integrated Approach: The small intersessional working groups under this activity follow a multi-stakeholder approach, where observers to the conventions, as well as civil society, academia and industry have an active role in discussions and negotiations on the work and on the documents produced.

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
20.1 Technical guidelines for environmentally sound management of hazardous waste									
Experts' support	100,000		20,000	120,000	25,000			25,000-	145,000
Layout, editing, print					25,000			25,000	25,000
Meeting and travel costs					250,000			250,000	250,000
Translation	209,375			209,375					209,375
<i>Subtotal</i>	309,375		20,000	329,375	300,000			300,000	629,375
20.2 Cooperation with the World Customs Organization									
Experts' support	30,000			30,000					30,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	30,000			30,000					30,000
20.3 Control system for transboundary movements (E-notification)									
Meeting and travel costs					100,000			100,000	100,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					100,000			100,000	100,000
20.4 Issues related to waste containing nanomaterials									
Experts' support					25,000			25,000	25,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					25,000			25,000	25,000
20.5 Issues related to plastic waste									
Experts' support					10,000			10,000	10,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					10,000			10,000	10,000
Total	339,375		20,000	359,375	435,000			435,000	794,375

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	309,375	390,000	699,375
Approved 2024-2025	359,375	435,000	794,375

PoW number	Activity 21	
Title of activity	Scientific support for Parties to the Rotterdam Convention	
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention	
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget	
Reference	UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/4, UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/5	
Mandate	Convention Article: Articles 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Rotterdam Convention COP decision(s): Decisions RC-7/1, RC-7/2, RC-9/1, RC-11/1, RC-11/2, RC-11/6 of the Rotterdam Convention	
Background and rationale	<p>These activities form the scientific basis of operations related to the Rotterdam Convention, support information exchange and work of the scientific body mandated by the Convention, the Chemical Review Committee (CRC).</p> <p>Information exchange and PIC procedure, including PIC Circular: The PIC Circular provides all Parties, through their Designated National Authorities (DNAs), with the information required to be circulated by the Secretariat in line with Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 14 of the Convention. It includes information related to notifications of final regulatory actions, proposal for severely hazardous pesticide formulations and import decisions on chemicals listed under the Convention. The PIC Circular is published every six months. The information contained in the PIC Circular and Parties' notifications is recorded in the joint clearing-house mechanism systems, and further disseminated through it.</p> <p>Support to Parties in increasing notifications of final regulatory action: Parties need ready access to scientific and technical information to make informed decisions on hazardous chemicals and their sound management within the scope of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties has noted that developing countries need guidance for consideration of relevant information for scientifically sound decision making towards increasing the notifications of final regulatory actions under the Convention. Those guidance materials are further disseminated by the joint clearing-house mechanism.</p> <p>Scientific and technical support to CRC: The Chemical Review Committee (CRC) reviews notification of final regulatory action for pesticides and industrial chemicals and proposals for listing severely hazardous pesticide formulations according to the criteria set out by the Convention in Annexes II and IV, respectively and makes recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for listing such chemicals and formulations in Annex III to the Convention. The Secretariat facilitates the intersessional work of the Committee and develops and disseminates the information materials to support the work of CRC and the listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention.</p> <p>Assignment of Harmonized System codes to chemicals listed in Annex III: According to paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties shall encourage the World Customs Organization (WCO) to assign specific Harmonized System (HS) customs codes to the individual chemicals or groups of chemicals listed in Annex III, as appropriate. Each Party shall require that, whenever a code has been assigned to such a chemical, the shipping document for that chemical bears the code when exported. The Secretariat cooperates with WCO to facilitate the assignment of HS codes to chemicals newly listed under the Rotterdam Convention.</p> <p>Tools and guidance developed under the current activity will be used in activity 12 and 15. The organization of meetings of the Chemical Review Committee and the orientation workshop for members of the Chemical Review Committee are included activity 5.</p>	
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 21.1: Information exchange and PIC procedure, including PIC Circular</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Information submitted by Parties in accordance with the Convention requirements is reviewed and processed in a timely manner and shared through the PIC Circular.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21.1.1 PIC Circular production and translation (English, French, Spanish) of parts relevant to pesticides, notifications of FRAs, import responses of pesticides and SHPFs, proposals for listing SHPF submitted by Parties; 21.1.2 PIC Circular production and translation (English, French, Spanish) of parts relevant to industrial chemicals, FRAs and import responses of industrial chemicals submitted by Parties; 21.1.3 PIC Circular publication and distribution. 	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PIC Circulars are published every six months, in June and December, in English, French and Spanish; 2. Information on the implementation of the PIC 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PIC circulars published on the Rotterdam Convention website and distributed to Parties; 2. Report to COP and information available on the website of the Rotterdam Convention.

	procedure and other Convention requirements is made available to Parties.	
	<p>Component 21.2: Support to Parties in increasing notifications of final regulatory action</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Tools and guidance for user-friendly access to scientific and technical information for sound management of hazardous chemicals and informed decision making are available as necessary to enhance capacity at the national level on notifications of final regulatory actions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>21.2.1 Develop and update tools and guidance on scientific information (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of tools and guidance made available to DNAs for the consideration of scientific and technical information (subject to the availability of resources). 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Information available on the Rotterdam Convention website and related COP reports (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Component 21.3: Scientific and technical support to CRC</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Intersessional work of CRC on preliminary review of notifications of Final Regulatory Actions, proposals for listing SHPFs in Annex III and drafting of Decision Guidance Documents is coordinated and facilitated. Support to the scientific work at the meetings of CRC is provided.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>21.3.1 Provide scientific and technical support to CRC and facilitate the intersessional work (staff costs only); 21.3.2 Develop information materials to support the work of CRC and the listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of intersessional task groups and drafting groups supported by the Secretariat in line with relevant procedures; Number of information materials to support the work of CRC and the listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention (subject to the availability of resources). 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of CRC meetings; Information materials to support the work of CRC and the listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention available on the Rotterdam Convention website (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Component 21.4: Assignment of Harmonized System codes to chemicals listed in Annex III</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Assignment of Harmonized System (HS) codes to chemicals listed in Annex III is facilitated to support the implementation of paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>21.4.1 Develop proposals for submission to WCO and provide advisory support for the review of proposals; 21.4.2 Make list of HS codes available on the Rotterdam Convention website (staff costs only).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of proposals for HS codes for chemicals in Annex III submitted to WCO (subject to the availability of resources); HS codes for chemicals listed in Annex III are updated in a timely manner on the Rotterdam Convention website. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports to COP (subject to the availability of resources); HS codes for chemicals listed in Annex III available on the Rotterdam Convention website.
Partner(s)	FAO, UNEP, WCO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: UN Sustainable Development Goal 3 seeks to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. One of the key strategies to achieve this goal is to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from direct and indirect exposure to hazardous chemicals. Supporting developing countries on user-friendly access to scientific information for informed decision-making on hazardous chemicals should facilitate achieving this goal. Further, the activity on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention will contribute to the Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p>	

	<p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan¹⁷, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage members of the CRC to take into account gender related aspects in their nomination of chairs and drafters of the intersessional working group and task groups, and in drafting of technical documents, where relevant.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: Industry is integrated in the intersessional process of the work of the CRC, its deliberations during the meetings and information exchange under the PIC procedure. Consultative processes will be further strengthened between relevant national focal points and external partners on scientific and technical matters to enhance the capacity of decision-making by Designated National Authorities on Final Regulatory Actions and notifications on chemicals.</p>
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Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
21.1 Information exchange and PIC Procedure, including PIC Circular									
Publications (translation and production)		76,000		76,000					76,000
<i>Subtotal</i>		76,000		76,000					76,000
21.2 Support to Parties in increasing notifications of final regulatory action									
Toolkit					40,000		40,000	40,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>					40,000		40,000	40,000	
21.3 Scientific and technical support to CRC									
Experts' support					20,000		20,000	20,000	
Publications (translation and production)					18,000		18,000	18,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>					38,000		38,000	38,000	
21.4 Assignment of Harmonized System codes to chemicals listed in Annex III									
Experts' support		10,000		10,000					10,000
<i>Subtotal</i>		10,000		10,000					10,000
Total		86,000		86,000		78,000		78,000	164,000

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	74,000	90,000	164,000
Approved 2024-2025	86,000	78,000	164,000

¹⁷ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 22
Title of activity	Scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/POPS/COP.11/4, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/5, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/6, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/7, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/8, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/9, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/11, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/12, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/13, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/14, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/7
Mandate	Convention Article: Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, Annexes A, B and C to the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): SC-6/3, SC-6/4, SC-9/13, SC-10/14, SC-11/1, SC-11/2, SC-11/3, SC-11/4, SC-11/5, SC-11/6, SC-11/7, SC-11/8, SC-11/9, SC-11/10, SC-11/11 and SC-11/12 of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	All the activities are in line with the objectives of and mandates provided in the Stockholm Convention or the Conference of the Parties. The activities will focus on the following: Exemptions: Enable implementation of Article 4 of the Convention and other provisions related to exemptions for chemicals listed in Annexes A and B; provide scientific and technical support for Parties in this process. Scientific and technical work of POPRC: Verify the proposal submitted by Parties, support Parties in submitting proposals upon request, support POPRC in reviewing the proposals and developing technical documents. Industrial POPs: Provide scientific support for Parties to identify and eliminate industrial POPs, including through the substitution with alternatives and the identification of industrial POPs in articles and waste; support the COP in the evaluation of progress towards the elimination of PCB and the continued need for specific exemptions and acceptable purposes for certain industrial POPs as provided by the Convention. POPs pesticides: Provide scientific support for Parties to introduce safer and sustainable solutions, prohibit or restrict POPs pesticides and improve public health and environmental safety; support the COP in the evaluation of continued need of DDT for disease vector control and for the promotion of alternatives to DDT as provided by the Convention. Unintentional POPs (U-POPs): Provide guidance to assist Parties to minimize and where feasible eliminate releases of POPs from various activities as listed in Annex C as well as in Annex A and Annex B to the Convention; provide Parties with the necessary guidance on how to develop and maintain release inventories of POPs listed in Annex C to the Convention. The guidance documents developed under the current activity will be used in activity 12 and 16. The current activity also contributes to activity 23 and 24. The organization of meetings of the POPs Review Committee is included in activity 6.
Outcomes and activities	Component 22.1: Exemptions Outcomes: The registers of specific exemptions and acceptable purposes are maintained and the notifications of closed system site limited intermediate and articles in use are managed on the Convention website. The review process for entries in the Register of specific exemptions is supported. The scientific content of information materials related to specific exemptions, acceptable purposes and other exemptions of chemicals listed in Annexes A and B to the Convention is updated and the relevant technical assistance activities are supported. Activities: 22.1.1 Maintain register of various exemptions (staff costs only); 22.1.2 Support the review processes of entries in the registers of specific exemptions (staff costs only); 22.1.3 Develop information materials related to exemptions (subject to the availability of resources).
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification: 1. The registers of various exemptions are maintained on the website in a timely manner; 2. Parties are aware of the review process of entries in the registers of specific exemptions; 3. Number of information materials related to exemptions developed (subject to the availability of resources). 1. The registers of various exemptions on the Stockholm Convention website; 2. The communication sent to Parties on the review processes of entries in the registers of specific exemptions; 3. Information materials related to exemptions available on the Stockholm Convention website (subject to the availability of resources).

<p>Component 22.2: Scientific and technical work of POPRC</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Scientific and technical support is provided to POPRC during the meetings and the intersessional period. Proposals for the listing of new chemicals are verified and forwarded to POPRC. Scientific and technical documents are developed in support of the work of POPRC and listing of chemicals.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.2.1 Provide scientific and technical support during the POPRC meetings and intersessional period and verify proposals submitted by Parties for listing new chemicals under the Convention (staff costs only); 22.2.2 Develop scientific and technical documents in support of the work of POPRC (subject to the availability of resources). 	
<p>Component 22.3: Industrial POPs</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The COP is able to make informed decisions related to evaluating progress in the elimination of industrial POPs and Parties receive support in collecting the necessary information. The scientific content of technical assistance materials related to environmentally sound management of industrial POPs including in waste stream and alternatives and substitution is developed and the relevant technical assistance activities are supported.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.3.1 Support the process for the evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions and develop reports, for consideration at COP-13 in 2025 (subject to the availability of resources); 22.3.2 Develop a draft report on progress towards the elimination of PCB for consideration at COP-13 in 2025; develop guidance for Parties to meet the 2025 and 2028 targets of the Stockholm convention; organize a meeting of the SIWG on PCB (subject to the availability of resources); 22.3.3 Support the process on and information collection for the evaluation on BDEs and prepare report for consideration at COP-12 in 2025; 22.3.4 Develop guidance and technical assistance materials related to industrial POPs (subject to the availability of resources); 22.3.5 Participation in partners' activities related to industrial POPs (subject to the availability of resources). 	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of intersessional working groups supported by the Secretariat in line with relevant procedures; 2. Number of scientific and technical documents developed for POPRC (subject to the availability of resources). <p>Means of verification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports of the POPRC meetings; 2. Scientific and technical documents developed for POPRC available on the Stockholm Convention website (subject to the availability of resources).
<p>Component 22.4: POPs pesticides</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>DDT expert group meeting is organized to prepare the assessment of continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT for consideration at COP-12 in 2025. The scientific content of technical assistance materials related to the environmentally sound management of POPs pesticides is developed and the relevant technical assistance activities are supported.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.4.1 Organize DDT expert group meeting to assess the continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT; 22.4.2 Assess the continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT (subject to the availability of resources); 	

	<p>22.4.3 Support the DDT expert group in undertaking the intersessional process of consultations with those Parties that are in the DDT register, on a possible phase-out plan, and report to COP-12 on the prospects for phasing out DDT for those Parties (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>22.4.4 Secretariat to participate in related stakeholder meetings and workshops to promote effective stakeholder engagement and promotion of safer and sustainable solutions for POPs pesticides (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The meeting of the DDT expert is organized in a timely manner; 2. Information collected and report developed to support COP in evaluating the continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT; 3. DDT expert group supported in undertaking the intersessional process of consultations and report submitted to COP-12 (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Enhanced support and collaboration of stakeholders in the environmentally sound management of POPs pesticides (subject to the availability of resources). <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the meeting of the DDT expert group; 2. Report by the DDT expert group submitted to COP meetings for the evaluation (COP-12); 3. Report on the intersessional process (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Reports to the COP-12 related to POPs pesticides (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Component 22.5: U-POPs</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Parties are provided with up-to-date guidance to minimize and ultimately eliminate releases of POPs from various activities as listed in Annex C but also in Annex A parts III-V and Annex B part III of the Stockholm Convention, as well as guidance to develop and maintain release inventories of the POPs listed in Annex C. The information contained in the guidance assists Parties to meet the requirements of Article 5 of the Convention, and take measures towards minimization of releases of POPs.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>22.5.1 Organize one BAT/BEP expert meeting in 2024;</p> <p>22.5.2 Organize one BAT/BEP expert meeting in 2025 (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>22.5.3 Update the guidelines and guidance on BAT/BEP to include new POPs (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>22.5.4 Participation in partners' activities related to U-POPs (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expert meetings are organized to support the work on updating of the guidance on BAT and BEP and the Toolkit (partly subject to the availability of resources); 2. The guidelines and guidance on BAT and BEP are updated with information relevant to the newly listed POPs (subject to the availability of resources); 3. The Toolkit and BAT and BEP experts are involved in the development of the scientific content of technical assistance materials related to unintentional releases of POPs and relevant technical assistance activities (subject to the availability of resources). <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting reports of expert group meetings are made available on the Convention's website (partly subject to the availability of resources); 2. Updated guidelines and guidance on BAT and BEP are made available on the Convention's website (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Report of technical assistance activities related to unintentional releases of POPs (subject to the availability of resources).
Partner(s)	WHO, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, FAO Plant Production and Protection Division, Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNIDO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The activities contribute to delivering of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and relevant sustainable development goals, in particular through promoting healthy lives and well-being by environmentally sound management of chemicals and minimizing and ultimately eliminating releases of POPs and related exposure to hazardous chemicals.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The activities consider involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. The development and implementation of various guidance aims at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to</p>

	improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.							
	Integrated Approach: The activities contribute to the implementation of the integrated approach to addressing the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes in particular through enhancing industry's involvement in information gathering and developing guidance and reports, mainstreaming chemicals and waste issues at the regional and national levels.							

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
22.1 Exemptions									
Publications (translation and production)								20,000	20,000
								20,000	20,000
								20,000	20,000
22.2 Scientific and technical work of POPRC									
Experts' support								50,000	50,000
								50,000	50,000
								50,000	50,000
22.3 Industrial POPs									
Experts' support			20,000	20,000				90,000	90,000
Meeting and travel costs								40,000	40,000
Travel of staff								20,000	20,000
			20,000	20,000				150,000	150,000
								150,000	170,000
22.4 POPs pesticides									
Experts' support								25,000	25,000
Meeting and travel costs			60,000	60,000				80,000	80,000
Travel of staff								8,000	8,000
			60,000	60,000				113,000	113,000
								113,000	173,000
22.5 U-POPs									
Experts' support								40,000	40,000
Meeting and travel costs			40,000	40,000				40,000	40,000
Travel of staff								4,000	4,000
			40,000	40,000				84,000	84,000
								84,000	124,000
Total			120,000	120,000				417,000	417,000
									537,000

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	130,000	337,000	467,000
Approved 2024-2025	120,000	417,000	537,000

PoW number	Activity 23					
Title of activity	Effectiveness evaluation and the global monitoring plan					
Convention(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention					
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget					
Reference	UNEP/POPS/COP.11/19, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/20					
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 16 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): SC-11/17 and SC-11/18 of the Stockholm Convention					
Background and rationale	<p>The global monitoring plan and the effectiveness evaluation are recurrent core activities required by Article 16 of the Stockholm Convention, and their sustainability as well as harmonized global implementation are crucial for elaboration of the regional monitoring reports, the global monitoring report and the effectiveness evaluation report. These reports are presented at every third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (i.e. the regional monitoring reports at the seventh and tenth meetings, and the global monitoring report, as well as the effectiveness evaluation report at the eighth and eleventh meetings). While monitoring activities are ongoing with data and information compiled and synthesized in regional and global monitoring reports every six years, the effectiveness evaluation is performed during the last two years of the six-year effectiveness evaluation cycle.</p> <p>Effectiveness evaluation: This activity aims to assess whether the measures agreed in the Convention are effective to achieve its goal of protecting human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants; to determine the effectiveness of the specific measures taken to implement the Convention in achieving this objective; and to identify ways to improve the effectiveness of the Convention.</p> <p>Global monitoring plan: The global monitoring plan, besides providing major input for the effectiveness evaluation, is a unique source of consistent data on POPs concentrations in air and PFOS and PFOA concentrations in water, as well as on human exposure to POPs from all regions. The programme also strengthens sampling and analytical capacity in developing countries.</p>					
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 23.1: Effectiveness evaluation</p> <p>Outcomes: Activities in follow up to the conclusions and recommendations of the effectiveness evaluation committee, namely the visualization of the achievements of the Convention and of the findings of the report of the second effectiveness evaluation by making the report broadly available, together with a short summary.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>23.1.1 Support activities to visualize the achievements of the Convention and the findings of the report of the second effectiveness evaluation by making the report broadly available, together with a short summary. (subject to the availability of resources).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Indicators of achievement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The achievements of the Convention and the findings of the report of the second effectiveness evaluation are made broadly available (subject to the availability of resources). </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Means of verification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report by the Secretariat to COP-12 in 2025, and awareness raising material (e.g. publications, factsheets) available on the website of the Stockholm Convention (subject to the availability of resources). </td> </tr> </table> <p>Component 23.2: Global Monitoring Plan</p> <p>Outcomes: Sustainable persistent organic pollutants monitoring data in core media from all five united nations regions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>23.2.1 Support the work of the global coordination group and regional organization groups to implement the global monitoring plan for POPs (staff costs only);</p> <p>23.2.2 Organize a meeting of the GMP regional organization groups and the global coordination group;</p> <p>23.2.3 Support sustainable POPs monitoring in core media in eligible regions (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>23.2.4 Support the collection, processing, storing and presentation of the GMP monitoring data (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>23.2.5 Participate in relevant meetings to disseminate GMP results (subject to the availability of resources).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Indicators of achievement: </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Means of verification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the meeting of the regional organization groups and the global coordination group; </td> </tr> </table>		Indicators of achievement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The achievements of the Convention and the findings of the report of the second effectiveness evaluation are made broadly available (subject to the availability of resources). 	Means of verification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report by the Secretariat to COP-12 in 2025, and awareness raising material (e.g. publications, factsheets) available on the website of the Stockholm Convention (subject to the availability of resources). 	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the meeting of the regional organization groups and the global coordination group;
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Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the meeting of the regional organization groups and the global coordination group; 					

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The implementation of the GMP is supported through the global coordination group and the regional organization groups; 2. Sustainable POPs monitoring activities are facilitated through strategic partnerships (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Existing monitoring data in core media are publicly available (subject to the availability of resources). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Draft global monitoring report; 3. Electronic global monitoring plan data warehouse (subject to the availability of resources).
Partner(s)	<p>For the implementation of the global monitoring plan activities, regional organization groups were established in the five United Nations regions to define and apply the regional strategy for information gathering and to prepare regional monitoring reports. A global coordination group, composed of three members nominated by each regional organization group, oversees the implementation of the plan and coordinates activities and cooperation between the regions.</p> <p>Strategic partnerships were established to benefit from extensive monitoring experience, scientifically sound inputs on the newly listed persistent organic pollutants, and generate further consistent, comparable monitoring data. Strategic partners for air monitoring are the Global Atmospheric Passive Air Sampling Programme supported by Environment Canada, the MONET programme supported by the Government of the Czech Republic, and the South East Asian POPs Monitoring Programme supported by the Government of Japan. Further important strategic partners are the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program of the Arctic Council and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme. Strategic partners for the human monitoring are the World Health Organization and the expert laboratories.</p> <p>Activities are conducted in close cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme Chemicals and Health Branch, as the implementing agency of Global Environment Facility projects providing capacity building in support of global monitoring plan implementation in developing countries.</p>	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The global monitoring plan is providing data on contamination of humans and environment with persistent organic pollutants supporting the Sustainable Development Goal #3 on Good Health and Well-being enabling informed preventive approach, aiming to avoid and reduce exposures towards hazards from chemicals and waste.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: Equal participation of women in project activities is systematically encouraged. The project results are made widely public and provide information on how the general public, including vulnerable groups such as women and children, may be affected by persistent organic pollutants, hence contributing to their empowerment. In some cases monitoring results discovered bad practices (such as geophagia) which lead to increased PCDD/PCDF levels in the breast milk of practicing women, thus contributed to awareness raising of the mothers and prevention of increased exposure of breastfed infants.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: Information on concentration of persistent organic pollutants in humans and the environment is publicly available through a user-friendly electronic global monitoring plan data warehouse. This information can be used to justify need for various activities in particular mainstreaming of sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes and industry involvement, including public-private partnerships, as well as to evaluate their efficiency in the future.</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
23.1 Effectiveness evaluation									
Experts' support								20,000	20,000
<i>Subtotal</i>								20,000	20,000
23.2 Global Monitoring Plan									
Data collection and analysis								412,000	412,000
Meeting and travel costs			40,000	40,000				40,000	40,000
Travel of staff								8,000	8,000
<i>Subtotal</i>			40,000	40,000				420,000	420,000
Total			40,000	40,000				440,000	440,000
									480,000

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	135,000	420,000	555,000
Approved 2024-2025	40,000	440,000	480,000

PoW number	Activity 24			
Title of activity	National reporting			
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention			
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget			
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/8, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/18			
Mandate	Convention Article: Article 13 of the Basel Convention, Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): BC-16/9 of the Basel Convention, SC-11/16 of the Stockholm Convention			
Background and rationale	<p>Reporting is a key obligation under both the Basel and Stockholm conventions. The activities under this activity assist Parties in transmitting complete and timely national reports. The information provided in national reports enables the conferences of the Parties to monitor progress in the implementation of the two conventions.</p> <p>Continuous optimization and maintenance of the electronic reporting systems (ERS) and underlying databases of both conventions are necessary for Parties to submit quality reports. Query tools need to be elaborated to enhance access to reporting data by Parties and for evaluation purposes and to support the preparation of periodic reports for the conferences of the Parties. One of the main challenges encountered by Parties for reporting for both the Basel and the Stockholm conventions is to collect the data needed for completing the reports.</p> <p>Parties regularly request assistance from the Secretariat in understanding their reporting obligations under the Basel and Stockholm conventions, in completing the reporting questionnaires and in implementing activities for producing the data needed for the national reports.</p> <p>Reporting under the Basel Convention: For the Basel Convention, national reports are important means for Parties to share information on the national control system for hazardous and other wastes and their transboundary movements and is a key source of information for processes such as the evaluation of the Strategic Framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention. Under the Basel Convention many developing countries have difficulties in developing inventories of hazardous and other wastes. The guidance on the development of inventories of priority hazardous wastes developed and translated under current activity will be pilot tested under activity 14.7.3. Other technical assistance activities for enhancing national reporting under the Basel convention are included in component 7 of activity 14.</p> <p>Reporting under the Stockholm Convention: For the Stockholm Convention, information provided in national reports is essential for the effectiveness evaluation under Article 16 and other evaluation processes such as that for PCB, PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and BDEs as mandated by the Convention. Technical assistance activities for enhancing national reporting under the Basel convention are included in component 3 of activity 16.</p> <p>This programme of work activity is also linked with activities 23 and 32.</p>			
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 24.1: Reporting under the Basel Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Parties to the Basel Convention are able to submit complete national reports in a timely manner, in compliance with their obligations, and the COP and its subsidiary bodies can make informed decisions on the basis of reporting data.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24.1.1 Optimize the Electronic Reporting System (ERS) for submission and query of national reports; 24.1.2 Translate guidance on inventory of priority hazardous wastes to facilitate pilot testing and comments (subject to the availability of resources); 24.1.3 Revise guidance on inventory of priority hazardous wastes for consideration by COP-17 (subject to availability of resources); 24.1.4 Assist Parties in completing and submitting the national reports (staff costs only); 24.1.5 Ensure quality control of national reporting data (staff costs only); 24.1.6 Provide scientific and technical input to training and capacity building and other cross-cutting activities related to reporting (staff costs only); 24.1.7 Staff travel to participate in collaborative activities on national reporting. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties using the ERS to submit national reports; 2. Number of guidance documents on inventories translated to facilitate pilot-testing (subject to the availability of resources). </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National reports available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Translated guidance documents on inventories available for pilot-testing (subject to the availability of resources). </td> </tr> </table>		Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties using the ERS to submit national reports; 2. Number of guidance documents on inventories translated to facilitate pilot-testing (subject to the availability of resources). 	Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National reports available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Translated guidance documents on inventories available for pilot-testing (subject to the availability of resources).
Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Parties using the ERS to submit national reports; 2. Number of guidance documents on inventories translated to facilitate pilot-testing (subject to the availability of resources). 	Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National reports available on the Basel Convention website; 2. Translated guidance documents on inventories available for pilot-testing (subject to the availability of resources). 			

	3. Number of guidance documents on inventories revised on the basis of comments from Parties and others (subject to the availability of resources).	3. Revised guidance documents on inventories for consideration by COP-17 (subject to the availability of resources).
Component 24.2: Reporting under the Stockholm Convention		
Outcomes:		
Parties to the Stockholm Convention are able to submit complete national reports in a timely manner that include information on newly listed POPs, in compliance with their obligations, and the COP and the subsidiary bodies can make informed decisions on the basis of accurate reports.		
Activities:		
24.2.1 Optimize the Electronic Reporting System (ERS) for the submission of national reports, develop further queries of national reports and add newly listed POPs in languages to the ERS;		
24.2.2 Translate reports provided in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, French and Spanish into English;		
24.2.3 Assist Parties in completing and submitting the national reports (staff costs only);		
24.2.4 Ensure quality control of national reporting data (staff costs only);		
24.2.5 Provide scientific and technical input to training and capacity building and other cross-cutting activities related to reporting (staff costs only);		
24.2.6 Staff travel to participate in collaborative activities on national reporting.		
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:
1. Number of Parties using the ERS to submit national reports containing information on newly listed POPs;		1. National reports available on the Stockholm Convention website;
2. Adapted manual for completing the national reporting including newly listed POPs under the Stockholm Convention.		2. Adapted manual for completing the national reporting including newly listed POPs available on the Stockholm Convention website.
Partner(s)	Regional centres; UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch.	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: Information in national reports under the Basel and Stockholm conventions contribute directly to monitoring progress in achieving Goal 12.4 of the SDGs; UNEP, as the custodian for indicators 12.4.1 and 12.4.2, will obtain the relevant data from the BRS Secretariat. Information in national reports under the Stockholm Convention also contributes to tracking progress in achieving several other goals including Goal 3.9 and 6.3 of the SDGs.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: National reports provide information on whether Parties have implemented public awareness programmes for women, children and the least educated on the environmental and health effects of POPs. Information on the production, generation and transboundary movements hazardous chemicals and wastes and their impacts on human health and the environment can assist in formulating policies to protect vulnerable populations including women and children.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: Timely and complete reporting by Parties depends on cooperation by a wide range of national stakeholders, including industry, who are the providers of information on implementation of the obligations under the Convention. The guidance documents on the inventory of waste streams will facilitate understanding of the sources of certain types of wastes which serves to devise measures towards managing the related material streams throughout their life-cycle.</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
24.1 Reporting under the Basel Convention									
Experts' support	40,000			40,000	33,333			33,333	73,333
Travel of staff				10,000				10,000	10,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	40,000			40,000	43,333			43,333	83,333
24.2 Reporting under the Stockholm Convention									
Experts' support			70,000	70,000				70,000	70,000
Travel of staff				10,000				10,000	10,000
<i>Subtotal</i>			70,000	70,000				10,000	10,000
Total	40,000		70,000	110,000	43,333			10,000	53,333
									163,333

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	110,000	145,000	255,000
Approved 2024-2025	110,000	53,333	163,333

4. Knowledge and information management and outreach

PoW number	Activity 25
Title of activity	Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, including the prior informed consent database and the Rotterdam Convention website in English, French and Spanish
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/23–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/18–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/24
Mandate	<p>Convention Article:</p> <p>Articles 3, 4, 6, 10, 13 and 16 of the Basel Convention</p> <p>Articles 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 14 of the Rotterdam Convention</p> <p>Articles 4, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>COP decision(s): Decisions BC-15/26 of the Basel Convention, RC-10/15 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-10/22 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
Background and rationale	<p>The conventions define their secretariats as having a key role in the information exchange procedures and mechanisms to facilitate their implementation, effectively serving as centralized hubs for collecting, repackaging, translating if necessary and providing access to information relevant to the implementation of the conventions, including information on human health and environmental impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes, as well as legal and administrative measures that the States have put in place to mitigate those impacts and to produce, use and dispose chemicals and wastes in an environmentally sound manner.</p> <p>The joint clearing-house mechanism facilitates or undertakes the identification, collection, management, access to and exchange of information in relation to the sound management of chemicals and wastes. By promoting the understanding of scientific, technical and legal aspects of the three conventions it supports Parties and other stakeholders in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. The joint clearing-house mechanism mainly provides access to information via the conventions' websites.</p> <p>By decisions BC-15/26, RC-10/15 and SC-10/22, the conferences of the Parties requested the Secretariat, within available resources, to continue implementing the joint clearing-house mechanism strategy and to implement the activities of the 2022–2023 workplan in accordance with the programme of work and budget for the conventions for the biennium. While funds have been raised to implement activities in certain areas such as the portal on regional and national initiatives on marine plastic litter and microplastics (sub-activity 5), it is expected that work in some areas for which funding was not available will continue in the biennium 2024–2025. While maintenance of the joint clearing-house mechanism is funded from core budget, almost all new activities are funded with the voluntary budget.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 25.1: Joint clearing-house mechanism for information exchange</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Access to information relevant to the conventions, from Parties and other stakeholders, is provided.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25.1.1 Maintenance of existing websites and related information dissemination systems and services; 25.1.2 Maintenance of Secretariat records keeping systems; 25.1.3 Hardware and software upgrades; 25.1.4 Rotterdam Convention website translation into English, French and Spanish; 25.1.5 New information exchange tools.
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of existing information tools and packages maintained and kept up to date; 2. Number of new information tools and packages made available (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Number of information sources that are feeding the joint clearing-house mechanism (subject to the availability of resources); <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of existing tools and information packages accessible from the clearing-house mechanism web section; 2. List of new existing tools and information packages accessible from the clearing-house mechanism web section (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Information exchange agreements (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Websites statistics;

	4. Number of new pages, number of pages updated on the conventions' websites; 5. Number of documents made available; 6. Number of visits and page views on the conventions' websites.	5. Documents statistics; 6. Websites statistics.
Partner(s)	Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, OECD eChem portal group, Members of the InforMEA initiative, including SAICM and the Minamata Convention.	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: By ensuring proper access to information related to the sound management of chemicals and wastes, this activity contributes to the Sustainable Development Goal 9 on “Industry, innovation and infrastructure” (target 9.c) and 16 on “Peace, justice and strong institutions” (target 16.10). By supporting the implantation of the conventions, it also contributes to targets 3.9, 6.3, 11.6, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan¹⁸, the joint clearing-house mechanism will collect and provide access to information on gender issues related to chemicals and wastes management.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The joint clearing-house mechanism activities will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among parties and relevant stakeholders at the global and regional level, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, thus promoting the sound management of chemicals and wastes. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
25.1 Joint clearing-house mechanism for information exchange									
Experts' support	36,673	89,856	36,671	163,200	83,334	83,332	83,334	250,000	413,200
Licences, software	6,000	3,000	6,000	15,000					15,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>42,673</i>	<i>92,856</i>	<i>42,671</i>	<i>178,200</i>	<i>83,334</i>	<i>83,332</i>	<i>83,334</i>	<i>250,000</i>	<i>428,200</i>
Total	42,673	92,856	42,671	178,200	83,334	83,332	83,334	250,000	428,200

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	178,200	250,000	428,200
Approved 2024-2025	178,200	250,000	428,200

¹⁸ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 26				
Title of activity	Publications				
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention				
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget				
Reference	N/A				
Mandate	Convention Articles: Article 14 of the Rotterdam Convention, Articles 9 and 10 of the Stockholm Convention				
Background and rationale	<p>Provisions for raising awareness and sharing information relevant to the objectives of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are contained in all three convention texts and activities, and, to this end, constitute a cornerstone of the Parties' implementation efforts. Longer-term sustainability of implementation is enhanced when populations are aware and informed of the importance of the sustainable management of chemicals and waste. The development and dissemination of publications – including updated versions of the convention texts – is fundamental to these efforts.</p> <p>This activity ensures that core publications, including Convention texts, are available in the 6 UN languages. Core publications are closely aligned to the donor recognition practices of the Secretariat and the operational plan for ensuring donor visibility through the appropriate use of written acknowledgements, donor logos, etc.</p> <p>Additionally, publications can be used to enhance the Secretariat's role as an information hub or facilitator of the community of best practice on sound management, including through the clearing-house mechanism. To that end, the "Technical Series" of short studies, will collate, package and disseminate the latest best practices on themes related to the environmentally sound management of chemicals and waste, in view of supporting improved decision-making.</p> <p>Policy direction and strategic objectives for the development and dissemination of core publications are given by the Secretariat as a whole and are incorporated into an agreed BRS Communications Strategy, potentially updated to reflect decisions of the 2023 meetings of the COPs.</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 26.1: Core publications</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>COP participants, government delegates, stakeholders from academic, civil society and business organizations, and other interested individuals are familiar with up-to-date convention texts and other publications promoting the sound management of chemicals and wastes. This contributes to increased public awareness within the sustainable development community and among Parties/governments, of the importance of the sustainable management of chemicals and waste in general, and specifically of the centrality of chemicals and waste to efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This increased awareness includes recognition of the importance of gender to the sustainable management of chemicals and waste.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>26.1.1 Reprinting of convention texts, rules of procedure, financial rules and production; printing and dissemination of miscellaneous leaflets and brochures.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Indicators of achievement:</th> <th>Means of verification:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> 1. Updated conventions texts and rules of procedure published and disseminated in a timely manner; 2. Number of other core publications produced and disseminated; 3. Photos and imagery contained in BRS publications reflect gender aspects. </td> <td> 1. Convention texts available on BRS websites and distributed as hard copy at major BRS events; 2. Publications available on BRS websites and distributed as hard copy in response to recorded requests; 3. Publications section of BRS websites. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Component 26.2: Technical Series</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Stakeholders within the chemicals and waste cluster, including scientific, policy, and decision-making professionals, benefit from the Secretariat's efforts to share scientific information and data, including that generated by the three conventions' subsidiary bodies, and through the clearing-house mechanism. To increase this and, in particular to enhance the understanding and awareness amongst decision-makers, the BRS "Technical Series" collates, packages and disseminates the latest best practices related to the sound management of chemicals and waste. This increased awareness will include recognition of the importance of gender to the sustainable management of chemicals and waste.</p>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	1. Updated conventions texts and rules of procedure published and disseminated in a timely manner; 2. Number of other core publications produced and disseminated; 3. Photos and imagery contained in BRS publications reflect gender aspects.	1. Convention texts available on BRS websites and distributed as hard copy at major BRS events; 2. Publications available on BRS websites and distributed as hard copy in response to recorded requests; 3. Publications section of BRS websites.
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:				
1. Updated conventions texts and rules of procedure published and disseminated in a timely manner; 2. Number of other core publications produced and disseminated; 3. Photos and imagery contained in BRS publications reflect gender aspects.	1. Convention texts available on BRS websites and distributed as hard copy at major BRS events; 2. Publications available on BRS websites and distributed as hard copy in response to recorded requests; 3. Publications section of BRS websites.				

	Activities: 26.2.1 Development, production and dissemination of the Technical Series of publications.													
	Indicators of achievement: 1. Technical Series published and disseminated.				Means of verification: 1. BRS website.									
Partner(s)	UNOG, UNEP Communication Division (Nairobi), UNEP Regional Offices, GEN Network, other UN agencies as relevant													
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: Sound management of chemicals and waste underpins all of the SDGs and therefore the re-printing and distribution of the convention texts and other key BRS documents contributes to their achievement, especially with respect to progress made in achieving Goal 12.4 and others, such as Goal 3.9 and 6.3 of the SDGs.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: Gender aspects are one very important key theme to be communicated through the publications. The Secretariat ensures that, for example, photos and imagery contained in core publications reflect gender aspects.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: Mainstreaming and the development of partnerships rely upon a higher level of stakeholder awareness of the importance of sustainable management of chemicals and waste in general. The development and dissemination of appropriate publications – including updated versions of the convention texts – is fundamental to this.</p>													

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
26.1 Core publications									
Publications (translation and production)	23,766	23,766	23,766	71,297					71,297
<i>Subtotal</i>	23,766	23,766	23,766	71,297					71,297
26.2 Technical series									
Publications (translation and production)					55,753	54,000	54,000	163,753	163,753
<i>Subtotal</i>					55,753	54,000	54,000	163,753	163,753
Total	23,766	23,766	23,766	71,297	55,753	54,000	54,000	163,753	235,050

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	71,298	163,753	235,051
Approved 2024-2025	71,297	163,753	235,050

PoW number	Activity 27
Title of activity	Joint communication, outreach and public awareness
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	N/A
Mandate	Convention Articles: Article 14 of the Rotterdam Convention, Articles 9 and 10 of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	<p>Provisions for raising awareness and sharing information relevant to the objectives of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are contained in all three convention texts and activities, and to this end, constitute a cornerstone of the Parties' implementation efforts. Longer-term sustainability of implementation is enhanced when populations are aware and informed of the importance of the sustainable management of chemicals and waste.</p> <p>The Secretariat informs and raises awareness through its four dedicated websites¹⁹, through its social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Trello, Twitter) and through media engagement. It also disseminates information and publications at appropriate BRS Secretariat events and other events relevant to the BRS conventions' mandate.</p> <p>Policy direction and strategic objectives for the development and implementation of public awareness and outreach activities is given by the Secretariat as a whole and is incorporated into an agreed BRS Communications Strategy, potentially updated to reflect decisions of the 2023 meetings of the COPs.</p> <p>The BRS Secretariat Communications Strategy incorporates general awareness raising and communication of the aims of the three conventions, and of the protection of human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals and wastes, including through social media, regular updates to the BRS convention websites, through the monthly BRS newsletter, and through press releases, media engagement, leaflets, video products etc., as well as through specific outreach products developed for and used during the meetings of the COPs.</p> <p>The Strategy also defines expanded target audiences for outreach, funding permitting, namely, the general public through mass media, children and youth. The former audience will be reached through public awareness and outreach initiatives on sport, health, and recreation, in order to raise mass awareness of the connectivity between health and chemicals through tailored video products, social media, and publications and events. Engagement and partnerships plans will be developed with organizing committees of sporting events in order to more fully define a campaign plan. Children and youth will be targeted using tailored school multimedia outreach packages, in local languages, developed in partnership with specialist partners.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 27.1: General Public Awareness and Outreach activities</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Raised awareness amongst COPs participants, government delegates, stakeholders from academic, civil society and business organizations, and other interested individuals amongst the general public, concerning the environmentally sound management of chemicals and wastes. This component contributes to increased public awareness of the importance of sustainable management of chemicals and waste within the development community and among Parties/governments, and specifically, awareness of the centrality of chemicals and waste to efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This increased awareness includes recognition of the importance of gender to the sustainable management of chemicals and waste.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27.1.1 General public awareness and outreach especially in relation to the 2025meetings of the COPs; 27.1.2 Strengthen media engagement to ensure consistent and tailored outreach to the general public; 27.1.3 Maintain and improve the BRS Conventions online presence to ensure a consistent delivery of relevant information; 27.1.4 Develop and expand the BRS Conventions social media platforms to ensure daily messaging to an expanding audience of stakeholders and interested general public; 27.1.5 Ensure a highly visible BRS Conventions presence and outreach at key events of the broader environment and development agenda, including at the COPs, UNEA etc.

¹⁹ <http://www.basel.int>, <http://www.pic.int>, <http://www.pop.int>, <http://www.brsmeas.org/>.

	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Higher level of awareness of and interest in the sustainable management of chemicals and waste amongst stakeholders within the wider sustainable development community; 2. Gender aspects increasingly recognized as important for achieving the sustainable management of chemicals and waste; 3. BRS recognized as an authority and credible source of information on chemicals and waste management. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing number of followers in BRS social media platforms; 2. Photos and imagery on BRS websites and social media reflect gender aspects; 3. Number of media stories mentioning or covering the Secretariat and the conventions in the mainstream media (media monitoring).
	<p>Component 27.2: Specific Public Awareness and Outreach activities</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>There is a need to intensify communication with selected target audiences in order to build a consensus for the sound management of chemicals and waste. There is also a need for more specific communication on selected issues of emerging concern, such as plastic waste, e-waste and PCBs. Targeted audiences, such as children and youth, require more tailor-made messaging and the use of specifically designed channels and activities. Sport – and the overlap between health and chemicals – is a sector with great potential for reaching people worldwide. Subject to the availability of resources, specific project components will be developed to raise awareness amongst the public, especially children and youth, of the importance of sound management of chemicals and waste, including especially plastic waste, e-waste and PCBs, and the personal nature of one's exposure to chemicals and waste. This will lead to better decision-making, including by consumers to minimize their risk of harmful impacts, and build support for the implementation of the three conventions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27.2.1 Specific public awareness and outreach, especially concerning plastic waste and in relation to new target audiences such as children and youth; 27.2.2 Engaging with children and youth: developing an education multimedia package (subject to the availability of resources); 27.2.3 Outreach at selected global sporting events including through mass media (subject to the availability of resources). 	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BRS messaging disseminated at major sporting events; 2. Higher level of awareness of and interest in the sustainable management of chemicals and waste amongst stakeholders, and particularly within targeted sub-sectors of youth and children. 	
Partner(s)	UNOG, UNEP Communication Division (Nairobi), UNEP Regional Offices, GEN Network, other UN agencies as relevant	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: Sound management of chemicals and waste underpins all of the SDGs and therefore all activities acting to raise public awareness, contributes to their achievement, especially progress in achieving Goal 12.4 and others, such as Goal 3.9 and 6.3 of the SDGs.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: Gender aspects are one very important key theme to be communicated through the BRS messaging, outreach activities and publications. The Secretariat ensures that, for example, photos and imagery contained on websites, in social media and in core publications reflects gender aspects.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: Mainstreaming and the development of partnerships rely upon a higher level of stakeholder awareness of the importance of the sustainable management of chemicals and waste across different sectors including industry, civil society and academic organizations. Heightened public awareness of the issues related to sound management of chemicals and waste amongst these sectors is therefore fundamental.</p>	

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
27.1 General Public Awareness and Outreach activities									
Communication tools	8,834	8,833	8,833	26,500					26,500
<i>Subtotal</i>	8,834	8,833	8,833	26,500					26,500
27.2 Specific Public Awareness and Outreach activities									
Communication tools				162,000				162,000	162,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				162,000				162,000	162,000
Total	8,834	8,833	8,833	26,500	162,000			162,000	188,500

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	26,500	162,000	188,500
Approved 2024-2025	26,500	162,000	188,500

5. Overall management

PoW number	Activity 28
Title of activity	Executive direction, management and administration
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	N/A
Mandate	<p>Conventions Articles: BC Article 16, RC Article 19 and SC Article 20 on secretariat functions; SC Article 13 on financial resources and mechanisms;</p> <p>COP decision(s): 2013 omnibus decisions (BC.Ex-2/1, RC.Ex-2/1, SC.Ex-2/1; decisions BC-15/30, RC-10/19, and SC-10/26 on budgets and programmes of work;</p> <p>Financial rules and rules of procedure for the three conventions;</p> <p>Relevant decisions of the United Nations Environment Assembly.</p>
Background and rationale	This activity provides for the coherent management, coordination, administration and delivery mechanism required for the implementation of the programmes of work of the three conventions as well as the efficient management and administration, including corporate services such as corporate legal and financial services, of the Secretariat's staff and financial resources, by addressing the needs of the three conventions, in conformity with applicable United Nations (UN) rules and regulations, policies and procedures as well as UN business practices. This activity groups together all staff travel costs related to the programme of work activities in all the other fact sheets and that are funded under the general trust funds. Voluntary funded staff travel is part of the budget of the programme of work activities of the fact sheets.
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 28.1: Overall management and coordination</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>This component aims at the management and coordination of the three conventions both externally with relevant stakeholders and internally within the Secretariat. Externally the aim is to strengthen the sound management of chemicals and wastes at the national, regional and global levels throughout their life-cycles, through the provision of secretariat services to Parties, in particular sound information on chemicals and waste management, capacity building and tools. Internally, the aim is the overall management and coordination of the secretariat functioning and the overseeing of effective and efficient implementation of the approved programmes of work for the three conventions for the biennium.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28.1.1 Strategic external dialogue and consultations; 28.1.2. Strategic internal management, coordination and dialogue; 28.1.3 Implement operational synergies at various levels (staff costs only); 28.1.4 Deliver outputs envisaged under the programmes of work for 2024-2025 (staff costs only).
Indicators of achievement:	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of participants, meeting documents, reports and decisions of COPs and subsidiary bodies; 2. UNEP financial statements on voluntary contributions related to BRS conventions posted on the UNEP and BRS conventions' websites; 3. BRS webinars and workshops posted on the BRS conventions' websites; 4. Financial reports posted on the BRS websites; 5. BRS programmes of work and budgets approved by COPs; 6. Smooth, collaborative and timely implementation of mandated activities, in conformity with applicable rules and regulations, policies, procedures and practices.

	<p>6. Secretariat staff trained, skills kept up to date and working efficiently under and within a matrix structure.</p>	
	<p>Component 28.2: Corporate Services and Operations</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The three conventions receive support for the implementation of their programmes of work, in terms of funds management, finances, procurement, travel, human resources, resource mobilization and corporate legal services. The services are provided in compliance with applicable UN/UNEP rules and regulations, procedures, administrative instructions, policies and business practices, internal controls and processes, as well as in conformity with the financial rules and rules of procedures pertaining to the three conventions, and consistent with the decisions of the respective COPs.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>28.2.1 Coordinate the preparation and monitor the implementation of the programmes of work and budgets for all three conventions (staff costs only);</p> <p>28.2.2 Funds management, including management of contributions and income (staff costs only);</p> <p>28.2.3 Administer human resources relates issues (staff costs only);</p> <p>28.2.4 Process and administer all travel, procurement, inventory, consultancy transactions (staff costs only);</p> <p>28.2.5 Financial and programmatic reporting to Parties, donors, UNEP headquarters (staff costs only);</p> <p>28.2.6 Coordinate internal and external audits (staff costs only);</p> <p>28.2.7 Coordination of corporate legal services, advice and operations;</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No audit observations regarding application of UN regulations and rules in BRS; 2. All corporate and programmatic activities of the Secretariat, including image and branding of the Conventions, consistent with conventions, applicable law/s, rules, regulations procedures, policies, practices and COPs decisions ensured; 3. Timely delivery of corporate services, advice and operations; 4. Timely delivery of programmes of work. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audit reports; 2. Legal instruments, including donor agreements, signed by the executive secretaries; 3. Reports to the COPs on corporate services activities; 4. Financial/narrative donor reports and reports on the implementation of joint and convention-specific activities contained in the programmes of work and budgets of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.
	<p>Component 28.3: Staff travel on core funded activities</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are taken into account as appropriate in relevant international processes and the Secretariat cooperates actively with partners to implement the programmes of work of the conventions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>28.3.1 Geneva staff to participate in CRC and POPRC meetings;</p> <p>28.3.2 Rome staff to participate in Rotterdam Convention COP and Bureau meetings;</p> <p>28.3.3 Staff to participate in meetings/workshops/activities of other organizations in the chemicals and wastes cluster, in the sustainable development agenda, and in areas of common interest to the conventions (as described in the factsheet for POW activity 29);</p> <p>28.3.4 Staff to provide scientific support to Parties as well as support in effectiveness evaluation and GMP (as described in the factsheets for POW activities 20, 21, 22, 23);</p> <p>28.3.5 Staff to provide support to regional centers (as described in the factsheet for POW activity 19);</p> <p>28.3.6 Participate in meetings of the Global Environment Facility (GEF Council, GEF Assembly, other relevant meetings) and meet with donors for resource mobilization purposes;</p> <p>28.3.7 Travel of the Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary to partners and bilateral meetings.</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretariat presence at relevant meetings and conferences; 2. Effective cooperation with partners and input is provided to ongoing processes as necessary. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff travel reports; 2. Report on international cooperation activities.
	<p>Component 28.4: Rotterdam Convention Secretariat meetings</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Strengthened information sharing, cooperation and teamwork between the Geneva (UNEP) and Rome (FAO) parts of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat.</p>	

Activities: 28.4.1 Hold one meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat per biennium (Staff and travel costs only); 28.4.2 Organize technical missions as necessary for Geneva and Rome staff to participate in relevant staff meetings.	
Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One face-to-face all-hand meetings held between Geneva and Rome staff of the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention per biennium; Technical missions held as necessary for Geneva and Rome staff to participate in relevant staff meetings. 	Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the meetings reflecting follow up actions and agreements; Minutes of the meetings reflecting follow up actions and agreements.
Partner(s)	UNEP, FAO as well as other collaborating organizations in the UN-system; civil society, industry, regional centers of the three conventions and regional offices of UNEP and FAO, academia
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: The activity will address all three dimensions of the Sustainable Development: environmental, economic and social. Among other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it will support the implementation of SDG No. 3 on ensuring healthy lives (target 3.9: by 2030 substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination), SDG No. 5 on gender equality, SDG No. 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns (target 12.4 achieve environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their lifecycle and minimizing their adverse impacts on human health and the environment); it will also support SDG No. 1 on ending poverty in all its forms everywhere, SDG No.16 on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, etc.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The proposed activity is gender-relevant and the Executive Secretary of the BRS Conventions actively participates in the Secretariat Gender Task Force which supports the principles of gender equality in the implementation of conventions programmes of work and activities as well as within the Secretariat. The activity will contribute to developing an understanding amongst and support from Secretariat staff on the issue of gender equality, particularly in the context of conventions operations and activities and to promoting the consideration of gender issues in hazardous chemicals and wastes management at all levels.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The activity will be supportive of the integrated approach to address the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes, in particular in relation to mainstreaming of chemicals and wastes into sustainable development processes, as provided for in the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its first session in 2014 and in 2015 on the Agenda 2030 and the 17 SDGs.</p>

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
28.1 Overall Management and Coordination									
Hospitality	3,100	3,100	3,100	9,300					9,300
Meeting/workshop	7,500	7,500	7,500	22,500					22,500
<i>Subtotal</i>	10,600	10,600	10,600	31,800					31,800
28.2 Corporate services and operations									
Internal implementation (no additional costs)									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
28.3 Staff travel									
Travel of staff	144,000	228,000	228,000	600,000					600,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	144,000	228,000	228,000	600,000					600,000
28.4 Rotterdam Convention Secretariat meetings									
Internal implementation (no additional costs)									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
Total	154,600	238,600	238,600	631,800					631,800

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	629,079	0	629,079
Approved 2024-2025	631,800	0	631,800

PoW number	Activity 29
Title of activity	International cooperation and coordination
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/21–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/16–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/22 UNEP/CHW.16/22–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/17–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/23
Mandate	Convention Article: Paragraph 1(d) of Article 16 of the Basel Convention; paragraph 2(c) of Article 19 of the Rotterdam Convention; and paragraph 2(c) of Article 20 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decisions BC-14/22, BC-14/21, BC-15/24, BC-15/25, BC-16/21 and BC-16/22 of the Basel Convention; RC-9/9, RC-9/10, RC-10/13, RC-10/14, RC-11/8 and RC-11/9 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-9/19, SC-9/20, SC 10/20, SC-10/21, SC-11/20 and SC-11/21 of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	Cooperation efforts undertaken by the Secretariat with other international bodies aim at enhancing the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions by: i) ensuring consistency and coherence between the conventions' requirements and processes and those of others; ii) sharing experiences, approaches and policies with respect to the implementation of the conventions; iii) increasing efficiency, resources and expertise for the implementation of the mandates and programmes of work of the conventions. International cooperation activities undertaken by the Secretariat can be clustered as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cooperation with organizations operating within the chemicals and wastes cluster: e.g. the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the SAICM secretariat, the secretariat of the intergovernmental negotiating committee established to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic; the team supporting the establishment of a science policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention, UNEP and relevant divisions/branches, such as the Industry and Economy Division and its Chemicals and Health Branch, and the Law Division, FAO and its relevant divisions/teams, such as the Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), and its Pest and Pesticide Management team, and the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP), the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer as well as the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC); 2. Cooperation with organizations linked to the broader environment and sustainable development agendas: e.g. cooperation with UNEP in the implementation of UNEA resolutions, with UNEP and the United Nations Statistics Division on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the development of methodologies for SDGs indicators relevant to the conventions, cooperation with the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (10YFP) and cooperation with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the secretariat of United Nations Framework on Climate Change; the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and on the General Assembly resolution 77/161 on promoting zero waste initiatives; 3. Other cooperation and coordination with organizations that have areas of common interest with the conventions: the 2023 decisions on international cooperation and coordination request the Secretariat to enhance cooperation and coordination with other international bodies in areas of relevance to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including in the areas and with the organizations listed in the report by the Secretariat on international cooperation and coordination²⁰.
Outcomes and activities	Component 29.1: Cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and wastes cluster Outcomes: Enhanced implementation of the conventions through continued and coordinated efforts in areas that support the achievement of the sound management of chemicals and wastes beyond 2020. Activities: 29.1.1 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the Minamata Convention secretariat, such as COPs, regional preparatory meetings, and meetings of the effectiveness evaluation and mercury waste threshold expert group (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management); 29.1.2 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the SAICM secretariat (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management); 29.1.3 Prepare a report, including possible recommendations, on how the conventions can contribute to the beyond 2020 global chemicals and waste framework, once adopted, (subject to the availability of resources);

²⁰ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/37-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/20-UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/41.

	<p>29.1.4 Develop a proposal to include in the next programme of work on activities to support the implementation of the beyond 2020 global chemicals and waste framework in line with the objectives of the conventions, for consideration by the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at their next meetings;</p> <p>29.1.5 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the intergovernmental negotiating committee established to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic, pursuant to United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14;</p> <p>29.1.6 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the ad hoc open-ended working group to develop a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention, pursuant to United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/8;</p> <p>29.1.7 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch (e.g. PCB Elimination Network, DDT Global Alliance, Global Chemical Outlook, endocrine disrupting chemicals, chemicals in products, sustainable chemistry) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.8 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of FAO, its Mountain Partnership Secretariat, its Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), the team on Pest and Pesticide management and the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP);</p> <p>29.1.9 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the IOMC (staff travel costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.10 Participate in meetings, processes and activities related to programmatic cooperation between UNEP and MEAs (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.11 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the special programme on institutional strengthening (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.12 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.13 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of UNEP IETC (e.g. Global Waste Management Outlook, Global Partnership on Waste Management) (staff costs only);</p> <p>29.1.14 Prepare a report on interlinkages between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and enhance cooperation and coordination with the secretariat of the Montreal Protocol on issues of common interest, subject to the availability of resources;</p> <p>29.1.15 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of other chemicals and wastes multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the Vienna Convention and its Montreal Protocol, the UNECE Conventions, such as the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP), other regional conventions, such as Waigani and Bamako Conventions) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.16 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of WHO (staff costs only);</p> <p>29.1.17 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of OECD (e.g. plastic waste, circular economy, OECD/UNEP Global perfluorinated chemicals group, nanomaterials, eChems Portal steering committee) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.18 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of ILO (staff costs only);</p> <p>29.1.19 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of UNEP REN (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.20 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the UNEP Law Division, including under the Montevideo International Law Programme (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.1.21 Participate in other meetings, processes and activities of UNEP Law Division (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management).</p>
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cooperative activities with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention; Coherence is enhanced between conventions' activities and those of others; and potential linkages and synergies are appropriately taken into account and fostered; Effective and coherent exchange of experience and expertise is promoted for the effective implementation of the three conventions; Coordinated efforts are undertaken in areas that support the achievement of the sound 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Outline of the cooperation activities planned with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention for the biennium 2024–2025; Meeting reports, decisions and other documents developed in the framework of other organizations and of the conventions; Reports to the COPs on the implementation of the programmes of work and on cooperative activities; Meeting reports, decisions and other documents developed in the framework of other organizations and of the conventions;

	<p>management of chemicals and wastes beyond 2020;</p> <p>5. Report, including possible recommendations, on how the conventions can contribute to the beyond 2020 global chemicals and waste framework, once adopted prepared;</p> <p>6. Proposal on activities to be included in the next programme of work to support the implementation of the beyond 2020 global chemicals and waste framework in line with the objectives of the conventions developed;</p> <p>7. Report on interlinkages between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer prepared.</p>	<p>5. Report on how the conventions can contribute to the beyond 2020 global chemicals and waste framework;</p> <p>6. Proposal on activities to be included in the next programme of work to support the implementation of the beyond 2020 global chemicals and waste framework in line with the objectives of the conventions;</p> <p>7. Report on interlinkages between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.</p>
<p>Component 29.2: Cooperation on the broader sustainable development and environment agendas</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Enhanced implementation of the conventions, through further integration of chemicals and wastes issues into the implementation and monitoring of the sustainable development goals and UNEA resolutions at the national, regional and international levels.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>29.2.1 Participate in meetings and processes of the UN Environment Assembly (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.2.2 Participate in meetings and processes of the High-level Political Forum (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.2.3 Contribute to processes and initiatives on sustainable development (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.2.4 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the Environment Management Group (EMG) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.2.5 Contribute to processes and initiatives of the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (10YFP), including organize four regional roundtables with focal points under the 10YFP and the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on issues of common interest, subject to the availability of financial resources. The regional roundtables would be held on 1 day back to back to the regional meetings for the preparation of the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties;</p> <p>29.2.6 Enhance communications related to the contributions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions towards resolving the triple planetary crisis and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals, and their interlinkages with the processes and instruments of other intergovernmental bodies, and to report back to the conferences of the Parties to the conventions at their next meetings;</p> <p>29.2.7 Prepare a report, including possible recommendations, on how the conventions could contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Targets and 2050 Goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for the consideration of the conferences of the Parties at their next meetings (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>29.2.8 Request the Executive Secretary to cooperate with the Secretary-General in fostering the implementation of General Assembly resolution 77/161 on promoting zero-waste initiatives, and with the advisory board of eminent persons to be set up by the Secretary-General to promote local and national zero-waste initiatives;</p> <p>29.2.9 Requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to enhance its cooperation with the secretariat of United Nations Framework on Climate Change on issues of common interest;</p> <p>29.2.10 Contribute to meetings and processes of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES);</p> <p>29.2.11 Contribute to meetings and processes of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).</p>		
<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <p>1. The conventions are taken into account in the implementation of the sustainable development goals and other frameworks related to the broader environmental/sustainable development agendas;</p> <p>Means of verification:</p> <p>1. Reports on the implementation of the sustainable development goals at the international, regional and national levels;</p> <p>2. Meeting reports, decisions and other documents developed in the framework of the organizations</p>		

	<p>2. Mainstreaming of the sound management of chemicals and wastes into national sustainable development plans and into the international development assistance priorities is promoted;</p> <p>3. Reach and influence of the conventions is promoted;</p> <p>4. Report, including possible recommendations, on how the conventions could contribute to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework prepared.</p>	<p>working on the sustainable development and environment agendas;</p> <p>3. Reports to the COPs on the programmes of work and on cooperative activities;</p> <p>4. Report on how the conventions could contribute to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.</p>
	<p>Component 29.3: Other cooperation and coordination</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Enhanced implementation of the conventions through effective and coherent exchange of experiences and expertise as well as cooperative activities with other organizations that have areas of common interest with the conventions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>29.3.1 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of Interpol (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.2 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of Impel (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.3 Participate in meetings and processes of Green Customs Initiative (GCI) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.4 Participate in meetings and processes of WCO on enforcement matters (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.5 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of WCO on Harmonized System Codes (meetings of the HS Review Sub-Committee) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.6 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of WCO on Harmonized System Codes (meetings of the HS Scientific Sub-Committee) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.7 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of WCO on Harmonized System Codes (meetings of the HS Committee) (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.8 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the Asian network (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.9 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of IMO (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.10 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of ITU (e.g. World Summit on the Information Society) (staff costs only);</p> <p>29.3.11 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity;</p> <p>29.3.12 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;</p> <p>29.3.13 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the IPCC and IPBES; (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.14 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of a legal and governance nature of other MEAs (e.g. CITES, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, Convention on the Law of the Sea, UNECE conventions, Barcelona Convention) (staff costs only);</p> <p>29.3.15 Participate in meetings and processes of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) and the Sahelian Pesticide Committee (SPC);</p> <p>29.3.16 Participate in meetings of the Coalition on E-wastes (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.17 Participate in meetings of the GEF gender partnership (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.18 Participate in the UNEP Gender Coordinators meetings (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.19 Participate in the meetings/steering committee of the initiatives of the World Resource Forum including CEWASTE (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.20 Participate in meetings, processes and activities of the UNEP, GESAMP and other organizations on marine plastic litter and microplastics (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.21 Participate in meetings of High-Level Advisory Board of WasteForce project (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p>	

	<p>29.3.22 Participate in meetings of High-Level Advisory Board of STRIKE (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.23 Participate in the meetings of the World Economic Forum (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.24 Participate in other meetings by non-state actors (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>29.3.25 Participate in meetings/activities of other intergovernmental organizations which share common objectives with the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (staff costs only).</p>
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences and expertise are shared, in the form of success stories or techniques, for an enhanced implementation of the conventions at global, regional and national levels; Cooperative activities are undertaken when relevant. <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports to the COPs on the implementation of the programmes of work and on cooperative activities; Meeting reports, decisions and other documents developed in the framework of other organizations,
Partner(s)	Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management, UNEP and its divisions, such as Industry and Economy Division/Chemicals and Health Branch, IETC, Law Division, Early Warning and Assessment Division, FAO and its divisions; the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC), other intergovernmental organizations, such as UNDESA (High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development), 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, secretariat of the plastic INC, team of the science policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention, IPBES, IPPC, WHO, OECD, ILO, IMO, ITU, IOMC, UNIDO, UNDP, UNITAR, World Bank, GEF, UNU, OHCHR, OPCW, UNCRD; other international and regional organizations, such as WCO, WTO, INTERPOL, OSCE, CARICOM, APPPC and SPC, other MEAs such as Montreal Protocol, CITES, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, Convention on the Law of the Sea, Waigani/Bamako conventions, UNECE conventions, Barcelona Convention; and networks, such as IMPEL, INECE, Asian Network and the EMG.
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: This activity will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages; Goal 11 on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. By promoting cooperation and coordination with the entities and processes engaged in the 2030 Agenda at all levels, this activity will ensure that the sound management of chemicals and wastes and the conventions are an integral part of the efforts towards achieving the SDGs.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan²¹, the Secretariat will pay special attention to gender balance and encourage its partners to take into account these aspects when undertaking cooperative activities with the Secretariat. The Secretariat will also advise, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the cooperative activities undertaken.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: This activity contributes to further integrating chemicals and wastes issues into national, regional and international sustainable development agendas, in line with the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes. It also assists in catalyzing coordination among relevant partners, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, for an improved implementation of the conventions.</p>

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
29.1 Cooperation within the chemicals and wastes cluster									
IOMC participation fee	6,667	6,667	6,667	20,001					20,001
Experts' support (report on the beyond 2020 global chemicals and waste framework, once adopted)					5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	15,000
Experts' support and communication costs (report on interlinkages between the BRS conventions and the Montreal Protocol)					5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	15,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	6,667	6,667	6,667	20,001	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,001

²¹ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

29.2 Cooperation on the broader sustainable development and environment agenda								
Travel of meeting participants					15,510	15,510	15,510	46,530
Communication costs (triple planetary crisis)					5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Experts' support (report on contributions to Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework)					4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000
<i>Subtotal</i>					24,510	24,510	24,510	73,530
29.3 Other cooperation and coordination								
Internal implementation (no additional costs)								
<i>Subtotal</i>								
Total	6,667	6,667	6,667	20,001	34,510	34,510	34,510	103,530
								123,531

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Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	20,000	12,000	32,000
Approved 2024-2025	20,001	103,530	123,531

PoW number	Activity 30
Title of activity	Financial resources and mechanisms
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/POPS/COP.11/17
Mandate	Convention Article: Articles 13 and 14 of the Stockholm Convention COP decision(s): Decisions BC-16/17 and BC-16/19 of the Basel Convention, RC-11/6 and RC-11/7 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-11/13 and SC-11/15 of the Stockholm Convention Decisions SC-10/3, SC-10/16, and SC-11/14 of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	<p>The activity on financial resources under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions responds to the mobilization of voluntary financial contributions from donor countries and other stakeholders that are required for the implementation of a large part of the programmes of work activities under the three conventions. The activity aims at mobilizing financial resources for activities of the programmes of work of the three conventions that are to be funded by voluntary contributions, to recognize donor contributions and the impact achieved through such contributions, and to monitor their implementation. The activity also seeks to implement the decisions adopted by the past COPs on the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).</p> <p>The activity on Financial Mechanism of the Stockholm Convention summarizes the work of the Secretariat with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), which is pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention, on an interim basis, the principal entity entrusted with the operations of the financial mechanism referred to in Article 13. This includes the implementation of the decisions of the COP with regard to the Convention's Financial Mechanism; the assessment of funding needs of developing country parties and parties with economy in transition; the review of the financial mechanism; regular communication with the GEF Secretariat; and the participation in GEF Council, Assembly, replenishment and other meetings, such as GEF-related task force meetings and retreats.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 30.1: Financial resources under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p> <p>Outcomes: Through this activity, the Secretariat seeks to ensure that such voluntary funds for activities under the Special Trust Funds for voluntary contributions (BD, RV, SV) of the three conventions are being jointly raised in a predictable, sustainable, effective, cost-efficient and coordinated manner. This will be achieved, among others, through the preparation of reports and the monitoring of the implementation of donor funded activities. The activity will also explore the development of a non-State actor resource mobilization strategy. The Secretariat also ensures that the provisions of the conventions are properly reflected in the context of the Special Programme. This activity also includes assistance provided to the regional centres in identifying and mobilizing sources of financial support to foster implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30.1.1 Raise funds for activities under the Special Trust Funds for voluntary contributions (BD, RV, SV) of the three conventions (staff costs only); 30.1.2 Expand the donor basis of the three conventions (staff costs only); 30.1.3 Update and further develop resource mobilization and management strategy (staff costs only); 30.1.4 Explore the development of a non-State actor resource mobilization strategy (subject to the availability of resources); 30.1.5 Assist regional centres in identifying and mobilizing sources of financial support (subject to the availability of resources); 30.1.6 Undertake visibility and donor recognition (staff costs, partly subject to the availability of resources); 30.1.7 Provide support to the Special Programme (staff costs only).
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of the voluntary programme of work budgets raised; 2. Increase in numbers and types of donors to the three convention; 3. Resource mobilization and management strategy is up to date; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting and other reports covering matters related to financial resources and mechanisms; documents on financial resources and mechanisms submitted to bureaux meetings and COPs; 2. Information and working documents submitted to the COPs;

	<p>4. Elements of a non-state actors resource mobilization strategy developed;</p> <p>5. Regional centres have identified and mobilized financial support;</p> <p>6. Number and type of visibility and donor recognition activities;</p> <p>7. Projects under the Special Programme address obligations under the three conventions.</p>	<p>3. Repository for standard operating procedures on BRS website;</p> <p>4. Information and working documents submitted to the COPs;</p> <p>5. Information and working documents submitted to the COPs;</p> <p>6. Convention website and publications;</p> <p>7. Special Programme website and reports of the executive board meetings.</p>
	<p>Component 30.2: Activities related to the Financial Mechanism of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>Outcomes: Key outcomes of this activity include the implementation of COP decisions related to the GEF, the strengthening of the relations with the GEF, and the provisions of input to GEF related processes and projects that take into account the guidance of the COP to the GEF Council and other policy documents.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30.2.1 Undertake the 6th review of the Financial Mechanism of the Stockholm Convention; 30.2.2 Undertake the assessment of funding needed to implement the Stockholm Convention over the period 2026-2030 (partly subject to the availability of resources); 30.2.3 Validate of findings of the financial needs assessment; 30.2.4 Assist parties to facilitate their assessment of the funding that they need, including to address the low rate of response that affects the quality of the needs assessment scenario (subject to the availability of resources); 30.2.5 Participate in GEF-Council, Assembly, and other meetings (costs reflected in activity 28 (S18) on executive direction and management); 30.2.6 Communicate regularly with the GEF Secretariat and GEF agencies (staff costs only); 30.2.7 Contribute to the ninth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (staff costs only); 30.2.8 Implement COP-11 decisions with regard to the financial mechanism of the convention (staff costs only). 	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased submissions to the needs assessment and validated figures (subject to the availability of resources); 2. GEF Secretariat and institutions under the Financial Mechanism are informed about relevant COP decisions; 3. Ninth replenishment of the GEF takes into account funding needs and priorities under the Stockholm Convention; 4. Follow-up on COP-11 decisions on the Financial Mechanism is properly reflected in COP-12 documents; 5. GEF meetings are informed about the outcomes of the COP and other relevant activities under the conventions. 	
Partner(s)	<p>Donor and recipient countries, BCRCs and SCRCs, bilateral and multilateral aid agencies, international financial institutions, private sector entities, the GEF Secretariat, GEF Implementing Agencies, IOMC organizations as well as other relevant organizations and stakeholders.</p>	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: Implementing the programme of work activity on financial resources and mechanisms addresses Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 on ensuring healthy lives and more specifically target 3.9, which aims at substantially reducing the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination by 2030. It also addresses SDG 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns with its target 12.4 to achieve, by 2020, environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their lifecycle and minimizing their adverse impacts on human health and the environment). Funding the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention also contributes to SDG 1 on No Poverty, SDG 2 on Zero Hunger, SDG 6 on Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 14 on Life Below Water, SDG 15 Life on Land, SDG 16 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: The proposed activity is gender relevant. The activity on financial resources and mechanisms seeks to apply the principles of gender equality in the implementation of the voluntary funded</p>	

	activities of the Secretariat. This will be achieved by ensuring that funding proposals and reports take into account, if appropriate, gender-related aspects, such as promoting equality among women and men, girls and boys and acknowledging differences in access to services, resources and decision-making. It thus contributes to promoting the consideration of gender issues in hazardous chemicals and wastes management at all levels.
	Integrated Approach: Through this activity, the respective decisions of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties with regard to the GEF, the Integrated Approach and the Special Programme are also followed up.

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				Grand Total
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
30.1 Financial resources under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions									
Information materials				3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000	9,000	
Expert support				61,333	13,333	61,334	136,000	96,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>				64,333	16,333	64,334	145,000	145,000	
30.2 Activities related to the Financial Mechanism of the Stockholm Convention									
Assessment and review reports			165,000	165,000			203,500	203,500	368,500
Expert support (for review report)			10,000	10,000					10,000
<i>Subtotal</i>			175,000	175,000			203,500	203,500	378,500
Total			175,000	175,000	64,333	16,333	267,834	348,500	523,500

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	0	169,000	169,000
Approved 2024-2025	175,000	348,500	523,500

6. Legal and policy activities

PoW number	Activity 32
Title of activity	Legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/3, UNEP/CHW.16/4, UNEP/CHW.16/13, UNEP/CHW.16/15
Mandate	Convention Article: Articles 3, 4, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 16 of the Basel Convention COP decisions: Decisions VI/12, BC-16/1, BC-16/14, BC-16/16 and BC-16/24 of the Basel Convention
Background and rationale	<p>Work programme of the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC): The ICC was specifically established to assist Parties to comply with their obligations under the Convention and to facilitate, promote, monitor and aim to secure the implementation of and compliance with the obligations under the Convention. The work programme of the Committee is adopted by the Conference of the Parties and reflects Parties' shared view of the activities to be undertaken to promote the implementation of and compliance with the Convention with respect to both individual and general issues of implementation and compliance (review of general issues includes for instance collection of information, analysis, development of reports and recommendations, translation, publication and guidance documents). By decision BC-16/14, the Conference of the Parties adopted the work programme 2024-2025 of the Committee.</p> <p>Implementation Fund: The provision of financial support to Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition and that are the subject of a submission made in accordance with paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the ICC may be critical in view of resolving an implementation and compliance matter. When approving such plans, the ICC may recommend the use of resources from the implementation fund for undertaking the activities listed therein. As of 1 June 2023, a total of 16 compliance action plans have been approved by the Committee, from which nine matters of concern have been resolved. By decision BC-16/14, the Conference of the Parties adopted the work programme 2024-2025 of the Committee whereby it, among other things, directed the Committee to give priority to dealing with specific submissions. As at 1 June 2023, 19 submissions are under consideration by the Committee.</p> <p>Notification of information pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions), 4(1) (import prohibitions), 11 (agreements) and 13 (2) (transmission of information): In order to effectively implement the Convention and to ensure compliance with relevant national implementing laws, regulations and policies, the Parties need sound and complete information about their own and other Parties' additional requirements under their national legal frameworks. Making this information available at least in English is essential to supporting cooperation between Parties and making available information with a view to promoting environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes. These activities also fall within the scope of and enable the Secretariat to fulfill its mandate under Article 16 of the Convention.</p> <p>Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention: By Article 15, paragraph 7 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties is required to "undertake three years after the entry into force of this Convention, and at least every six years thereafter, an evaluation of its effectiveness and, if deemed necessary, to consider the adoption of a complete or partial ban of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes in light of the latest scientific, environmental, technical and economic information." By its decision BC-10/2, the Conference of the Parties adopted the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for the period 2012-2021. By decision BC-16/1, the Conference of the Parties decided that a draft renewed strategic framework should be developed, taking into account recommendations developed by an intersessional working group prior to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties furthermore decided that the small intersessional working group would continue its work and present a draft renewed strategic framework for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting and subsequently a revised renewed strategic framework, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.</p> <p>Improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure</p> <p>By decision BC-16/2, the Conference of the Parties established a small intersessional working group to identify challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure under the Basel Convention and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning and to develop recommendations for improving the functioning of the procedure, avoiding duplication of work and ensuring consistency.</p>

	The meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee is described in factsheet for POW activity 10 on the sixteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee. Additional legal and policy activities relevant to the Basel Convention are undertaken in the context of activities set out in factsheet for POW activity 13 on technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, factsheet for POW activity 14 on training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Basel Convention, factsheet for POW activity 34 on the coordination and provision of support to Parties on further legal clarity, and factsheet for POW activity 33 on legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; national legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 32.1: Work programme of the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Activities entrusted by the COP to the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC) and that the ICC decides to undertake are implemented. The outcome of these activities is expected to be an improved implementation and compliance with the Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32.1.1 Coordinate within the Secretariat the ICC's intersessional work (staff costs only); 32.1.2 Support ICC in identifying priorities and working methods, communication with ICC members, organization of consultations (staff costs only); 32.1.3 Support the ICC in implementing its work programme, under the guidance of the ICC (subject to the availability of resources); 32.1.4 Support the ICC in developing its draft programme of work and its report to the COP (staff costs only); 32.1.5 Follow-up on COP decisions related to the ICC's work (staff costs only).
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assistance for the operation of the ICC is provided to the satisfaction of the ICC and its Chair; 2. Support to the ICC for undertaking the activities of its work programme is provided to the satisfaction of the ICC and its Chair (subject to the availability of resources). <p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback from members and the Chair; 2. Feedback from members and the Chair (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Component 32.2: Implementation Fund</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Eligible Parties are supported in their efforts to undertake the activities of their ICC-approved compliance action plan towards resolution of their implementation and compliance difficulties.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32.2.1 Liaise with up to 10 Parties benefitting from the implementation fund, negotiate legal agreements including by inserting a gender component where appropriate and oversee their implementation, hire consultants and supervise their work (subject to the availability of resources).
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resources in the implementation fund are used to assist with the resolution of the implementation and compliance matter. <p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COP-17 meeting documents and reports therein on activities implemented.
	<p>Component 32.3: Notifications of information pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions), 4(1) (import prohibitions), 11 (agreements) and 13 (2) (transmission of information)</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Parties and others have continued and improved access to information notified pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions of hazardous wastes), 4(1) (import prohibitions), 11 (multilateral, bilateral and regional agreements and arrangements), and 13(2) (transmission of information) in several or all of the UN languages.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32.3.1 Receive and process information transmitted by Parties on national definitions, import / export restrictions and Article 11 agreements (including provide quality control and follow up, arrange for translation, liaise with Parties to confirm translated texts and post on website) (staff costs only); 32.3.2 Translate notifications of national definitions, import / export prohibitions.
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <p>Means of verification:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notifications made available in at least English, or several / all of the UN official languages (subject to the availability of resources); 2. Website containing notifications has continuously improving user-friendly format. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notifications databases available on Convention website (subject to the availability of resources); 2. Feedback from website users e.g. through questionnaires, communications etc.
	<p>Component 32.4: Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>A renewed strategic framework is presented to the Conference of the Parties for possible adoption at its seventeenth meeting.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>32.4.1 Consultant to support the Secretariat on the work on the strategic framework if no lead country is identified (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>32.4.2 Secretariat support to the work on the strategic framework;</p> <p>32.4.3 Organize one face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft renewed strategic framework presented to OEWG-14; 2. Revised renewed strategic framework presented to COP-17; 3. One face-to-face meeting of the SIWG held in 2024-2025. 	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OEWG-14 meeting documents and reports therein on activities implemented; 2. COP-17 meeting documents and reports therein on activities implemented; 3. Website of the Basel Convention.
	<p>Component 32.5: Improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>A report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward, is developed for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>32.5.1 In the absence of a lead country, consultant to support the Secretariat and the small intersessional working group to develop a report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward, is developed for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>32.5.2 Organize one face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>32.5.3 Secretariat support to the work on improving the PIC procedure.</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report presented to OEWG-14; 2. Revised report and/or recommendations presented to COP-17; 3. One face-to-face meeting of the SIWG held in 2024-2025. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OEWG-14 meeting documents and reports therein on activities implemented; 2. COP-17 meeting documents and reports therein on activities implemented; 3. Website of the Basel Convention.
Partner(s)	<p>Work programme of the ICC</p> <p>As decided by the ICC.</p> <p>Implementation Fund</p> <p>Parties concerned. Other partners to be decided by the ICC (e.g. BCRC) or the Party concerned by a submission.</p> <p>Notification of information pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions), 4(1) (import prohibitions), 11 (agreements) and 13 (2) (transmission of information)</p> <p>Parties and BCRCs.</p> <p>Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012 – 2021</p> <p>Focal points and competent authorities of Parties; observers; BCRCs.</p>	

	Improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure Focal points and competent authorities of Parties and observers.
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: All five parts of this activity will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages; Goal 11 on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: To be in line with the BRS Gender Action Plan²², the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage governments to take into account gender-related aspects in nominating representatives to the meetings of the convention bodies and in other relevant activities where suitable. The Secretariat will also advise, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the legal and policy matters considered.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: All five parts of this activity can contribute to catalysing coordination among relevant stakeholders within Parties, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, for an improved implementation and compliance with the Convention.</p>

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
32.1 Work programme of the ICC									
Partnership agreement/Expert support/Meeting and travel costs				120,000				120,000	120,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				120,000				120,000	120,000
32.2 Implementation fund									
Partnership agreement/Expert support				600,000				600,000	600,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				600,000				600,000	600,000
32.3 Notifications									
Translation				69,938				69,938	69,938
<i>Subtotal</i>				69,938				69,938	69,938
32.4 Strategic framework									
Experts' support				10,000				10,000	10,000
Meeting and travel costs				50,000				50,000	50,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				60,000				60,000	60,000
32.5 Improving the PIC procedure									
Experts' support				20,000				20,000	20,000
Meeting and travel costs				100,000				100,000	100,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				120,000				120,000	120,000
Total				969,938				969,938	969,938

Overview of resource requirements

Budget	General Trust Funds	Voluntary Trust Funds	Total Requirements
Approved 2022-2023	0	859,938	859,938
Approved 2024-2025	0	969,938	969,938

²² UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

PoW number	Activity 33
Title of activity	Joint legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; compliance under the Rotterdam Convention; enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention; compliance under the Stockholm Convention; national legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/22–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/17–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/23 UNEP/POPS/COP.11/21 UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/14
Mandate	Conventions Article: Articles 9, 10 and 16 of the Basel Convention, 17 and 18 and Annex VII of the Rotterdam Convention, and 17 and 19 of the Stockholm Convention COP decisions: Decisions IX/10, BC-14/21, BC-16/16 and BC-16/24 of the Basel Convention; RC-4/11, RC-9/6, RC-9/7, RC-9/9, RC-11/4, RC-11/5 and RC-11/11 of the Rotterdam Convention; SC-4/34, SC-9/19, SC-11/19 and SC-11/23 of the Stockholm Convention
Background and rationale	<p>Legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Legal and policy activities underpin a variety of the functions of the Secretariat. These include generic as well as Convention-specific legal and policy advice, analysis and activities pertaining to the implementation and development of the conventions; international cooperation activities on legal and policy matters; and activities pertaining to chemicals and waste-related indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>Work programme of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee: In addition to its mandate on submissions made by Parties, the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee has a mandate to examine systematic issues of general compliance of interest to all Parties (paragraph 25 of terms of reference, decision RC-9/7). This may be initiated either: on request from the Conference of the Parties; or when the Committee decides based on information from Parties obtained by the Secretariat while carrying out its functions and submitted to the Committee that there is a need for an issue of general non-compliance to be examined and for a report on it to be made to the Conference of the Parties. The programme of work for the Rotterdam Compliance Committee for the biennium 2024–2025 was adopted by decision RC-11/5.</p> <p>Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention: By decision RC-9/6, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention invited Parties to further analyse and develop proposals, including in cooperation with other Parties, to enhance the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention, in particular to improve the listing process. At its eleventh meeting, by decision RC-11/4 on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention by addressing impacts regarding the listing of chemicals in Annex III and its implementation, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and observers to provide information to the Secretariat related to potential direct and indirect trade and socio-economic impacts, as well as financial implications, caused or anticipated by the listing of chemicals in Annex III, including the costs of inaction; on the benefits and challenges in introducing alternatives to chemicals recommended for listing in Annex III, and on actions to address such challenges; and on challenges in implementing legislative and administrative measures for the sound management of chemicals recommended for listing in Annex III and their alternatives, including challenges relating to technological and scientific capability. The Secretariat was requested to compile the information received and prepare a report, for consideration, and discussion on a way forward, by the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat was also requested to organize a webinar in advance of that meeting to present and discuss the information received.</p> <p>Compliance under the Stockholm Convention:</p> <p>By decision SC-11/19, the Conference of the Parties adopted compliance procedures and institutional mechanisms under Article 17 of the Stockholm Convention as set out in the annex to the decision. The members of the Committee are to be elected by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting. At that meeting, the Conference of the Parties may consider entrusting the Committee with the examination of general compliance issues.</p> <p>National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Developing legal frameworks are core requirements under the three conventions (BC: Article 4.4 and 9.5; RC: Article 10 and Article 11; SC: Article 3 and Article 5). Preventing and combating illegal traffic is a core requirement under the Basel Convention (art. 4.4 and 9.5). The Secretariat's activities pertaining to national legislation, illegal traffic and enforcement support the effective implementation of these requirements and hence the achievement of a fundamental objective of the Conventions.</p>

	<p>During the 2017 COPs, the three COPs adopted for the first time substantively similar decisions on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes. This approach was reiterated and strengthened by the decisions adopted at the 2019 COPs. The Secretariat cooperates with a wide range of partners on enforcement matters (e.g. INTERPOL, WCO, IMPEL, UNEP, UNODC, GCI, Asian Network). The 2022 COPs requested the Secretariat to review existing cooperative arrangements with international organizations or entities with a mandate to prevent and combat illegal trade in hazardous chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and to prepare, a report, including recommendations on strengthening such arrangements. Parties at its eleventh meetings of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions were invited to strengthen, its cooperation with relevant entities with a mandate to prevent and combat the illegal trade in hazardous chemicals covered by the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.</p> <p>Additional legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including on national legislation, illegal traffic and trade, SDGs and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are undertaken in the context of activity 13 on technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, activity 14 on training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Basel Convention, activity 15 on training and capacity development activities under the Rotterdam Convention, activity 29 on international cooperation and coordination, including partnerships and activity 32 on legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention. One meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee is included in activity 11 on Meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 33.1: Legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The Secretariat's legal operations are undertaken in line with relevant rules and regulations; the Parties are supported in their efforts towards the development of compliance procedures and mechanisms under the Stockholm convention; the legal and policy aspects of the implementation and further development of the conventions are addressed. Progress is made in providing information of relevance to the chemicals and waste for the Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals and data is efficiently collected and relayed to in relation to the indicator 12.4.1.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>33.1.1 Provide legal and policy advice and analysis pertaining to the implementation and enforcement of the conventions (staff costs only);</p> <p>33.1.2 Collect and disseminate information on country contacts under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (staff costs only);</p> <p>33.1.3 Provide legal advisory service to the conventions' bodies (staff costs only);</p> <p>33.1.4 Conduct international cooperation activities on legal and policy matters of relevance to the BRS Conventions (staff travel costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);</p> <p>33.1.5 Support synergies on compliance under the BRS Conventions (staff costs only);</p> <p>33.1.6 Implement outreach and awareness raising activities on the role of the BRS conventions for sustainable development (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>33.1.7 Provide expertise on conventions' related issues within the SDGs indicator framework (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>33.1.8 Provide technological and IT support for data collection for SDG indicator 12.4.1 (subject to the availability of resources).</p>
Indicators of achievement:	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal and policy advice, information, analysis and assistance is provided in a timely manner and to the satisfaction of Parties, partners, stakeholders, Secretariat staff and management; 2. Information of relevance to the chemicals and waste-related indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals is transmitted to UNEP; 3. Number of events organized by the Secretariat or partners promoting the role of the conventions in the implementation of the sustainable development goals and other frameworks related to the broader environmental/sustainable development agendas (subject to the availability of resources); <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback from Parties and stakeholders, reports to the COPs; 2. Reports to the COPs; 3. Summary reports of events available on the website (subject to the availability of resources); 4. Meeting reports, decisions and other documents developed in the framework of the organizations working on the sustainable development and environment agendas (subject to the availability of resources); 5. Reports to the COPs (subject to the availability of resources).

	<p>4. Demonstration on BRS conventions contributing to additional indicator under the SDG framework (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>5. Updating of database for the SDG indicator 12.4.1 is facilitated (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Component 33.2: Work programme of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Activities entrusted by the COP to the Compliance Committee and that the Committee decides to undertake are implemented. The outcome of the activities is expected to be improved implementation and compliance with the Rotterdam Convention.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>33.2.1 Assistance and legal advice is provided for the operation of the Committee (staff costs only);</p> <p>33.2.2 Activities entrusted to the Committee or that it decides to undertake are implemented (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <p>1. Assistance for the operation of the Committee is provided to the satisfaction of the Committee;</p> <p>2. Support to the Committee for undertaking the activities of its work programme is provided to the satisfaction of the Committee (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Means of verification:</p> <p>1. Feedback from Committee members;</p> <p>2. Information on website about activities of the Committee (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Component 33.3: Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Information available to Parties on the impacts regarding the listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention in order to support an informed discussion on enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>33.3.1 Collect information from Parties on the impacts of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Convention (staff costs only);</p> <p>33.3.2 Compile the information provided and prepare a report for consideration, and discussion on a way forward, by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting (subject to the availability of resources);</p> <p>33.3.3 Organize a webinar in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to present and discuss the information compiled (subject to the availability of resources).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. Compilation of information submitted by Parties and report provided to COP-12;</p> <p>2. Webinar held.</p>	
	<p>Means of verification (subject to the availability of resources):</p> <p>1. COP-12 meeting and information documents;</p> <p>2. Convention website.</p>	
	<p>Component 33.4: Compliance under the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting initiates work on compliance under the Stockholm Convention pursuant to the compliance procedures under Article 17 of the Stockholm Convention adopted by decision BC-11/19.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>33.4.1 Meeting documents are prepared for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting (staff costs only).</p>	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <p>1. Meeting documents prepared for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	
	<p>Means of verification:</p> <p>1. COP-12 meeting and information documents.</p>	

Component 33.5: National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Outcomes:

Parties have a better understanding of and are in a better position to develop legal frameworks, prevent and combating illegal traffic and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Efforts to strengthen the Secretariat's cooperation with relevant entities with a mandate to prevent and combat the illegal trade in hazardous chemicals covered the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

Activities:

- 33.5.1 Assist Parties to the Basel Convention on request to address alleged cases of illegal traffic and resolve differences between Parties (staff costs only);
- 33.5.2 To provide Parties, upon request, with assistance in identifying cases of illegal trade in hazardous chemicals as well as in identifying cases of illegal traffic in wastes (staff costs only);
- 33.5.3 Collect, organize and disseminate legislation provided by Parties to the BRS Conventions, as well as other legal information (staff costs only);
- 33.5.4 Collect best practices from Parties for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the BRS conventions and lessons learned;
- 33.5.5 Promote possible synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes under the BRS conventions (subject to the availability of resources);
- 33.5.6 Cooperate with other MEAs and partners on activities aimed at preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade (staff travel costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management);
- 33.5.7 Develop a workplan to strengthen Parties' capacity to provide information about confirmed cases and experience related to preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and waste (subject to the availability of resources);
- 33.5.8 Explore the needs related to amending the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System to identify substances and products that contain the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention (subject to the availability of resources).

Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by Parties are collected, organized and made available on the conventions' websites in a timely manner; 2. Legal information is collected, organized and made available on the conventions' websites in a timely manner; 3. Parties' requests for assistance in resolving cases of illegal traffic and trade are dealt with to their satisfaction; 4. Number of activities in which BRS participates on enforcement matters organized by or in cooperation with other MEAs and partners; 5. Best practices on preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; 6. Workplan to strengthen Parties' capacity to provide information about confirmed cases and experience related to preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and waste developed (subject to the availability of resources); 7. Needs related to amending the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System to identify substances and products that contain the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention are identified (subject to the availability of resources). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conventions websites; 2. Conventions websites; 3. Feedback from Parties and other stakeholders; 4. Report to the COPs; 5. Report to the COPs; 6. Feedback from Parties and other stakeholders; 7. Conventions websites (subject to the availability of resources); 8. Report to the COPs (subject to the availability of resources).

Partner(s)	<p>Legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Parties, BCRCs, SCRCs, Depositary and Office of Legal Affairs, UNEP, FAO, WTO, IMO, OHCHR, other IGOs, NGOs, private sector.</p> <p>Work programme of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee</p> <p>As decided by the COP and the CC.</p> <p>Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention</p> <p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>Compliance under the Stockholm Convention</p> <p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Parties, BCRCs, SCRCs, UNEP, FAO, GCI, INTERPOL, WCO, INECE, IMPEL, UNODC, Asian Network, other IGOs and NGOs with a mandate on national legislation as well as illegal traffic/trade issues.</p>
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: These activities have the potential to contribute to various degrees to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages; Goal 11 on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan²³, the Secretariat will also advise, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the legal and policy matters considered.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: These legal and policy activities as a whole, in particular preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade, carry an important potential to contribute to catalyzing coordination among relevant stakeholders within Parties, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, for an improved implementation and enforcement of the three conventions.</p>

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
33.1 Legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions									
Experts' support				12,000	9,000	9,000	30,000	30,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>				12,000	9,000	9,000	30,000	30,000	
33.2 Work Programme of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee									
Experts' support					50,000		50,000	50,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>					50,000		50,000	50,000	
33.3 Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention									
Experts' support					30,000		30,000	30,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>					30,000		30,000	30,000	
33.4 Compliance under the Stockholm Convention									
Internal implementation (no additional costs)									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
33.5 National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement									
Experts' support					7,500	7,500	15,000	15,000	
Travel of staff					2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000	
Experts' support (customs HS codes analysis)				4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000	12,000	
Experts' support (workplan for combatting illegal trade and traffic)				6,667	6,666	6,667	20,000	20,000	
Travel of staff (workplan for combatting illegal trade and traffic)				1,667	1,666	1,667	5,000	5,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>				12,334	22,332	22,334	57,000	57,000	
Total				24,334	111,332	31,334	167,000	167,000	

²³ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	0	100,000	100,000
Approved 2024-2025	0	167,000	167,000

PoW number	Activity 34				
Title of activity	Coordination and provision of support to Parties on further legal clarity				
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention				
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget				
Reference	UNEP/CHW.16/14				
Mandate	Convention Article: Articles 1, 2 and 4 as well as Annexes I, III, IV, VIII (A1180) and IX (B1110) of the Basel Convention COP decision(s): Decisions BC-13/2 and BC-16/15 of the Basel Convention				
Background and rationale	<p>The work on further legal clarity is the last of the three tracks of work stemming from the COP-10 the country-led initiative. The two other tracks of work, namely on facilitating the entry into force of the Ban Amendment and on developing guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes, have been completed.</p> <p>The activities on the provision of legal clarity are part of a continuum of activities initiated at COP-10 that focus on critical issues pertaining to the effective implementation of the Basel Convention mandated by the COP. Past activities have focused on the development of a glossary of terms by a small intersessional working group on legal clarity and the initiation of a process for the review of Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Convention, led by Canada and undertaken in consultation with that group. Follow up activities on the review of the annexes were decided by COP-13 in its decision BC-13/2 whereby an expert working group was established with the mandate to review annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX. The mandate of the expert working group was adjusted over time in relation to e-wastes by decisions BC-14/16 and BC-15/19, and in relation to plastic wastes by decision BC-14/14.</p> <p>By decision BC-16/15, the Conference of the Parties requested the expert working group to: consider the proposals by the European Union to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Basel Convention and the recommendations and findings of the expert working group and to develop revised amendment proposals on Annex IV for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting; and to continue to develop draft recommendations on the review of Annexes I and III for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting. In its decision, the Conference of the Parties also decided to consider at its seventeenth meeting the revised amendment proposals for Annex IV and the draft recommendations on the review of Annexes I and III.</p> <p>Additional activities to support further legal clarity are undertaken in the context of the technical assistance activities set out in factsheet for POW activity 14 on training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Basel Convention</p>				
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 34.1: Coordination and provision of support to Parties on further legal clarity</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Parties and the expert working group on the review of the Annexes are effectively supported in their work as mandated by COP-16.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 34.1.1 Consultant to support the expert working group on the review of the annexes (subject to the availability of resources); 34.1.2 Organize face to face meetings of the expert working group on the review of the annexes (subject to the availability of resources); 34.1.3 Provide Secretariat support to the expert working group on the review of the annexes, the OEWG-14 and COP-17 (staff costs only). <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Indicators of achievement:</td> <td>Means of verification:</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to Parties and the expert working group on the review of the annexes to the Convention; 2. Effective support is provided by consultants (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting, (subject to the availability of resources); </td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback from members of the expert working group and Parties; 2. Feedback from members of the expert working group and Parties (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Feedback from members of the expert working group (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants to the meeting and report of the meeting (subject to the availability of resources); 5. OEWG-14 and COP-17 meeting documents. </td> </tr> </table>	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to Parties and the expert working group on the review of the annexes to the Convention; 2. Effective support is provided by consultants (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting, (subject to the availability of resources); 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback from members of the expert working group and Parties; 2. Feedback from members of the expert working group and Parties (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Feedback from members of the expert working group (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants to the meeting and report of the meeting (subject to the availability of resources); 5. OEWG-14 and COP-17 meeting documents.
Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to Parties and the expert working group on the review of the annexes to the Convention; 2. Effective support is provided by consultants (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting, (subject to the availability of resources); 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback from members of the expert working group and Parties; 2. Feedback from members of the expert working group and Parties (subject to the availability of resources); 3. Feedback from members of the expert working group (subject to the availability of resources); 4. List of participants to the meeting and report of the meeting (subject to the availability of resources); 5. OEWG-14 and COP-17 meeting documents. 				

	4. Travel of sponsored members organized (subject to the availability of resources); 5. Activities implemented as requested by the Conference of the Parties (subject to the availability of resources).	
Partner(s)	The work on legal clarity is led by Parties. Representatives from non-Parties, BCRCs, industry and civil society participate as observers in the work of the expert working group on the review of Annexes. Meetings of the expert working group may be organized in cooperation with a BCRC.	
Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: This activity contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan²⁴, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage governments and observers to take into account gender-related aspects in nominating representatives to the meetings of the working groups, and in other relevant activities where suitable. The Secretariat will also advise, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of matters considered, in particular as to vulnerable groups who may suffer greater exposure to and harm from hazardous wastes.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The activity catalyzes cooperation among Parties and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and private sector, 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.</p>	

Resource requirements

	<i>General Trust Funds 2024-2025</i>				<i>Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025</i>				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
34.1 Legal clarity									
Experts' support				100,000				100,000	100,000
Meeting and catering costs				20,000				20,000	20,000
Travel of meeting participants				309,440				309,440	309,440
Travel of staff				15,000				15,000	15,000
<i>Subtotal</i>				444,440				444,440	444,440
Total				444,440				444,440	444,440

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	0	444,440	444,440
Approved 2024-2025	0	444,440	444,440

²⁴ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1, annex.

7. Office maintenance and services

PoW number	Activity 35											
Title of activity	Office maintenance and operational services											
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention											
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget											
Reference	N/A											
Mandate	N/A											
Background and rationale	<p>The provision of office maintenance, operational and administrative services, including office space related utilities, equipment, furniture, communication and office supplies, that are all necessary for the efficient and effective functioning of the Secretariat.</p>											
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 35.1: Operational costs – Geneva based secretariat</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Sufficient office and administrative facilities, operational services and supplies are available to enable the Secretariat to operate in an efficient and effective manner in the Geneva based Secretariat.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35.1.1 Communications (internet services are budgeted under activity 36); 35.1.2 Office equipment and furniture; 35.1.3 Office maintenance and utilities; 35.1.4 Office supplies and Personal Protection Equipment. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;">Indicators of achievement:</td><td style="vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;">Means of verification:</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">1. Availability of office space, services and equipment to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work.</td><td style="padding: 5px;">1. Reports to the Parties and data in Umoja;</td></tr> </table> <p>Component 35.2: Operational costs – Rome based secretariat</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Sufficient office and administrative facilities, services and supplies are available to enable the Secretariat to operate in an efficient and effective manner in the Rome based Secretariat.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35.2.1 Communications; 35.2.2 Office equipment and furniture; 35.2.3 Office supplies. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;">Indicators of achievement:</td><td style="vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;">Means of verification:</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">1. Availability of office space, services and equipment to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work;</td><td style="padding: 5px;">1. Reports to the Parties;</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">2. Availability of administrative support services to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work.</td><td style="padding: 5px;">2. Reports to the Parties.</td></tr> </table> <p>Component 35.3: Common costs for administrative services</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The secretariat has sufficient administrative and operational support services to carry out its activities. Costs under this component cover services provided by UNEP as well as those performed by United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), United Nations Offices at Nairobi (UNON) and United Nations Headquarters on behalf of UNEP. The services provided by UNEP and UNON are listed in the revised Annex to each of the three Memorandums of</p>		Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	1. Availability of office space, services and equipment to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work.	1. Reports to the Parties and data in Umoja;	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:	1. Availability of office space, services and equipment to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work;	1. Reports to the Parties;	2. Availability of administrative support services to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work.	2. Reports to the Parties.
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2. Availability of administrative support services to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work.	2. Reports to the Parties.											

	<p>Understanding (MoU) as set out in the decisions of the conferences of the Parties BC-16/27, RC-11/14 and SC-11/26.²⁵</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>35.3.1 Umoja license fees and related costs;</p> <p>35.3.2 UN administrative and operational common costs for services (in accordance with the proposed revised MoU);</p> <p>35.3.3 UN medical and staff counselor/mental health services (in accordance with the proposed revised MoU);</p> <p>35.3.4 UN Security costs for office premises (in accordance with the proposed revised MoU).</p> <p>---</p> <p>Additional budget:</p> <p>Common costs for UN security services and UN medical and staff counselor services provided by UNOG in biennium 2022–2023 that were not covered by the approved budget for 2022 – 2023. The proposed additional budget covers 7 quarters only (21 months) of the biennium 2022–2023 as the 1st quarter of the biennium was already paid for as part of the approved interim budget.</p>											
	Indicators of achievement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of administrative support services to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work. 				Means of verification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports to the Parties. 							
Partner(s)	FAO, UNION, UNOG and external service providers											
Socio-economic aspects	Sustainable Development Goals: N/A Gender mainstreaming: N/A Integrated Approach: N/A											

Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Total	
35.1 Operational costs - Geneva based secretariat									
Communication	40,000	20,000	40,000	100,000					100,000
Expendable Equipment (office supplies)	4,000	2,000	4,000	10,000					10,000
Non-expendable Equipment	20,000	10,000	20,000	50,000					50,000
Office cleaning and electricity	124,130	62,065	124,130	310,325					310,325
<i>Subtotal</i>	188,130	94,065	188,130	470,325					470,325
35.2 Operational costs - Rome based secretariat									
Communication		5,000		5,000					5,000
Expendable Equipment (office supplies)		5,000		5,000					5,000
Non-expendable Equipment		10,000		10,000					10,000
<i>Subtotal</i>		20,000		20,000					20,000
35.3 Common costs for administrative services									
Licenses, software	86,816	43,408	86,816	217,040					217,040
UN administrative and operational services	23,661	11,830	23,661	59,152					59,152
UN medical and staff counselor/mental health services	20,515	10,258	20,515	51,288					51,288
UN Security of office building	115,731	57,866	115,731	289,328					289,328
<i>Subtotal</i>	246,723	123,362	246,723	616,808					616,808
Total	434,853	237,427	434,853	1,107,133					1,107,133

²⁵ Pursuant to the memorandums of understanding, UNEP has prepared a report on the implementation of the memorandums of understanding, providing the Parties to the conventions with detailed information on administration services provided to the conventions by UNEP. The letter from the Executive Director of UNEP requesting to amend the three MoUs and their annexes is set out in information document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/53–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/39–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/57. Information on the implementation of the memorandums of understanding is set out in documents UNEP/CHW.16/28, UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/23 and UNEP/POPS/COP.11/29, while the report of the Executive Director of UNEP to the respective conferences of the Parties on the implementation of each memorandum of understanding is set out in the annex to document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/49–UNEP/FAO/COP.11/INF/33–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/53.

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	678,325	0	678,325
Approved 2024-2025	1,107,133	0	1,107,133

PoW number	Activity 36	
Title of activity	Joint information technology services	
Convention(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention	
Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget	
Reference	N/A	
Mandate	Convention Articles: Article 16 of the Basel Convention, Article 19 of the Rotterdam Convention, Article 20 of the Stockholm Convention, various synergy decisions of the three conventions.	
Background and rationale	<p>This activity aims at the joint provision of basic information technology and services to ensure a smooth running of the Secretariat and the implementation of the programmes of work of the conventions. These include software packages, network administration, e-mail and fax administration, internet access, security and helpdesk services, as well as non-expandable equipment such as personal computers. The activity also facilitates communication, technical assistance and outreach between the Secretariat and Parties and observers to the conventions through the provisional of webcasting services, used for example for online meetings and trainings under various programme of work activities.</p>	
Outcomes and activities	<p>Component 36.1: Joint information technology services</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>This component ensures the storage and processing of the information generated in the process of conventions' implementation as well as provision of service to the Secretariat and Parties during meetings of the conferences of the Parties and other relevant meetings by using new technologies to facilitate negotiations as well as ensuring effective communications at meetings and during the intersessional period. It also provides the Secretariat with IT equipment and services such as internet connectivity, email etc. necessary to implement the programmes of work.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36.1.1 Internet Connectivity; 36.1.2 IT Equipment (Geneva); 36.1.3 IT Software (Geneva); 36.1.4 Experts' support for the meetings of the Conventions; 36.1.5 Maintenance of server and meeting rooms, air conditioning, building cabling; 36.1.6 IT equipment (Rome); 36.1.7 IT Software (Rome); 36.1.8 UN Enterprise Services, including cloud services. 	
	<p>Indicators of achievement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures and resources are in place to ensure the implementations of the programmes of work for 2024-2025; 2. Delivery of IT services in a cost efficient and timely manner to the Secretariat and Parties; 3. Quality of IT services provided during COPs and other meetings; 4. The IT infrastructure of the secretariat is kept in optimal conditions in line with the latest developments in tools and technologies. 	<p>Means of verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IT procedures updated and available to the Secretariat and Stakeholders; 2. Feedback from the Secretariat and Parties; 3. No major interruptions during COPs and other meetings due to IT issues; 4. High availability of network and application services with minimal interruption throughout the biennium.
	<p>Component 36.2: Webcasting services</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The outcome of this component is the provision of webcasting services to the Secretariat, Parties and observers of the conventions. It enables the Secretariat to reach out to Parties for online training activities and briefings as well as conduct online meetings under the various programme of work activities, thus providing technical assistance and information exchange services to Parties and observers and conduct the work of the Secretariat in a resource efficient manner.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36.2.1 Online meeting platform – software licenses and call-back service for the provision of an online platform and tools for hosting webinars and online meetings; 	

	36.2.2 Online meeting platform – hardware, including multimedia equipment to support the hosting of webinars and meetings.	
	Indicators of achievement:	Means of verification:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licences and equipment purchased to organize webcasts/webinars and other online meetings; 2. Webcasting services available to support programme of work activities; 3. Number of users trained through webinars. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Webinar webpages; 2. Webinar webpages and feedback from the webinar attendees; 3. Report on webinars conducted during the biennium, records of the meetings.
Partner(s)	FAO, UNEP, UNOG and UNON	

Socio-economic aspects	<p>Sustainable Development Goals: By ensuring proper access to information related to the sound management of chemicals and wastes, this activity contributes to the Sustainable Development Goal 9 on “Industry, innovation and infrastructure” (target 9.c) and 16 on “Peace, justice and strong institutions” (target 16.10).</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will collect and provide access to information on gender issues related to webcasts/webinars.</p> <p>Integrated Approach: The webcasts/webinars will contribute to catalysing cooperation and coordination among Parties and relevant stakeholders at the global and regional level, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, thus promoting the sound management of chemicals and wastes. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>
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Resource requirements

	General Trust Funds 2024-2025				Voluntary Trust Funds 2024-2025				<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Basel</i>	<i>Rotterdam</i>	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Total</i>	
36.1 Information technology services									
Experts' support	4,000	2,000	4,000	10,000					10,000
IT Equipment	41,200	40,600	41,200	123,000					123,000
Licences, software	28,640	20,920	28,640	78,200					78,200
Internet access	13,000	6,500	13,000	32,500					32,500
Maintenance of equipment and cabling services	2,920	1,460	2,920	7,300					7,300
<i>Subtotal</i>	89,760	71,480	89,760	251,000					251,000
36.2 Webcasting									
Communication tools	6,400	3,200	6,400	16,000					16,000
Licences, software	5,200	2,600	5,200	13,000					13,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	11,600	5,800	11,600	29,000					29,000
Total	101,360	77,280	101,360	280,000					280,000

Overview of resource requirements

<i>Budget</i>	<i>General Trust Funds</i>	<i>Voluntary Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Requirements</i>
Approved 2022-2023	280,000	0	280,000
Approved 2024-2025	280,000	0	280,000