

## BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

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### **Report on the implementation of joint and convention-specific activities contained in the programmes of work and budgets of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2022–2023**

#### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. The annex to the present note contains a report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation in 2022 and 2023 of the programmes of work and budgets of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2022–2023.<sup>1</sup>
2. The report provides for each factsheet information on the activities that were implemented, their achieved outcome, their evaluation as per the indicators of achievement, as well as information on partners and socio-economic considerations, namely how considerations related to gender<sup>2</sup> and the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and wastes have been taken into account in the activities, as well as how the activities undertaken contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
3. The report also presents expenditures incurred under the general trust funds (BC, RC and SC trust funds) and voluntary trust funds (BD, RV and SV trust funds) and includes expenditure information where funding has been provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) regular program resources, and thus not included in either of the two Rotterdam Convention trust funds. Details on allocation and utilization of FAO financial and in-kind support from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome in 2022 and 2023 had been provided in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/31. In addition to financial support, FAO has provided between \$350,000 and \$500,000 of in-kind contribution to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome in 2022–2023. The official 2023 financial statements of the United Nations Environment Programme have not yet been published and therefore the financial information provided below is provisional. In 2014, the United Nations adopted the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) which are used for the preparation of the audited financial statements. However, for the purpose of reporting on budget implementation, the United Nations continues to use the United Nations System Accounting Standards (UNSAS). In view of this, expenditures include unliquidated obligations. Core staff costs are not included in the presented expenditures; information on these costs was made available to the conferences of the Parties at their meetings in May 2023.
4. Regarding the voluntary funded activities, the budget presented is a funding estimate that the conferences of Parties have taken note of. However, the conventions are generally not able to receive full funding for these funding estimates or budgets. Furthermore, in addition to funds directly supporting each specific Convention, the three conventions also receive funds for joint activities. The expenditures for joint activities have been divided between the three conventions in proportion relative to the original approved budgets for the biennium. All amounts are in United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.
5. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

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<sup>1</sup> Decisions BC-15/30, RC-10/19 and SC-10/26, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> In line with the gender action plan (UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1).

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## 1. Conferences and meetings

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 1</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 15 of the Basel Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Supplementary budget for 2022: Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention</b></p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as approved by the Conference of the Parties through its supplementary budget for 2022, the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention was held in two segments: an online segment held from 26 to 30 July 2021 and a face-to-face segment held from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva. The present report covers the face-to-face segment of the meeting which falls within the reporting period of 2022-2023.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the face-to-face segment of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties were made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the face-to-face segment of the meeting and thus contributed to enhance an informed decision-making under the Convention. Meeting documents were prepared in advance of the meeting allowing effective preparations and deliberations at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The face-to-face segment of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-15) was organized back-to-back with the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-10) and the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-10) from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva. The theme of the meetings was "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste". The online and face-to-face segments were attended by over 160 Parties to the conventions and 1,500 participants. The high-level segment of the meetings took place on Wednesday, 1 June 2022, in Stockholm, Sweden in the margins of the Stockholm+50 international meetings. Face-to-face regional preparatory meetings were organized for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean to help delegates prepare for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the COPs.<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines: 100%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Basel Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the COP: Among the 1,146 participants to the face-to-face segment, there were 543 delegates representing 111 Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women within delegations, chairs of contact and other groups: 48% of the delegates who attended the face-to face segment were women and 42% of chairs/co-chairs of contact and other groups were women.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regional preparatory meetings for the face-to-face segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</b></p> <p>Similar to the meetings of the conferences of the Parties which were held in two segments in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the regional preparatory meetings were also held in two parts: the first part consisting of online meetings which was held prior to the online segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, and the second part consisting of 3-day face-to-face meetings which were held in 2022 prior to the face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties. This report covers the face-to-face meetings which fall within the reporting period of 2022-2023.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the regional preparatory meetings were made and quality services were provided. Parties and observers to the conventions were supported to prepare for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties and became familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and had the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p>

<sup>3</sup> See <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/8802/> for further information.

	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four regional preparatory meetings were held to allow Parties to prepare for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (jointly for activities 1 (BC), 2 (RC) and 3 (SC)), consider meeting documents and discuss regional positions.</li> <li>A total of 301 participants attended the regional preparatory meetings, including 247 representatives from 118 country Parties and 54 representatives from observer organizations. Thanks to the financial support from the European Union, Norway and Switzerland, the Secretariat was able to organize the travel of sponsored delegates.</li> <li>The meetings were held as follows: (a) Asia-Pacific: 27-29 March 2022 in Bali, Indonesia, organized with support from the BCRC-SCRC Indonesia; (b) Africa: 7-9 April 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya; (c) Latin America and the Caribbean: 3-5 May 2022 in Montevideo, Uruguay, organized with support from the BCCC-SCRC Uruguay; (d) Central and Eastern Europe: 9-11 May 2022 in Prague, Czech Republic, organized with support from the SCRC Czech Republic. Relevant outcome documents were posted on the convention's website.</li> <li>Staff traveled to the regional preparatory meetings to coordinate on-site arrangements, convene the meeting and deliver presentations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel of sponsored participants organized: Funding was provided to Parties that had registered and made a request for financial support, for up to two participants per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. A total of 197 participants from 94 developing countries and countries with economies in transition participated in the meetings. A total of 173 participants were funded to participate in the meetings.</li> <li>Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings;</li> <li>Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 1.1: 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties were timely made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting and thus contributed to enhance an informed decision-making under the Convention. Meeting documents were prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting which facilitated effective preparations and deliberations at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention was held back-to-back with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention from 1 to 12 May 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. Over 1,400 participants from 177 countries and 165 observer entities gathered under the topic "Accelerating action: Targets for the sound management of chemicals and waste."<sup>4</sup></li> <li>The Conference adopted 28 decisions, among which eight are joint decisions on issues of common interest with the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. All information and the outcomes of the meeting are available on the meeting website.<sup>4</sup></li> <li>The Secretariat prepared, translated and published pre-session, in-session and post-session meeting documents and posted them on the meeting website, and intranet of the meeting as relevant. Pre-session documents were posted on the website by 1 March 2023, i.e. 2 months in advance of the meeting (for budget documents by 31 January 2023, i.e. 90 days before the meeting).</li> <li>The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation letters, registered participants and observers and organized travel of sponsored delegates. Thanks to financial contributions from the Governments of China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, over 332 delegates from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting.</li> <li>Conference services, interpretation, logistics and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>The report of the meeting is available on the meeting website.<sup>5</sup></li> <li>The Secretariat provided support to the Bureau and President of the Conference of the Parties during the intersessional period (see activity 7 for further information) and during the meeting.</li> <li>Outreach and communications activities were conducted, including web announcements, press releases and the following briefings: a briefing to the Permanent Missions in Geneva was held on 7 March 2023 and eight online briefings (webinars) on the meetings were held in English, French and Spanish on 18, 19 and 20 April 2023 and 20, 21 and 22 June 2023. The Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) covered the meetings. A Fair on Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) was held during the meetings to raise awareness on the urgency to accelerate action to meet the upcoming deadlines related to the use of PCB in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound management of liquids containing PCB and equipment contaminated with PCB by 2028.</li> </ol>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs/Overview/tabid/9316/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.basel.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP16/tabid/9311/Default.aspx>.

	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines: 70%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Basel Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the COP (subject to the availability of resources): support was provided to over 332 delegates, taking into account the procedures for the allocation of funding set out in the annex to decision BC-10/28, with a view to ensuring adequate geographical representation of eligible regions and priority being given to the least developed countries and small island developing States.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups: 44 % of Government delegations were composed of 50% or more women and 42% of chairs/co-chairs of groups at the COPs were women.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 1.2: Regional preparatory meetings for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> Arrangements for regional preparatory meetings were made and quality services were provided. Parties and observers to the conventions were supported to prepare for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties and became familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and had the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Four regional preparatory meetings were held to allow Parties to prepare for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (jointly for activities 1 (BC), 2 (RC) and 3 (SC)), consider meeting documents and discuss regional positions.</li> <li>2. Thanks to the financial support from Germany and Switzerland, a total of 380 participants attended the regional preparatory meetings, including 298 representatives from 176 country Parties and 82 representatives from observer organizations. The Secretariat organized the travel of 241 funded participants.</li> <li>3. The meetings were held as follows: (a) Asia-Pacific: 14-16 March 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand; (b) Africa: 21-23 March 2023 in Dakar, Senegal; organized with support from the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre in Senegal; (c) Central and Eastern Europe: 28-30 March 2023 in Zagreb, Croatia; organized with support from the Basel Convention Regional Centre in Slovakia; (d) Latin America and the Caribbean: 28-30 March 2023 in Panama City, Panama; organized with support from the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre in Panama. Relevant outcome documents are posted on the convention's website.</li> <li>4. Staff traveled to the regional preparatory meetings to coordinate on-site arrangements, convene the meeting and deliver presentations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Travel of sponsored participants organized: Funding was provided to 225 Parties that had registered and made a request for financial support, for up to two participants per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings;</li> <li>3. Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> By ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023, this activity contributed 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 improved the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties and encouraged the implementation of the Convention at all levels.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>6</sup>, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding, the Secretariat took 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 also advised the participants of any potential gender impacts of proposals developed for consideration by the COPs and took gender balance into account in proposing chairs of contact and other groups.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The meetings contributed 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 contributed to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>

<sup>6</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
557,574	545,225	-	-	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
1,083,108	1,166,111	-	-	-	-

**Supplementary budget**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
486,586	565,092	-	-	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
1,173,419	962,951	-	-	-	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 2</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	Not applicable (N/A)
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 18 of the Rotterdam Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Supplementary budget for 2022: Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention</b></p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as approved by the Conference of the Parties through its supplementary budget for 2022, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention was held in two segments: an online segment held from 26 to 30 July 2021 and a face-to-face segment held from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva. The present report covers the face-to-face segment of the meeting which falls within the reporting period of 2022-2023.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the face-to-face segment of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties were made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the face-to-face segment of the meeting and thus contributed to enhance an informed decision-making under the Convention. Meeting documents were prepared in advance of the meeting allowing effective preparations and deliberations at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The face-to-face segment of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-10) was organized back-to-back with the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-15) and the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-10) from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva. The theme of the meetings was "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste". The online and face-to-face segments were attended by over 160 Parties to the conventions and 1,500 participants. The high-level segment of the meetings took place on Wednesday, 1 June 2022, in Stockholm, Sweden in the margins of the Stockholm+50 international meetings. Face-to-face regional preparatory meetings were organized for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean to help delegates prepare for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the COPs.<sup>7</sup></p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines: 100%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Rotterdam Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the COP: Among the 1,146 participants to the face-to-face segment, there were 543 delegates representing 111 Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women within delegations, chairs of contact and other groups: 48% of the delegates who attended the face-to-face segment were women and 42% of chairs/co-chairs of contact and other groups were women.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regional preparatory meetings for the face-to-face segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</b></p> <p>Similar to the meetings of the conferences of the Parties which were held in two segments in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the regional preparatory meetings were also held in two parts: the first part consisting of online meetings which was held prior to the online segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, and the second part consisting of 3-day face-to-face meetings which were held in 2022 prior to the face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties. This report covers the face-to-face meetings which fall within the reporting period of 2022-2023.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the regional preparatory meetings were made and quality services were provided. Parties and observers to the conventions were supported to prepare for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties and became familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and had the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Four regional preparatory meetings were held to allow Parties to prepare for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (jointly for activities 1 (BC), 2 (RC) and 3 (SC)), consider meeting documents and discuss regional positions.</li> </ol>

<sup>7</sup> See <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/8802/> for further information.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A total of 301 participants attended the regional preparatory meetings, including 247 representatives from 118 country Parties and 54 representatives from observer organizations. Thanks to the financial support from the European Union, Norway and Switzerland, the Secretariat was able to organize the travel of sponsored delegates.</li> <li>3. The meetings were held as follows: (a) Asia-Pacific: 27-29 March 2022 in Bali, Indonesia, organized with support from the BCRC-SCRC Indonesia; (b) Africa: 7-9 April 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya; (c) Latin America and the Caribbean: 3-5 May 2022 in Montevideo, Uruguay, organized with support from the BCCC-SCRC Uruguay; (d) Central and Eastern Europe: 9-11 May 2022 in Prague, Czech Republic, organized with support from the SCRC Czech Republic. Relevant outcome documents were posted on the convention's website.</li> <li>4. Staff traveled to the regional preparatory meetings to coordinate on-site arrangements, convene the meeting and deliver presentations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Travel of sponsored participants organized: Funding was provided to Parties that had registered and made a request for financial support, for up to two participants per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. A total of 197 participants from 94 developing countries and countries with economies in transition participated in the meetings. A total of 173 participants were funded to participate in the meetings.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings;</li> <li>3. Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 2.1: 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties were timely made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting and thus contributed to enhance an informed decision-making process under the Convention. Meeting documents were prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting which facilitated effective preparations and deliberations at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention was held back-to-back with the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention from 1 to 12 May 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. Over 1,400 participants from 177 countries and 165 observer entities gathered under the topic "Accelerating action: Targets for the sound management of chemicals and waste."</li> <li>2. The Conference adopted 15 decisions, among which eight are joint decisions on issues of common interest with the Basel and Stockholm conventions. All information and the outcomes of the meeting are available on the meeting website.<sup>8</sup></li> <li>3. The Secretariat prepared, translated and published pre-session, in-session and post-session meeting documents and posted them on the meeting website, and intranet of the meeting as relevant. Pre-session documents were posted on the website by 20 March 2023, i.e. 6 weeks in advance of the meeting (for budget documents by 31 January 2023, i.e. 90 days before the meeting).</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation letters, registered participants and observers and organized travel of sponsored delegates. Thanks to financial contributions from the Governments of China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, over 332 delegates from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting.</li> <li>5. Conference services, interpretation, logistics and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>6. The report of the meeting is available on the meeting website.<sup>9</sup></li> <li>7. Outreach and communications activities were conducted, including web announcements, press releases and the following briefings: a briefing to the Permanent Missions in Geneva was held on 7 March 2023 and eight online briefings (webinars) on the meetings were held in English, French and Spanish on 18, 19 and 20 April 2023 and 20, 21 and 22 June 2023. The Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) covered the meetings. A Fair on Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) was held during the meetings to raise awareness on the urgency to accelerate action to meet the upcoming deadlines related to the use of PCB in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound management of liquids containing PCB and equipment contaminated with PCB by 2028.</li> <li>8. The Secretariat provided support to the Bureau and President of the Conference of the Parties during the intersessional period (see activity 7 for further information) and during the meeting.</li> <li>9. Rome Secretariat staff participated in the Conference to provide support (costs reflected in activity 28 on executive direction and management).</li> </ol>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs/Overview/tabid/9316/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.pic.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP11/tabid/9312/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.



	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines: 97%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Rotterdam Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the COP (subject to the availability of resources): support was provided to over 332 delegates, taking into account the procedures for the allocation of funding set out in the annex to decision RC-5/1, with a view to ensuring adequate geographical representation of eligible regions and priority being given to the least developed countries and small island developing States.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups: 44 % of Government delegations were composed of 50% or more women and 42% of chairs/co-chairs of groups at the COPs were women.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 2.2: Regional preparatory meetings for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Arrangements for regional preparatory meetings were made and quality services were provided. Parties and observers to the conventions were supported to prepare for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties and became familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and had the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Four regional preparatory meetings were held to allow Parties to prepare for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (jointly PoW activities 1 (BC), 2 (RC) and 3 (SC)), consider meeting documents and discuss regional positions.</li> <li>2. Thanks to the financial support from Germany and Switzerland, a total of 380 participants attended the regional preparatory meetings, including 298 representatives from 176 country Parties and 82 representatives from observer organizations. The Secretariat organized the travel of funded participants.</li> <li>3. The meetings were held as follows: (a) Asia-Pacific: 14-16 March 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand; (b) Africa: 21-23 March 2023 in Dakar, Senegal; organized with support from the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre in Senegal; (c) Central and Eastern Europe: 28-30 March 2023 in Zagreb, Croatia; organized with support from the Basel Convention Regional Centre in Slovakia; (d) Latin America and the Caribbean: 28-30 March 2023 in Panama City, Panama; organized with support from the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre in Panama. Relevant outcome documents are posted on the convention's website.</li> <li>4. Staff traveled to the regional preparatory meetings to coordinate on-site arrangements, convene the meeting and deliver presentations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Travel of sponsored participants organized: Funding was provided to 225 Parties that had registered and made a request for financial support, for up to two participants per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure the smooth running of the meetings.</li> <li>3. Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> By ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023, this activity contributed 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 improved the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties and encourages the implementation of the Convention at all levels.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>10</sup>, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding, the Secretariat took 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 also advised the participants of any potential gender impacts of proposals developed for consideration by the COPs and took gender balance into account in proposing chairs of contact and other groups.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The meetings contributed to catalyzing 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 contributed to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>

<sup>10</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	557,574	554,366	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	1,083,108	1,166,111	-	-

**Supplementary budget**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	486,586	460,064	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	1,173,419	848,815	-	-

**Financial and in-kind support**

<b>Financial and in-kind support</b>		
<b>Basel Convention</b>	<b>Rotterdam Convention</b>	<b>Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	41,213*	-

(\*) from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 3</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	Not applicable (N/A)
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 19 of the Stockholm Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Supplementary budget for 2022: Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention</b></p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as approved by the Conference of the Parties through its supplementary budget for 2022, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention was held in two segments: an online segment held from 26 to 30 July 2021 and a face-to-face segment held from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva. The present report covers the face-to-face segment of the meeting which falls within the reporting period of 2022-2023.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the face-to-face segment of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties were made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the face-to-face segment of the meeting and thus contributed to enhance an informed decision-making process under the Convention. Meeting documents were prepared in advance of the meeting allowing effective preparations and deliberations at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The face-to-face segment of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-10) was organized back-to-back with the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-15) and the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-10) from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva. The theme of the meetings was "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste". The online and face-to-face segments were attended by over 160 Parties to the conventions and 1,500 participants. The high-level segment of the meetings took place on Wednesday, 1 June 2022, in Stockholm, Sweden in the margins of the Stockholm+50 international meetings. Face-to-face regional preparatory meetings were organized for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean to help delegates prepare for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the COPs.<sup>11</sup></p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines: 100%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Stockholm Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the COP: Among the 1,146 participants to the face-to-face segment, there were 543 delegates representing 111 Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women within delegations, chairs of contact and other groups: 48% of the delegates who attended the face-to-face segment were women and 42% of the chairs/co-chairs of contact and other groups were women.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regional preparatory meetings for the face-to-face segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</b></p> <p>Similar to the meetings of the conferences of the Parties which were held in two segments in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the regional preparatory meetings were also held in two parts: the first part consisting of online meetings which was held prior to the online segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, and the second part consisting of 3-day face-to-face meetings which were held in 2022 prior to the face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties. This report covers the face-to-face meetings which fall within the reporting period of 2022-2023.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the regional preparatory meetings were made and quality services were provided. Parties and observers to the conventions were supported to prepare for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties and became familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and had the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Four regional preparatory meetings were held to allow Parties to prepare for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (jointly for activities 1 (BC), 2 (RC) and 3 (SC)), consider meeting documents and discuss regional positions.</li> </ol>

<sup>11</sup> See <https://www.brsmas.org/tabid/8802/> for further information.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A total of 301 participants attended the regional preparatory meetings, including 247 representatives from 118 country Parties and 54 representatives from observer organizations. Thanks to the financial support from the European Union, Norway and Switzerland, the Secretariat was able to organize the travel of sponsored delegates.</li> <li>3. The meetings were held as follows: (a) Asia-Pacific: 27-29 March 2022 in Bali, Indonesia, organized with support from the BCRC-SCRC Indonesia; (b) Africa: 7-9 April 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya; (c) Latin America and the Caribbean: 3-5 May 2022 in Montevideo, Uruguay, organized with support from the BCCC-SCRC Uruguay; (d) Central and Eastern Europe: 9-11 May 2022 in Prague, Czech Republic, organized with support from the SCRC Czech Republic. Relevant outcome documents were posted on the convention's website.</li> <li>4. Staff traveled to the regional preparatory meetings to coordinate on-site arrangements, convene the meeting and deliver presentations.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Travel of sponsored participants organized: Funding was provided to Parties that had registered and made a request for financial support, for up to two participants per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. A total of 197 participants from 94 developing countries and countries with economies in transition participated in the meetings. A total of 173 participants were funded to participate in the meetings.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings;</li> <li>3. Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 3.1: 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties were timely made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting and thus contributed to enhance an informed decision-making process under the Convention. Meeting documents were prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting which facilitated effective preparations and deliberations at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention was held back to back with the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention from 1 to 12 May 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. Over 1,400 participants from 177 countries and 165 observer entities gathered under the topic "Accelerating action: Targets for the sound management of chemicals and waste."</li> <li>2. The Conference adopted 27 decisions, among which eight are joint decisions on issues of common interest with the Basel and Rotterdam conventions. All information and the outcomes of the meeting are available on the meeting website.<sup>12</sup></li> <li>3. The Secretariat prepared, translated and published pre-session, in-session and post-session meeting documents and posted them on the meeting website, and intranet of the meeting as relevant. Pre-session documents were posted on the website by 20 March 2023, i.e. 6 weeks in advance of the meeting (for budget documents by 31 January 2023, i.e. 90 days before the meeting).</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation letters, registered participants and observers and organized travel of sponsored delegates. Thanks to financial contributions from the Governments of China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, over 332 delegates from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting.</li> <li>5. Conference services, interpretation, logistics and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>6. The report of the meeting is available on the meeting website.<sup>13</sup></li> <li>7. Outreach and communications activities were conducted, including web announcements, press releases and the following briefings: a briefing to the Permanent Missions in Geneva was held on 7 March 2023 and eight online briefings (webinars) on the meetings were held in English, French and Spanish on 18, 19 and 20 April 2023 and 20, 21 and 22 June 2023. The Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) covered the meetings. A Fair on Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) was held during the meetings to raise awareness on the urgency to accelerate action to meet the upcoming deadlines related to the use of PCB in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound management of liquids containing PCB and equipment contaminated with PCB by 2028.</li> <li>8. The Secretariat provided support to the Bureau and President of the Conference of the Parties during the intersessional period (see activity 7 for further information) and during the meeting.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available in languages within deadlines: 97%.</li> </ol>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs/Overview/tabid/9316/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

<sup>13</sup> <https://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP11/tabid/9310/Default.aspx>.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party to the Stockholm Convention that is a developing country or country with economy in transition in the COP (subject to the availability of resources): support was provided to over 332 delegates, taking into account the procedures for the allocation of funding set out in the annex to decision SC-5/2, with a view to ensuring adequate geographical representation of eligible regions and priority being given to the least developed countries and small island developing States.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups: 44% of Government delegations were composed of 50% or more women and 42% of chairs/co-chairs of groups at the COPs were women.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 3.2: Regional preparatory meetings for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for regional preparatory meetings were made and quality services provided. Parties and observers to the conventions were supported to prepare for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties and became familiar with the agendas and organization of work of the meetings and had the opportunity to discuss regional challenges and positions.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Four regional preparatory meetings were held to allow Parties to prepare for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties (jointly for activities 1 (BC), 2 (RC) and 3 (SC)), consider meeting documents and discuss regional positions.</li> <li>2. Thanks to the financial support from Germany and Switzerland, a total of 380 participants attended the regional preparatory meetings, including 298 representatives from 176 country Parties and 82 representatives from observer organizations. The Secretariat organized the travel of funded participants.</li> <li>3. The meetings were held as follows: (a) Asia-Pacific: 14-16 March 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand; (b) Africa: 21-23 March 2023 in Dakar, Senegal; organized with support from the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre in Senegal(c) Central and Eastern Europe: 28-30 March 2023 in Zagreb, Croatia; organized with support from the Basel Convention Regional Centre in Slovakia; (d) Latin America and the Caribbean: 28-30 March 2023 in Panama City, Panama; organized with support from the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre in Panama. Relevant outcome documents are posted on the convention's website.</li> <li>4. Staff traveled to the regional preparatory meetings to coordinate on-site arrangements, convene the meeting and deliver presentations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Travel of sponsored participants organized: Funding was provided to 225 Parties that had registered and made a request for financial support, for up to two participants per eligible country that is a Party to at least two of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings.</li> <li>3. Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to representatives of Parties and observers, as appropriate, during the meetings.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> By ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023, this activity contributed 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 improved the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties and encouraged the implementation of the Convention at all levels.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>14</sup>, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding, the Secretariat took 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 also advised the participants of any potential gender impacts of proposals developed for consideration by the COPs and took gender balance into account in proposing chairs of contact and other groups.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The meetings contributed 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 contributed to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>

<sup>14</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	557,574	549,380

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	1,083,108	1,166,111

**Supplementary budget**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	486,586	477,073

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	1,173,419	845,449

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 4</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Thirteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/19
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions VI/36 and BC-15/23 of the Basel Convention;
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Supplementary budget for 2022: Twelfth meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group</b></p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as approved by the Conference of the Parties through its supplementary budget for 2022, the twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group was held in two segments: an online segment which consisted of two online sessions held on 1 September 2020 and 3 September 2020, and a face-to-face segment which took place from 4 to 6 April 2022, in Nairobi, Kenya. The present report covers the face-to-face segment of the meeting which falls within the reporting period of 2022-2023.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the face-to-face segment of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Open-ended Working Group were made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in that segment and thus contributed to the decision-making process. Meeting documents were prepared. This allowed participants to focus the work on a set of prioritized agenda items for which progress could be achieved during the meeting and in advance of the face-to-face segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention. The Governments of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Switzerland kindly funded the participation of eligible Party delegates in the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The face-to-face segment of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group took place from 4 to 6 April 2022. Approximately 290 participants from more than 100 country Parties participated in person and online and provided updates and inputs on the various products of the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group.</li> <li>2. The Secretariat prepared, edited, translated and published pre-session, in-session and post-session meeting documents and posted them on the meeting website,<sup>15</sup> and intranet of the meeting as relevant.</li> <li>3. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation letters; registered nominated representatives from governments and observers and arranged online access participation in the face-to-face segment of the meeting.</li> <li>4. Conference services, interpretation, an online meeting platform and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>5. The report of that segment of the meeting is available on the meeting website<sup>16</sup>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available to Parties in all working languages within deadlines: 100% of working documents were made available to Parties within deadline on the website of the Convention.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting, including an access to an electronic platform for online participants to the meeting was provided.</li> <li>3. Participation of at least one representative per Party that is a developing country or country with economy in transition (subject to availability of funding): 53 eligible delegates were funded to attend the meeting.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups: 43% of representatives from Parties were women; 50% of the co-chairs during the meeting were women.</li> </ol> <p><b>Component 4.1: Thirteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group were made and quality services provided. Parties from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting and thus to contribute to the decision-making process. Meeting documents were prepared. This allowed participants to be briefed on all aspects of the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the period 2022–2023 and to provide feedback following the meeting that enabled work to advance ahead of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention. The Governments of Germany and Japan kindly funded the participation of eligible Party delegates in the meeting.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.basel.int/tabid/8403/Default.aspx>.

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.basel.int/tabid/8403/Default.aspx>.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group took place from 21 to 23 February 2023. Approximately 270 participants from more than 100 country Parties participated in person and provided updates and inputs on the various products of the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group.</li> <li>The Secretariat prepared, edited, translated and published pre-session, in-session and post-session meeting documents and posted them on the meeting website,<sup>17</sup> and intranet of the meeting as relevant.</li> <li>The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation letters; registered nominated representatives from governments and observers and arranged secure access to the online segment of the meeting.</li> <li>Conference services, interpretation, an online meeting platform and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>The report of the meeting is available on the meeting website<sup>18</sup>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of working documents made available to Parties in all working languages within deadlines: 100% of working documents were made available to Parties within deadline on the website of the Convention.</li> <li>Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>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): 80 eligible delegates were funded to attend the meeting.</li> <li>Number of men/women within delegations and chairs of contact and other groups: 46% of representatives from Parties were women; 50% of the co-chairs during the meeting were women.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG)
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> By ensuring informed participation of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in 2023, this activity contributed 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 improved the legitimacy of the decisions adopted by the Open-ended Working Group and encouraged the implementation of the Convention at all levels.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>19</sup>, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation within delegations. In allocating funding, the Secretariat took 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 also took gender balance into account in proposing chairs of contact and other groups.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is the global forum which catalyzes 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 contributed to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
334,632	252,031	-	-	-	-

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
596,260	292,889	-	-	-	-

**Supplementary budget**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.basel.int/tabid/9328/Default.aspx>.<sup>18</sup> <https://www.basel.int/tabid/9328/Default.aspx>.<sup>19</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.



290,045	201,963	-	-	-	-
<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
429,488	150,388	-	-	-	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 5</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention and orientation workshop for members of the Chemical Review Committee</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/5
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 18 (paragraph 6), Article 5 and Article 6 of the Rotterdam Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decision RC-10/5 of the Rotterdam Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 5.1: Eighteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-18) and supplementary budget for 2022: Additional day for CRC-18</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the eighteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee were made and quality services provided. CRC members from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting and thus contributed to the scientific review of chemicals considered for listing in Annex III to the Convention. Members and observers that could not participate in the meeting due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions or who tested positive for COVID-19 prior to or during the meeting were permitted to attend the meeting online. And online viewer access was additionally made available to participants upon request. Meeting documents were prepared.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The eighteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee was held in Rome, Italy on 19-23 September 2022 with a possibility for online participation as outlined above. Pre-meetings of the intersessional task groups were held on 18 September 2022. Due to the approved supplementary budget, the meeting had a duration of five days, plus the day of pre-meetings.</li> <li>2. The Committee adopted two draft decision guidance documents on iprodione and terbufos, reviewed 22 notifications of final regulatory action on amitrole, carbaryl, carbon tetrachloride, chlorfenvinphos, methidathion, methyl bromide, methyl parathion, mirex, paraquat and thiodicarb, and recommended to the Conference of the Parties listing methyl bromide and paraquat in Annex III to the Convention.</li> <li>3. All pre-session meeting documents, the report of the meeting and post-session documents were posted on the meeting website (<a href="http://www.pic.int/crc18">www.pic.int/crc18</a>).</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation and confirmation letters; registered members and observers and arranged travel for the members from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition. Seventy-four participants (29 members, 45 observers) attended the meeting.</li> <li>5. Conference services, logistics, an online meeting platform and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>6. Outreach and communications (web announcements, press releases, briefings, webinars etc.) were arranged. ENB covered the meeting.</li> <li>7. Staff of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat located in Geneva participated in the meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines: 100%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure the smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Travel of sponsored members organized: The travel of 18 members eligible for financial support was organized for a duration of 5 days plus the pre-meetings day.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women among members and as leads of intersessional task and drafting groups: Thirteen (45%) of the 29 members that attended the meeting were female; three (30%) out of ten members taking on lead roles of intersessional task and drafting groups were female; two (40%) out of five Bureau members, including the Chair of the Committee, were female.</li> </ol> <p><b>Component 5.2: Nineteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-19)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the nineteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee were made and quality services provided. CRC members from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meeting and thus to contribute to the scientific review of chemicals considered for listing in Annex III to the Convention. Meeting documents were prepared. Following the lifting of COVID-19 related travel restrictions, the meeting was held in a fully face-to-face format.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The nineteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee was held in Rome, Italy on 3-6 October 2023. Pre-meetings of the intersessional task groups were held online on 2 October 2023.</li> <li>2. The Committee adopted two draft decision guidance documents on methyl bromide and paraquat, reviewed 17 notifications of final regulatory action on bromacil, carbaryl, chlorfenvinphos, chlorpyrifos, diarsenic</li> </ol>

	<p>pentaoxide, ethion, mercury, methidathion and thiodicarb and recommended to the Conference of the Parties listing chlorpyrifos and mercury in Annex III to the Convention.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. All pre-session meeting documents, the report of the meeting and post-session documents were posted on the meeting website (<a href="http://www.pic.int/crc19">www.pic.int/crc19</a>).</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation and confirmation letters; registered members and observers and arranged travel for the members from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition. One hundred participants (28 members, 72 observers) attended the meeting.</li> <li>5. Conference services, logistics and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>6. Outreach and communications (web announcements, press releases, briefings, webinars etc.) were arranged. The Secretariat posted daily updates and pictures on the meeting intranet page.</li> <li>7. Staff of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat located in Geneva participated in the meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines: 100%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure the smooth running of the meetings.</li> <li>3. Travel of sponsored members organized: The travel of 20 members eligible for financial support was organized.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women among members and as leads of intersessional task and drafting groups: Twelve (43%) of the 28 members that attended the meeting were female; three (33%) out of nine members taking on lead roles of intersessional task and drafting groups were female; two (40%) out of five Bureau members, including the Chair of the Committee, were female.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 5.3: Chemical Review Committee (CRC) orientation workshop and other tools to support members in carrying out their work effectively</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Owing to the short time frame between the election of members at the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the eighteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee, the Secretariat was not able to conduct a face-to-face orientation workshop for new members at the rotation of the membership in 2022. Instead, two webinars were held on 13 and 14 July 2022 to support members in preparing for the work of the Committee. The webinars provided a general introduction to the work of the Committee and information on the process and criteria for reviewing notifications of final regulatory action and on the preparation of draft decision guidance documents.</li> <li>2. Subsequently, an orientation workshop for CRC members took place at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, from 6-8 March 2023. The workshop was attended by 22 of the 31 Committee's members. Plenary presentations, discussions and group exercises using case studies were held for new members to clarify their role and responsibilities in delivering expected outcomes according to the Committee's mandate and working procedures. The orientation workshop was entirely funded by FAO Regular Program resources. Staff from the Geneva part of the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention travelled to Rome to attend the workshop.</li> <li>3. Additional activities undertaken to support members to effectively participate in the work of the Committee included the organization of webinars prior to and following the meetings of the Committee, to prepare members and observers for upcoming Committee meetings and brief them on the outcomes of the work of the Committee.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Travel of sponsored members organized: The travel of 19 members eligible for financial support was organized.</li> <li>2. Facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the workshop.</li> <li>3. High level of satisfaction among incoming members: At the eighteenth meeting of the Committee, many members expressed thanks to the Secretariat for its ongoing efforts in providing technical support and training to members, with several members underlining the importance of the orientation workshop being held in person to ensure the highest levels of interaction and engagement. At the nineteenth meeting of the Committee, several members underlined the importance of the orientation workshops, while providing suggestions to enhance the usefulness of the work. These suggestions are being taken into account in the organization of future orientation workshops.</li> <li>4. Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work and in meetings: Despite challenges linked to the late nomination of members by the Conference of the Parties, which could not attend a face-to-face orientation workshop prior to the start of their term of office, the new members participated well in the intersessional work and in the meetings. Due to the limited preparatory time especially ahead of the eighteenth meeting of the Committee, lead roles in the intersessional period and during meetings were mainly carried out by members that had joined the Committee previously.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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 contributed 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> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The members of the Committee were 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 30 Committee members as of 1 May 2024, 12 were female, including the Chair of the Committee. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>20</sup>, in the nomination process of members, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation within the Committee. The Secretariat took gender balance into account in proposing chairs and drafters of intersessional task and drafting groups.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> 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 observer, the NGOs and industry are thus involved in the operations of the Committee.</p>
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**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
-	-	503,053	530,971	-	-

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
-	-	86,500	-	-	-

**Supplementary budget**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
-	-	69,184	44,688	-	-

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
-	-	-	-	-	-

**Financial and in-kind support**

Financial and in-kind support		
Basel Convention	Rotterdam Convention	Stockholm Convention
Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
-	145,792*	-

(\* ) from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome.

<sup>20</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 6</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/11
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 19 (paragraph 6) and Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decision SC-10/12 of the Stockholm Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Supplementary budget for 2022: Seventeenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-17)</b></p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as approved by the Conference of the Parties through its supplementary budget for 2022, the seventeenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) was held from 24 to 28 January 2022, in Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for POPRC-17 were made and quality services provided. POPRC members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were supported to participate in the meetings and thus contributed to the scientific review of chemicals being proposed for listing and other technical work under the Convention. Members and observers participated in the meeting either in-person or through a secure online connection. Meeting documents were timely prepared.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. POPRC-17 was held in Geneva on 24-28 January 2022 in a hybrid format. Pre-meetings were held online on 1 and 2 December 2021.</li> <li>2. The Committee adopted the risk management evaluation on methoxychlor, recommending to the Conference of the Parties the listing of this chemical in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention. The Committee also adopted two risk profiles on Dechlorane Plus and UV-328 and agreed that chlorpyrifos, chlorinated paraffins with carbon chain length of C14 and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45 per cent chlorine by weight, and long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids, their salts and related compounds met the screening criteria in Annex D. In addition, the Committee agreed on the terms of reference for the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) and reviewed an indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.</li> <li>3. All pre-session meeting documents, the report of the meeting and post-session documents were posted on the meeting website (<a href="http://www.pops.int/poprc17">www.pops.int/poprc17</a>).</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation and confirmation letters; registered members and observers and arranged travel for the members from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition. Two hundred forty-eight participants (29 members, 219 observers) attended the meeting.</li> <li>5. Conference services, interpretation, logistics, an online meeting platform and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>6. Outreach and communications (web announcements, press releases, briefings, webinars etc.) were arranged. ENB covered the meeting.</li> <li>7. Staff of the Stockholm Convention Secretariat located in Geneva participated in the meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines: 100%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings; the meeting was held in a hybrid format, with in-person participation as well as an online meeting platform.</li> <li>3. Travel of sponsored members to the seventeenth meeting were organized: The travel of 20 members eligible for financial support was organized.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women among members and as chairs of intersessional working groups: Fourteen (48%) out of 29 members attending were female and two (66%) out of three members taking on lead roles of intersessional working groups were women.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Component 6.1: Eighteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-18)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for POPRC-18 were made and quality services provided. POPRC members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were 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. Members and observers that could not participate in the meeting due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions or who tested positive for COVID-19 prior to or during the meeting were permitted to attend the meeting online, and online viewer access was additionally made available to any participants upon request. Meeting documents were timely prepared.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. POPRC-18 was held in Rome, Italy on 26-30 September 2022 with a possibility for online participation as outlined above. Pre-meetings were held online on 14 September 2022.</li> <li>2. The Committee adopted two risk management evaluations on Dechlorane Plus and UV-328, recommending to the Conference of the Parties the listing of these chemicals in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention. The Committee also adopted two risk profiles on chlorinated paraffins with carbon chain lengths in the range C14-17 and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45 per cent chlorine by weight and long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids (PFCAs), their salts and related compounds and decided to defer the risk profile for chlorpyrifos to its next meeting. In addition, the Committee undertook other technical work, namely preparing a report on information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins and a report on the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride. The Committee continued its work on the development of a draft document on long-range environmental transport.</li> <li>3. All pre-session meeting documents, the report of the meeting and post-session documents were posted on the meeting website (<a href="http://www.pops.int/poprc18">www.pops.int/poprc18</a>).</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation and confirmation letters; registered members and observers and arranged travel for the members from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition. One hundred sixty-eight participants (30 members, 138 observers) attended the meeting, out of which 2 members and one observer entity participated online.</li> <li>5. Conference services, interpretation, logistics, an online meeting platform and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> <li>6. Outreach and communications (web announcements, press releases, briefings, webinars etc.) were arranged. ENB covered the meeting.</li> <li>7. Staff of the Stockholm Convention Secretariat located in Geneva participated in the meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines: 100%</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings: 100% completed.</li> <li>3. Travel of sponsored members organized: The travel of 17 members eligible for financial support was organized.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women among members and as chairs of intersessional task and drafting groups: Eleven (37%) of the 30 members that attended the meeting were female; Four (40%) out of 10 members taking on lead roles of intersessional working groups were female.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 6.2: Nineteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-19)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for POPRC-19 were made and quality services provided. POPRC members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were 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 were timely prepared. Following the lifting of COVID-19 related travel restrictions, the meeting was held in a fully face-to-face format.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. POPRC-19 was held in Rome, Italy on 9-13 October 2023. Pre-meetings were held online on 19 September 2023.</li> <li>2. The Committee adopted the risk management evaluation on long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids and related compounds and medium-chain chlorinated paraffins, recommending to the Conference of the Parties the listing of these chemicals in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention. The Committee also adopted a risk profile on chlorpyrifos. In addition, the Committee undertook other technical work, namely it agreed on the modalities for undertaking the activities on POPs in stockpiles, products and articles in use and in waste, requested by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-11/12 and finalized a document on long-range environmental transport.</li> <li>3. All pre-session meeting documents, the report of the meeting and post-session documents were posted on the meeting website (<a href="http://www.pops.int/poprc19">www.pops.int/poprc19</a>).</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation and confirmation letters; registered members and observers and arranged travel for the members from developing country Parties and country Parties with economies in transition. One hundred twenty-three participants (27 members, 96 observers) attended the meeting.</li> <li>5. Conference services, interpretation, logistics and other practical arrangements for the meeting were provided.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Outreach and communications (web announcements, press releases, briefings, webinars etc.) were arranged. The Secretariat posted daily updates and pictures on the meeting intranet page.</li> <li>7. Staff of the Stockholm Convention Secretariat located in Geneva participated in the meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of working documents made available to members and observers within deadlines: 100%.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings: 100% completed.</li> <li>3. Travel of sponsored members organized: The travel of 17 members eligible for financial support was organized.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women among members and as chairs of intersessional task and drafting groups: Ten (37%) of the 27 members that attended the meeting were female; Four (40%) out of 10 members taking on lead roles of intersessional working groups were female.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 6.3: Provision of orientation to incoming POPRC members and participation of additional experts supporting the work of the Committee</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The incoming members gained a clear understanding of the POPRC processes and were able to fully participate in the intersessional work and future meetings of the Committee thereby facilitating a smooth rotation of the membership. Specific expertise was provided through invited experts, as necessary, thus supporting the work of the POPRC.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On 13 September 2022, the Secretariat organized an orientation webinar for the 17 new members of the POPRC. These members had been appointed at the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in June 2022. The orientation webinar provided basic information on the process for reviewing chemicals proposed for listing under the Stockholm Convention, and an opportunity for sharing the experience of members who have been in the Committee.</li> <li>2. The 14 new members who were appointed at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties in May 2023 and who started their term of office in May 2024 were invited to attend POPRC-19 as observers. Twelve of them attended the meeting and travel was arranged for six of them who were eligible for funding. They were provided with the opportunity to participate in the meeting before their terms of office started, interacting with the current and out-going members and following the chemicals under review by the Committee. They also followed an orientation session during the meeting to get themselves familiarized with the mandates, working procedures, processes and topics on the agenda of the Committee. Financial support for the participation of the incoming POPRC members was provided by the Governments of Norway and Sweden.</li> <li>3. Invite experts to the POPRC meetings (subject to the availability of resources) – Experts from ENB participated in POPRC-17 and POPRC-18 to cover the meetings.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Travel of sponsored incoming members whose terms of office start in May 2024 organized: The travel of six incoming members was organized.</li> <li>2. Facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting: 100% completed.</li> <li>3. Level of participation of new members in the intersessional work and in meetings: 100%</li> <li>4. Contributions made by invited experts during the meeting of the Committee: 100%</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Conference Services, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> In reviewing the chemicals proposed for listing in the annexes to the Stockholm Convention, the Committee highly relied 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 contributed 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> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The members of the Committee were 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 31 Committee members as of 1 May 2024, 12 are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>21</sup>, in the nomination process of members and experts, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation within the Committee. The Secretariat took gender balance into account in proposing chairs and drafters of intersessional working groups.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The work of the Committee contributed 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, participated in the work of the Committee and provided information and comments on the chemicals under review. As observer, the NGOs and industry were thus involved in the operations of the Committee.</p>

<sup>21</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	912,722	984,904

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	84,709	134,968

**Supplementary budget**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	637,192	595,981

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	29,016	-



<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 7</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Individual and joint meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	N/A
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>COP decision(s):</b> 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
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p>Over the period 2022-2023, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following segments of / meetings of the conferences of the Parties were held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The face-to-face segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties was held from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva; with the online segment of the meetings held from 26 to 30 July 2021;</li> <li>• The 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties were held from 1 to 12 May 2023 in Geneva.</li> </ul> <p>The organization of the meetings of the bureaux took place according to the scheduling of the above meetings of the conferences of the Parties.</p> <p><b>Component 7.1: Individual meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the three individual meetings of the bureaux for the 2021/2022 and 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties were made and quality services provided. Members of the bureaux were able to provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on preparations for the 2021/2022 and 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties. Meeting documents were prepared.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p><b>2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties:</b></p> <p>The bureaux of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties held their respective individual bureaux meetings in June 2020. For further details on those meetings and associated costs, please refer to the report on the implementation of the programmes of work and budgets for the biennium 2020–2021.</p> <p><b>2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties:</b></p> <p><b>Basel Convention Bureau meeting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention was held on 11 October 2022, in Geneva.</li> <li>2. The meeting was attended by the President of the Conference of the Parties, eight Vice-Presidents and two ex-officio members of Bureau, i.e. the Chair of the Implementation and Compliance Committee and one of the co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group.</li> <li>3. Documents for the Bureau meeting were made available on the Basel Convention website<sup>22</sup> in September 2022.</li> <li>4. The Bureau discussed, among other things, preparations for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention held from 1 to 12 May 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland.</li> <li>5. The meeting report is available on the meeting website.<sup>23</sup></li> </ol> <p><b>Rotterdam Convention Bureau meeting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention was held on 25 October 2022, in Geneva.</li> <li>2. The meeting was attended by the President of the Conference of the Parties, four Vice-Presidents and the two ex-officio members of Bureau, i.e. the Chair of the Chemical Review Committee and Vice-chair of the Compliance Committee.</li> <li>3. Documents for the Bureau meeting were made available on the Rotterdam Convention website<sup>24</sup> in September 2022;</li> <li>4. The Bureau discussed, among other things, preparations for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention to be held from 1 to 12 May 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland.</li> <li>5. The meeting report is available on the meeting website<sup>25</sup>.</li> </ol>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.basel.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Bureau/COP16Bureau2022/tabid/9245/Default.aspx>.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.pic.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Bureau/COP11Bureau2022/tabid/9250/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

	<p><b>Stockholm Convention Bureau meeting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention was held on 27 October 2022, in Geneva.</li> <li>2. The meeting was attended by the President of the Conference of the Parties and eight Vice-Presidents and the ex-officio Bureau member, i.e. the Interim Chair of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee.</li> <li>3. Documents for the Bureau meeting were made available on the Stockholm Convention website<sup>26</sup> in September 2022;</li> <li>4. The Bureau discussed, among other things, preparations for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention to be held from 1 to 12 May 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland</li> <li>5. The meeting report is available on the meeting website<sup>27</sup>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions organized: 100% completed.</li> <li>2. Documentation for the meetings, including meetings reports, available: 100% completed.</li> <li>3. Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to bureaux members during the meetings.</li> <li>4. Number of men/women elected as bureaux members: 5 out of 10 members (50%) of the Bureau of the 2023 Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention were women; 2 out of 5 members (40%) of the Bureau of the 2023 Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention were women; 3 out of 10 members (30%) of the Bureau of the 2023 Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention were women; two out of three Presidents (67%) of the conferences of the Parties were women.<sup>28</sup></li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 7.2: Joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the joint meetings of the bureaux of the 2021/2022 and 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions were made and quality services provided. Members of the bureaux were able to provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on the organization of 2021/2022 and 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties. Meeting documents were prepared.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p><b>2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions met jointly on several occasions to consider the implications of COVID-19 on the meetings, decide to hold the meetings in two segments and then agree on arrangements for holding the online segment of the meetings and then the face-to-face segment. Further details on the joint meetings of the bureaux held in 2020 and 2021 are set out in the report on the implementation of the programmes of work for 2020-2021. In 2022, the bureaux held a joint meeting on 1-2 February 2022 (face to face) and 6 May 2022 (online) in order to plan for the face-to-face and high-level segments of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in June 2022.</li> <li>2. Regarding the meeting on 1-2 February 2022, it was attended by all 15 invited bureaux members.<sup>29</sup></li> <li>3. Documents for the joint bureaux meeting were made available on the synergies website in January 2022.</li> <li>4. The bureaux members discussed the practical arrangements for the organization of the face-to-face segment of the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, taking into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>5. The meetings reports are available on the meetings website<sup>30</sup>.</li> </ol> <p><b>2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The three bureaux of the conferences of the Parties for the 2023 meetings held their joint meeting on 18 and 19 January 2023, in Geneva.</li> <li>2. The meeting was attended by all 15 invited bureaux members.<sup>31</sup></li> <li>3. Documents for the joint bureaux meeting were made available on the synergies website in December 2023.</li> <li>4. The bureaux members discussed the organization of work of the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties.</li> <li>5. The meeting report is available on the meetings website<sup>32</sup>.</li> </ol>

<sup>26</sup> <https://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Bureau/COP11Bureau2022/tabid/9246/Default.aspx>

<sup>27</sup> Ibid.

<sup>28</sup> Number of men/women elected as bureaux members for the 2020/2021 meetings is provided in the report on implementation of the programmes of work and budget for 2020/2021.

<sup>29</sup> In accordance with decisions BC-11/25 and SC-6/29, five of the ten members of the Basel and Stockholm conventions bureaux of the conferences of the Parties attended the joint bureaux meeting. A process was put in place by the Basel and Stockholm conventions bureaux to select these members, based on a number of criteria, including the availability of members to participate in the joint bureaux meeting, regional and sub-regional balance among bureaux members and gender balance.

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/8980/> and <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9157/>.

<sup>31</sup> In accordance with decisions BC-11/25 and SC-6/29.

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9326/>.

	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint meeting of the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions organized: 100% complete;</li> <li>2. Documentation for the meeting, including meeting report, available: 100% complete;</li> <li>3. Effective support was provided by the Secretariat to bureaux members during the meeting;</li> <li>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: 6 out of 15 members (40%) selected to participate in the joint meeting of the bureaux were women.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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 activity contributed 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 contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>33</sup>, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation during the elections of officers. In addition, pursuant to decision BC-11/25 and SC-6/29, only 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 used to assist the bureaux in identifying these five members could include, among others, consideration of gender balance.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The meetings contributed 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 contributed to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>

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<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
42,834	25,540	29,199	19,331	37,363	31,075

  

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>33</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 10</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Meeting of the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/12
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention</b> Article 15 of the Basel Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions VI/12, BC-13/9, BC-13/24, BC-14/15, BC-14/29 and BC-15/17 of the Basel Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 10.1: Fifteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the 15th meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC-15, 14-17 November 2022) were 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 was organized and meeting documents were prepared.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepared and published pre-session meeting documents in consultation/cooperation with ICC members as appropriate.</li> <li>2. Organized pre-meetings and informal consultations.</li> <li>3. Prepared and dispatched invitations; register participants and observers.</li> <li>4. Made arrangements for the meeting venue (hospitality and equipment).</li> <li>5. Organized the travel of sponsored members.</li> <li>6. Thanks to the generous financial support provided by Japan, organized the travel of sponsored Party representatives.</li> <li>7. Prepared outreach and communications (web announcement, briefings etc.).</li> <li>8. Coordinated the meeting and provide assistance to the Chair and Bureau.</li> <li>9. Prepared the meeting report.</li> <li>10. Conducted follow up communications with members, Parties and observers as decided by the Committee.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting documents prepared in consultation/cooperation with Committee members as appropriate and as per agreed deadlines: 100% complete.</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting.</li> <li>3. Travel of sponsored members organized: The travel of 13 members was organized.</li> <li>4. Travel of Party representatives organized (subject to the availability of resources): The travel of five Party representatives was organized.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	N/A if meeting held in Geneva
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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 contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> 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 15 Committee members during the period 2022-2023, 7 were male and 8 are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>34</sup>, in the nomination process of members, the Secretariat has encouraged a balanced gender representation within the Committee.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The meetings can contribute to catalyzing 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, participated in the open sessions of the fifteenth meeting of the Committee (see the list of participants in document UNEP/CHW/CC.15/INF/10).</p>

<sup>34</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

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<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
39,302	32,682	-	-	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
46,070	15,325	-	-	-	-

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<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
39,534	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
47,022	-	-	-	-	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 11</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/14
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention</b> Article 17 of the Rotterdam Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions RC-9/7 and RC-10/11 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 11.1: First meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b>  Arrangements for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee (CC) were made and quality services provided. Travel of CC members from developing-countries and countries with economies in transition were organized and meeting documents prepared.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first meeting of the Compliance Committee was held in Geneva from 16 to 18 November 2023;</li> <li>2. All pre-session meeting documents and the report of the meeting were made available on the Convention website<sup>35</sup>;</li> <li>3. Informal consultations were organised online and on the sidelines of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for members;</li> <li>4. The Secretariat prepared and dispatched invitation and confirmation letters; registered participants and observers and arranged for travel for members from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition. Fifteen participants (12 members, 3 observers) attended the meeting;</li> <li>5. Appropriate arrangements were made for the meeting venue (hospitality and equipment);</li> <li>6. Outreach and communications were made prior to, during and following the meeting (web announcements, social media, webinar briefings etc.);</li> <li>7. Coordination and assistance from the team in Geneva and in Rome was provided to the meeting, the Chair and Bureau prior to, during and following the meeting;</li> <li>8. Regular communications were ensured with members, Parties and observers as decided by the Committee.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting documents prepared in consultation/cooperation with Committee members as appropriate and as per agreed deadlines: 100%;</li> <li>2. Meeting facilities and services were provided to ensure smooth running of the meetings;</li> <li>3. Travel of sponsored members organized: Travel of 8 members was organized;</li> <li>4. Travel of Party representatives organized (subject to the availability of resources): No funding was received and the Committee did not consider any specific submissions at its first meeting</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	FAO as the meeting was held in FAO Headquarters in Rome
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> 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 Plan<sup>36</sup>, in the nomination process of members, the Secretariat encouraged a balanced gender representation within the Committee.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> 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, participated in the open sessions of the meetings of the Committee.</p>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.pic.int/tabid/9275/>.

<sup>36</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

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<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	39,302	25,682	-	-
<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	8,130	-	-	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 12</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>From science to action: support coordination among the scientific bodies of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/25–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/21–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/25
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>COP decision(s):</b> BC-15/28, BC-14/25 of the Basel Convention, RC-10/17, RC-9/13 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-10/24, SC-9/23 of the Stockholm Convention; Synergies decisions (BC-IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34)
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 12.1: From Science to Action</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors in the policy process was enhanced to support more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Workshops were organized to support Parties in enhancing interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors in the policy process.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of pilot projects for enhancing interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors in the policy process implemented: The Secretariat received financial resources to organize workshops to support Parties in enhancing interaction between scientists, policymakers, and other actors in the policy process. These workshops were held in Barcelona for the Mediterranean sub-region from 17 to 20 October 2022 and in Buenos Aires for the GRULAC region from 12 to 14 April 2024.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 12.2: Coordination among the scientific bodies of the BRS conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The collaboration and cooperation among the scientific bodies of the conventions were enhanced 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 were achieved.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Secretariat ensured coordination in the organization of the meetings and briefings of the scientific bodies.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meetings of the scientific bodies and briefings held in a coordinated manner: Briefings for the Chemical Review Committee and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee were organized in a coordinated manner before and after the CRC-18/POPRC-18 meetings in 2022 and the CRC-19/POPRC-19 meetings in 2023.</li> <li>2. Information and expertise shared among scientific bodies: Information and expertise was shared between the Chemical Review Committee and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, in particular in regard to the indicative lists of substances covered by the listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds and in the review of notifications of final regulatory action relating to chlorpyrifos under consideration by the Chemicals Review Committee, which was also under review by the POPs Review Committee.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	Members and observers of the subsidiary bodies, FAO, UNEP
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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 facilitated achieving this goal.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The implementation phase of the roadmap has been taking into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender was considered when specific activities were designed and during their implementation and evaluation in any follow-up projects.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> This activity was 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 contributed 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, participated in the work of the Committee and provided information and comments on the chemicals under review. As observers, the NGOs and industry were involved in the operations of the scientific bodies.</p>



**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
40,000	22,350	40,000	22,350	40,000	22,350

## 2. Technical assistance and capacity-building

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 13</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/16–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/13
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> 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><b>COP decision(s):</b> BC-15/20, BC-14/17, BC-15/21, BC-14/18, BC-15/25, B-14/21, BC-15/27, BC-14/24, BC-13/20 of the Basel Convention; RC-8/13, RC-9/8RC-9/9, RC-9/12, RC-10/12, , RC-10/14, RC-10/16, of the Rotterdam Convention; SC-8/23, SC-9/14SC-9/19, SC-9/22, SC-10/15, SC-10/21, SC-10/23 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 13.1: Technical Assistance Plan</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Meetings of the Secretariat’s technical assistance focal points were organized on a regular basis, to facilitate coherent and coordinated approach to technical assistance under the three conventions from the Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff involved in technical assistance shared information about requests and responses.</li> <li>2. The technical assistance plan for the period 2022-2025 was made available to relevant stakeholders by various means on the websites<sup>37</sup>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical assistance needs database is reflecting the most recent data.</li> <li>2. Various technical assistance service providers are guided by the Technical Assistance Plan for 2022-2025: workshops and online events such as webinars and projects were implemented. Information on these activities is available in the various websites of the conventions.</li> </ol> <p><b>Component 13.2: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Legal and institutional frameworks</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional and/or national training activities: Trainings were organised on legal frameworks and international trade control measures under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, as well as enforcement, prevention and combatting of illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes in online, hybrid and in-person formats for 4 regions and sub-regions (see 13.3 below);</li> <li>2. Participation in activities by partners: Cooperation with the UNEP Law Division to deliver a capacity building workshop for national focal points of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and the Montevideo Programme V to facilitate implementation of Biodiversity and Chemicals and Waste MEAs.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained on developing legal and institutional frameworks through national and/or regional activities: 46 Parties from Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Eastern Europe (please see 13.3 below);</li> <li>2. Number of activities organized by partners aimed at assisting Parties develop legal and institutional frameworks in which the Secretariat participated: one;</li> <li>3. Number of expert/consultant support provided for development of tools: 0.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>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</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></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>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/Implementation/TechnicalAssistance/Technicalassistanceplan/tabid/8495/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

	<p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional and/or national training activities (subject to the availability of resources): Regional training for Asia on legal frameworks and international trade control measures under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, as well as enforcement, prevention and combatting of illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes (online 2022);</li> <li>2. Regional training on legal frameworks and international trade control measures under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, as well as enforcement, prevention and combatting of illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes for the Pacific region (Online and face-to-face, 2022);</li> <li>3. Regional training for English-speaking countries in West Africa on legal frameworks and international trade control measures under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, as well as enforcement, prevention and combatting of illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes (face-to-face, 2022).</li> <li>4. Participation in activities by partners (subject to the availability of resources): Support for the Regional Training for the prevention and prosecution of illicit trafficking in chemicals and hazardous waste in the Latin America and the Caribbean region jointly organized by the Basel Convention Regional Centre for the South American Region in Argentina (BCRC Argentina) and Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Central America Sub-region including Mexico in Panama (BCRC Panama);</li> <li>5. Development of tools (subject to the availability of resources): E-learning course for enforcement officers on hazardous chemicals and waste under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions developed in cooperation with the World Customs Organization in English, French and Russian updating the 2014 version of the Enforcement manual for the three conventions;</li> <li>6. Development of case studies (subject to the availability of resources): National Projects in Papua New Guinea, the State of Palestine, and Turkmenistan to review, enhance and harmonize legal frameworks for the implementation of the three Conventions; and prevent and combat illegal traffic and trade of hazardous chemicals and wastes.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained on preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade: 46 Parties from Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Eastern Europe.</li> <li>2. Number of activities organized by partners aimed at assisting Parties prevent and combat illegal traffic in trade, in which the Secretariat participated: one.</li> <li>3. Number of Parties that received country-level support to prevent and combat illegal traffic in trade: three Parties.</li> <li>4. Number of case studies from different regions on practices dealing with preventing and combating illegal traffic prepared: three.</li> <li>5. Number of tools and training materials developed to assist Parties in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade: two, including one of them is e-learning course with 6 modules in three UN languages.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>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</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Advancements were achieved in building capacities for active participation of Parties in the process of reviewing and listing new chemicals.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In conjunction with PoW 12, two regional workshops were conducted to enhance the effective participation of Parties in the process of reviewing and listing new chemicals: one in Barcelona for the Mediterranean subregion in October 2022 and another in Buenos Aires for GRULAC in April 2023.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained on the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: A total of 26 Parties were trained on the process for reviewing and listing new chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 13.5: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Sustainable Development Goals</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Country-level support for mainstreaming BRS conventions into development plans and/or the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (subject to the availability of resources): No resources were made available.</li> <li>2. Country-level support for strengthening data collection for the SDG indicators framework and BRS conventions (subject to the availability of resources): No resources were made available.</li> <li>3. Participation in partners' activities (subject to the availability of resources): none.</li> </ol>

	<p>4. Development of training materials (subject to the availability of resources): Development of the e-learning module on the SDGs and the BRS conventions, which is made available through UNITAR's e-learning portal.<sup>38</sup></p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework: one.</li> <li>2. Number of follow up activities implemented at the national level to assist individual Parties with data collection under SDGs indicators and BRS conventions: 0.</li> <li>3. Number of outreach materials developed on SDGs and BRS conventions: one.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 13.6: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Chairs and negotiators training</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The activity contributed to strengthening 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two trainings for potential chairs and negotiators for meetings of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions were organized in Geneva on 6-8 and 8-10 February 2023 respectively thanks to the generous financial contributions from the Governments of Germany and Switzerland. The three-day training workshops, combined with an online training component, aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of government officials to effectively chair and negotiate at various types of meetings across the three conventions.<sup>39</sup></li> <li>2. The online training course for chairs of meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm conventions was enhanced by incorporating interviews from experienced BRS chairs and negotiators to provide perspectives and best practices of past chairs and BRS delegates, as well as animations to illustrate various processes under the conventions. The upgraded version has been prepared thanks to the generous financial contribution from the Government of Germany and in cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (InforMEA).<sup>40</sup></li> <li>3. The Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions participated as an expert panelist in the UNITAR-UNEP Joint Training Programme on Negotiation Skills and Techniques, Drafting Skills and Multilateral Conference Diplomacy, and Capacity Building through Peer Learning on Wednesday, 13 September 2023.<sup>41</sup></li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained on chairing meetings of the BRS conventions: 39 participants from 34 Parties were trained on chairing and negotiating in BRS meetings.</li> <li>2. Number of Parties trained on negotiations under the BRS conventions: 39 participants from 34 Parties were trained on chairing and negotiating in BRS meetings.</li> <li>3. Number of online training tools on negotiations and chairing skills developed: the online training course for chairs of meetings under the three conventions was upgraded with new features, namely interviews from experienced chairs and animations.</li> <li>4. Number of Parties trained using the online training tools: 69.</li> <li>5. Number of activities by partners on chairs and negotiators training in which the Secretariat participated: The Secretariat participated in one activity organized by a partner, the UNITAR-UNEP Joint Training Programme on Negotiation Skills and Techniques, Drafting Skills and Multilateral Conference Diplomacy, and Capacity Building through Peer Learning.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 13.7: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Gender</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to gender activities.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Case studies in Kenya and Tunisia identified and highlighted the different impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes on men and women. The case studies also included recommendations on the integration of gender</li> </ol>

<sup>38</sup> <https://event.unitar.org/full-catalog/basel-rotterdam-and-stockholm-conventions-and-their-linkages-sustainable-development>.

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9353/Default.aspx>.

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9631/Default.aspx>.

<sup>41</sup> <https://indico.un.org/event/1005358/>.

	<p>considerations in the implementation of the BRS conventions. Training was incorporated in the case study activities.</p> <p>2. The Secretariat participated in activities by partners on gender mainstreaming. Such partners included UNEP, GEF Gender Partnership, the multistakeholder partnership on gender, chemicals and waste, among others.</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of case studies developed to identify and highlight the different impacts of hazardous chemicals and wastes on men and women: 2 case studies were produced, including a documentary.<sup>42</sup></li> <li>2. Number of projects implemented to enhance the systematic integration of gender considerations in the implementation of the BRS conventions: Funding not available.</li> <li>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: Training was incorporated in the case study activities.</li> <li>4. Top-up funding available if regional centres include a gender element in Small Grants Programme projects: Funding not available.</li> <li>5. Number of expert/consultant support provided for the development of materials and data collection: Funding not available.</li> <li>6. Number of activities by partners on gender mainstreaming in which the Secretariat participated: The Secretariat participated in 8 webinars and 5 side events during the reporting period.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 13.8: Enhancing legal and governance capacities to implement and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: Emergencies</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Strengthened legal and governance capacities to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with regard to emergencies.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expert support to respond to emergencies, in cooperation with JEU of UNEP and OCHA, was not provided because no assistance to respond to emergencies in the scope of the BRS Conventions was requested.</li> <li>2. One workshop on prevention, preparedness and response to hazardous chemicals and wastes emergencies took place in Lagos, Nigeria, from 31 January to 2 February 2023.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties that received assistance in case of emergencies, in cooperation with UNEP Joint Environment Unit: 0</li> <li>2. Number of Parties trained on emergency preparedness and response: 11 Parties.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	<p>The activity was 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 were consulted on the activity when relevant. IOMC organizations were 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, were welcomed to participate in the activity.</p>
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The project supported 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 contributed 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 supported 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> A predominant aim of the activities on gender was to support the implementation of SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. These activities promoted 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><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The capacity development activities were also supportive of the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and waste, as they promoted industry involvement and mainstreaming of the objectives of the conventions into the broader development agenda.</p>

<sup>42</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/Implementation/Gender/Countrycasestudies/KenyaandTunisia/tabid/9563/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
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<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
516,311	93,514	606,291	166,966	606,298	93,514

**Financial and in-kind support**

<b>Financial and in-kind support</b>		
<b>Basel Convention</b>	<b>Rotterdam Convention</b>	<b>Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	130,000*	-

(\*) from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 14</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Training and capacity development activities under the Basel Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/16–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/13
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Articles:</b> Articles 4, 10 and 16 of the Basel Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> BC-15/21, BC-14/18 of the Basel Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<b>Component 14.1: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: General</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Resources were not made available for general training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes. <b>Activities implemented:</b> None. Resources were not made available.
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general: None. Resources were not made available.</li> <li>Number of Parties that received assistance through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general: None. Resources were not made available.</li> <li>Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in general: None. Resources were not made available.</li> <li>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: None. Resources were not made available.</li> <li>Number of activities organized by partners on the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes in which the Secretariat participated: None. Resources were not made available.</li> </ol>
	<b>Component 14.2: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: e-waste</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> 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. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seven projects on ESM of e-waste, including their TBM were funded and were implemented in cooperation with the Follow-up Partnership to PACE/PACE II. The projects were implemented in cooperation with the Basel Convention Regional Centre (BCRC) Argentina, the BCRC Trinidad and Tobago, the BCRC Indonesia, the BCRC China, the BCRC Slovakia, the BCRC Senegal and the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre (BCCC) Nigeria.</li> <li>Webinar session on the Technical Guidelines on TBM of e-waste for the celebrations of International E-waste Day 2022 and 2023.</li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of e-waste: More than 1000 persons were trained during the awareness raising and training events organized in the context of the projects.</li> <li>Number of Parties that received assistance through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of e-waste: 20 countries received assistance through projects.</li> <li>Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of e-waste: the cases studies are under development and will be published as success stories in the biennium 2024-2025.</li> <li>Number of training and awareness raising tools and materials on the prevention and ESM of e-waste developed and disseminated: Disseminated training materials and technical guidelines of PACE, MPPI and the TGs on TBM of e-waste (13 guidelines and guidance disseminated). The e-waste Challenge MOOC was updated and is scheduled to be launched in the biennium 2024-2025.</li> </ol>

**Component 14.3: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: POPs wastes**

**Outcomes achieved:**

No activities in this area were organized in the reporting period.

**Activities implemented:**

No activities in this area were organized in the reporting period.

**Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:**

No activities in this area were organized in the reporting period.

**Component 14.4: Training and capacity building for the prevention and ESM of hazardous and other wastes: Plastic waste and household waste**

**Outcomes achieved:**

Progress was made in enhancing the capacity of Parties to prevent and manage plastic waste and household waste in an environmentally sound manner. This included advancements in strengthening legal frameworks and providing training on the technical guidelines, ESM toolkit, and other guidance materials developed under the Convention.

**Activities implemented:**

1. Project 'Marine litter and microplastics: promoting the environmentally sound management of plastic waste and achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of plastic waste' in Ghana.
2. Project 'Marine litter and microplastics: promoting the environmentally sound management of plastic waste and achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of plastic waste' in Sri Lanka.
3. 'Global workshop on plastic waste: Strengthening capacities to implement the Basel Convention'; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; 27-28 June 2023.
4. Development of the Teachers' Manual and the Students' Workbook on plastic waste.
5. 'Formal and informal collection and recycling systems of waste PET bottles – case studies in urban and suburban areas of Sri Lanka.
6. Update and translation into French and Spanish of the e-learning course "Plastic Waste and the Basel Convention".
7. Strengthening knowledge and capacity to prevent and reduce releases of plastic waste in Malawi and Zimbabwe.
8. Testing and feedback report on the draft overall guidance on ESM of household waste in the Guanapo Landfill, Trinidad and Tobago.
9. Project 'Plastic Waste in Remote and Mountainous Areas' in North Macedonia, enhanced the capacity, infrastructure, knowledge and expertise of relevant decision-makers regarding the environmentally sound management (ESM) of plastic waste and the reduction of the generation of plastic waste.
10. Development of educational and awareness raising materials on prevention and minimization of plastic waste in the remote and mountainous areas, including videos (English, Macedonian, Albanian), brochures, stickers, and posters.

**Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):**

1. Number of persons trained on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste: 1,143.
2. Number of Parties that received assistance through pilot projects on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste: 6.
3. Number of case studies developed on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste: 1.
4. Number of training and awareness raising tools and materials on the prevention and ESM of plastic waste and household waste developed and disseminated: 3.

**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 achieved:**

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.

**Activities implemented:**

1. Project "Enhancing the ESM of used and waste lead-acid batteries in Latin America", including training tools development for the Follow-up Partnership to PACE/PACE II. (ongoing).

**Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):**

1. 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: 7 countries in Latin America.



	<p><b>Component 14.6: Training and capacity building to control transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Increased capacities of Parties to implement the procedures for controlling transboundary movement of hazardous and other wastes under the Basel Convention.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relevant information on activities is included in the documents UNEP/CHW/ENFORCE.7/INF/3 for 2022 and UNEP/CHW/ENFORCE.8/INF/3 for 2023 prepared in the context of ENFORCE.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained on the control procedures for transboundary movements, e.g. in relation to the plastic waste amendments and with respect to e-waste: 25 Parties.</li> <li>2. Number of Parties trained on preventing and combating illegal traffic: 25 Parties.</li> <li>3. Number of follow up activities at the national level to assist individual Parties to implement the Plastic Waste Amendments and to control e-waste transboundary movements, including through strengthened national legal and institutional frameworks and preventing and combating illegal traffic: 5.</li> <li>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: 7.</li> <li>5. Number of training activities undertaken by others to assist Parties in implementing the control procedures for transboundary movements in which the Secretariat participated: 28.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 14.7: National reporting under the Basel Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Strengthened capacity of Parties to report under Basel Convention and improved availability and quality of relevant data to perform various assessments, including review of Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional workshop on national reporting under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions and inventory of plastic waste was held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 18-21 April 2023.</li> <li>2. Pilot test guidance on inventory of plastic waste undertaken in 8 countries.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties that are trained on national reporting under the Basel Convention: 10.</li> <li>2. Number of guidance documents on inventories pilot tested: 1.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	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.
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The project contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> All technical assistance activities took into consideration social issues and gender equality. Gender was considered when specific activities are designed and during the implementation of activities and their evaluation. A basic gender analysis was conducted for gender relevant activities as part of the design phase.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> This activity was 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.</p>

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
5,880,094	1,878,530	-	-	-	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 15</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Training and capacity development activities under the Rotterdam Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/16–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/13
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19 and 21 of the Rotterdam Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions RC-10/4, RC-9/1, RC-10/12, RC-9/8 of the Rotterdam Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<b>Component 15.1: Strengthening of chemicals management</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Capacity of Parties to strengthen chemicals management under the Rotterdam Convention enhanced and implementing strategies drafted. <b>Activities implemented:</b> UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/17 provides a report on technical assistance activities carried out in 2022. In 2022, the Secretariat undertook 2 projects, 15 workshops and 14 training webinars; 189 persons were trained (51 % women). In 2023, the Secretariat undertook a total of 25 Rotterdam Convention technical assistance activities, of which 2 projects, 17 workshops and 6 training webinars. 711 persons were trained (48 % women). The activities covered a range of topics such as strengthening legal and institutional frameworks to implement the Convention and chemicals management capacity, drafting of implementation strategies, notifications of final regulatory actions (FRAs), the PIC procedure, including import responses, export notifications, capacity to propose severely hazardous pesticide formulations (SHPFs), and monitoring and reporting pesticide incidents and identification of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs), thus cutting across the components of this PoW Activity 15.
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b> 1. Number of Parties trained on the chemicals management under the Rotterdam Convention and drafting of implementation strategies: 27.
	<b>Component 15.2: Notification of final regulatory actions</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Decision-making on chemicals management was improved through strengthened capacity for the development, review and updating of legal and institutional frameworks and for risk evaluation of industrial chemicals, pesticides and SHPF; contributed to enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention with a focus on the provisions in Article 5 and Article 6 of the Rotterdam Convention. In the biennium 2022-2023, the Secretariat received 76 notifications of FRAs and 4 proposals for inclusion of a SHPF. <b>Activities implemented:</b> UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/17 provides a report on technical assistance activities carried out in 2022. In 2022, the Secretariat undertook 2 projects, 15 workshops and 14 training webinars; 189 persons were trained (51 % women). In 2023, the Secretariat undertook a total of 25 Rotterdam Convention technical assistance activities, of which 2 projects, 17 workshops and 6 training webinars. 711 persons were trained (48 % women).
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b> 1. Number of country level activities implemented to assist Parties with their legal and institutional frameworks and their capacity to evaluate the risk or hazard of industrial chemicals, pesticides and severely hazardous pesticide formulations: 7. 2. Number of tools and training materials developed to assist Parties in developing legal frameworks or in developing their capacity for scientifically sound decision making on FRAs: 0.
	<b>Component 15.3: PIC procedure, including import responses, and export notifications</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Control of international trade was improved through strengthened capacity for the development, review and updating of legal and institutional frameworks and for risk evaluation of industrial chemicals, pesticides and SHPF; contributed to enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention with a focus on the provisions in Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13; cooperation among DNAs, customs and other stakeholders was strengthened; customs were trained on their role in implementing the Convention. In the biennium 2022-2023, the Secretariat received 304 import responses (121 for pesticides, 7 for SHPF and 176 for industrial chemicals). <b>Activities implemented:</b> UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/17 provides a report on technical assistance activities carried out in 2022. In 2022, the Secretariat undertook 2 projects, 15 workshops and 14 training webinars; 189 persons were trained (51 % women). In 2023, the Secretariat undertook a total of 25 Rotterdam Convention technical assistance activities, of

	<p>which 2 projects, 17 workshops and 6 training webinars. 711 persons were trained (48 % women). The activities covered among others the PIC procedure, including import responses, and export notifications.</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained on the Convention's PIC procedure and export requirements, in particular under Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13: 34.</li> <li>2. Number of follow up activities implemented at the national level to assist Parties establish or strengthen national frameworks, combat illegal trade, and strengthen coordination and cooperative mechanisms among DNAs, customs and other key stakeholders: 0.</li> <li>3. Number of tools and training materials developed to assist Parties: 0.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>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)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Parties were assisted in setting up frameworks to systematically collect, evaluate and report information pursuant to Article 6 and Annex IV of the Convention related to SHPFs; an integrated approach to pesticide management was promoted in the identification of SHPFs and HHPs at the national level; Parties were assisted in identifying pesticides of relevance to Article 5 and Article 6 of the Convention as well as in the identification and validation of sustainable and economically viable alternatives, methods and practices; information exchange among Parties on sustainable alternatives was continuously promoted.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>Between 2022 – 2023, 2 projects were funded by the RC and implemented by local Service Providers on Collection and Analysis of Data on pesticide poisoning incidents in farming communities, one in Suriname and the other one in Belize and 1 Project in 2022 on Environment risks assessment of hazardous pesticides in Togo. The links of the final narrative reports are in the following link: <a href="#">Projects (pic.int)</a></p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of proposals for listing SHPF submitted by Parties: 0.</li> <li>2. Number of information documents on alternatives developed: 0.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 15.5: Leveraging impact from cooperation with FAO Pest and Pesticide Management</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Strengthened cooperation with FAO Pest and Pesticide Management Team 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 got access to tools and training materials on specific issues relevant to the Rotterdam Convention. Vulnerable groups were made aware of risks related to pesticides and their exposure is reduced.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>In 2023, The FAO Pest and Pesticide Management division gave 3 workshops on the FAO Pesticide registration toolkit; the target audience was the RC Designated National Authorities and staff involved in pesticide registration.</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained on the Rotterdam Convention requirements under Article 6 in relation to SHPF and HHPs: 20.</li> <li>2. Number of countries 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: 4.</li> <li>3. Tools and training materials are developed to assist 10 Parties in conducting Farmer Field Schools on agro-ecosystem approaches and Integrated Pest Management: 0.</li> <li>4. Number of countries strengthened at the national level in reducing child labour and reducing exposure of vulnerable groups to pesticides in agricultural production: 100.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	WHO, UNEP (including the Chemicals and Waste Branch, regional offices etc.), FAO regional, subregional and country offices, FAO pesticide management division, Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNIDO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups, IOMC, WCO, UNITAR, ILO, OECD, ECHA, European Commission
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The activity supported 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 contributed 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 activity supported SDG target 17.9 by enhancing international support for implementing</p>

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.

**Gender mainstreaming:** The activities on gender supported the implementation of SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The activities considered involvement of stakeholders from a wide range of groups and took into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. The development and implementation of various guidance reduced exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributed to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.

**Integrated Approach:** The activities contributed 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.

#### **Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
-	-	-	-	-	-

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
-	-	1,310,000	438,144	-	-

#### **Financial and in-kind support**

Financial and in-kind support		
Basel Convention	Rotterdam Convention	Stockholm Convention
Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
-	432,689*	-

(\*) from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 16</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/10, UNEP/CHW.15/16–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/15–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/13
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> SC-10/5, SC-9/1, SC-10/6, SC-9/2, SC-10/7, SC-9/3, SC-10/8, SC-10/13, SC-10/14, SC-9/4, SC-9/5, SC-10/9, SC-9/7, SC-10/10, SC-9/8, SC-10/11, SC-9/9, SC-10/12, SC-9/10, SC-9/11, SC-9/12, SC-9/13, SC-10/15, SC-9/14, SC-10/17, SC-9/16, SC-10/18, SC-9/17 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 16.1: Support to develop, review, update and implement NIPs under the Stockholm Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>By engaging in capacity-building activities and using guidance for the development, review, and updating of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) and associated documents on inventories and alternatives for newly listed POPs, Parties received support. This assistance facilitated the enhancement, review, and updating of their NIPs, ensuring compliance with obligations and facilitating the implementation of diverse action plans outlined within their respective NIPs.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The information on the relevant activities can be found in document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/10. Thanks to generous financial support provided by the European Union and the Governments of Belgium, the Secretariat has revised the guidance documents listed in paragraph 2 of decision SC-10/11, taking into account the comments received,<sup>17</sup> made them available on the Convention website,<sup>18</sup> and prepared the following new draft guidance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft guidance on preparing inventories of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF); perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds; and perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds listed under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/21);</li> <li>2. Draft guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF); perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds; and perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds listed under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/22);</li> <li>3. Guide for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/28);</li> <li>4. Introductory manual on the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/29).</li> </ol> <p>The Secretariat contributed to the implementation of the medium-sized project of the GEF by UNEP to facilitate the development and transmission of, access to and use of data contained in NIPs and national reports. The Secretariat sent a demonstration version of the electronic template to Parties, and it has been revised taking into account the comments received from Parties.</p> <p>Information on capacity-building and training activities organized by the Secretariat to assist Parties in reviewing and updating their implementation plans is set out in document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/28–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/17–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/25</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of NIP guidance documents developed or updated and published: 4 new guidance documents developed, 6 guidance documents updated.</li> <li>2. Number of training and capacity building workshops for developing and updating NIPs organized, including development and strengthening of legal and institutional frameworks: 4 workshops/training organized.</li> <li>3. Number of pilot projects to develop inventories and update NIPs implemented: pilot projects implemented.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 16.2: Capacity building on issues pertaining to the chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Progress was made in strengthening the capacity of Parties to implement the Stockholm Convention for all the chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Secretariat supported African countries within the DDT register and countries in the GEF AFRO-II project on how to fill in the DDT questionnaire and on a possible face-out plan of DDT.</li> <li>2. The Secretariat implemented a project to support Parties in the actions towards meeting the 2025/2028 targets for the elimination of PCB.</li> <li>3. The Secretariat initiated the implementation of pilot project to support Parties in addressing fluorinated POPs-in cooperation with the UNEP/GEF, regional centres and focal points of relevant Parties.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. A regional workshop on the management of POPs in articles was held in Abuja, Nigeria from 2 to 3 October 2023.</li> <li>5. A pilot project has been initiated in Nigeria to test the feasibility of separating fractions of e-waste containing flame retardants POPs.</li> <li>6. Parties supported in the actions to minimize and ultimately eliminate releases of unintentionally produced POPs).</li> <li>7. The Secretariat supported the technical assistance activities to enhance monitoring capacity of POPs in the environment in cooperation with UNEP/GEF and regional centres.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of malaria endemic countries in the African Region that were supported through online meetings on how to answer the DDT questionnaire and on developing possible face-out plans for DDT: 15 Parties listed in the DDT Register of the Stockholm Convention supported.</li> <li>2. Number of countries supported in the actions towards meeting the 2025/2028 goals for the elimination of PCB: more than 20 Parties supported with trainings and technical assistance.</li> <li>3. Number of Parties supported in addressing fluorinated POPs: Guidance documents have been developed, which would support all Parties to the Stockholm Convention.</li> <li>4. Number of Parties supported in addressing unintentional releases of POPs: Guidance documents have been developed, which would support all Parties to the Stockholm Convention.</li> <li>5. Number of workshops on eliminating flame retardant POPs in articles and plastics organized: 12.</li> <li>6. Number of Parties supported in addressing flame retardants POPs: 1.</li> <li>7. Number of activities on sampling and analytical capacity building for developing countries implemented: The activities to support sampling and analytical capacity building were held in the four UN regions in cooperation with UNEP/GEF.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 16.3: Enhancing national reporting under the Stockholm Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Parties' capacities were strengthened 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional workshop on national reporting under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions and inventory of plastic waste was held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 18-21 April 2023.</li> <li>2. and capacity building workshop to support Parties in the GRULAC region to complete and submit national reports under the Stockholm Convention<sup>43</sup>.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties trained to complete and submit national reports under the Stockholm Convention: More than 15 Parties trained to submit national reports under the Stockholm Convention.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	WHO, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, FAO pesticide management division, Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNIDO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups, academic and research institutions
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The activities contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The activities considered 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 aimed at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributed to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The activities contributed 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>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9544/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
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<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	1,310,000	438,144	-	-



<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 18</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Partnerships under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/18
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Articles:</b> Articles 16 and 19 of the Rotterdam Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> Decision BC-14/19 and BC-15/22 of the Basel Convention, decision RC-9/17 of the Rotterdam Convention and decision SC-9/27 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 18.1: Partnerships overall</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Expanded influence of partnerships to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand influence of partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The activities aimed at expanding the reach of the partnerships established under the Basel Convention which were organized by the Secretariat over the period are reported in the report on activities pertaining to cooperation and coordination (document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/37/UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/20/UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/41) and in the report on technical assistance activities related to preventing and combating illegal traffic (UNEP/CHW/ENFORCE.8/INF/3)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Participate in partnerships of others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat participated in the following partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ StEP and PREVENT Waste Alliance (e-waste group). The cooperation is reported in detail in the report of PACE II activities set out in document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/3;</li> <li>○ The project Unwaste on tackling waste trafficking to support a circular economy, implemented by UNEP and UNITAR;</li> <li>○ The Asia-Pacific Plastic Waste (APPW) Project implemented by the World Customs Organization (WCO);</li> <li>○ The Operations Demeter VIII and IX, led by WCO, the WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia/Pacific (RILO A/P), and China Customs; the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and the WCO Trade Facilitation and Customs Modernisation Programme (SIDA-WCO TFCM);</li> <li>○ The 2022 and 2023 Asia Environmental Enforcement Awards led by UNEP in partnership with UNODC, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Secretariat of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) and the WCO;</li> <li>○ The member of the High-Level Advisory Board of project LIFE the shipment of waste enforcement actions project (SWEAP) led by the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Explore opportunities for participating in partnerships under the auspices of UNEP and FAO (staff costs only). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat is a member of the Mountain Partnership initiative led by FAO and has regularly participated in the coordination meetings of the steering committee. The Secretariat continues to contribute to the activities of the Partnership, including the Five-Year Global Action Plan for the development of mountain regions (2023–2027), through close collaboration within the context of the project 'plastic waste in remote and mountainous areas', including pilot projects in nine countries, awareness raising, educational activities, and policy analysis. The educational materials developed under this project were disseminated at the 6th Global Mountain Partnership Meeting. Furthermore, a policy brief entitled "Keeping our mountains plastic waste-free" was developed in collaboration with UNEP, Grid-Arendal, the Mountain Research Initiative, and The International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA) within the context of the Mountain Partnership.</li> <li>• The Secretariat has also presented their progress towards this project in the following side events, in close collaboration with the Partnership: a side event at the 6th Global Mountain Partnership Meeting on 28 September 2022, entitled "Keeping our mountains waste-free", organized in collaboration with UNEP and UIAA.</li> <li>• The Secretariat initiated a partnership with the Pew Charitable Trusts (PEW) to support the development of national plastic inventories and demonstrate interoperability of tools developed by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC)/UNEP (Plastic Waste Inventory Toolkit) and Pew (Pathways Tool).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of activities implemented through BRS partnerships: The activities implemented are reflected in the information document on Technical assistance activities of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention related to preventing and combating illegal traffic (UNEP/CHW/ENFORCE.8/INF/3) and the report on activities pertaining to cooperation and coordination (document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/37/UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/20/UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/41)</li> <li>2. Number of activities on the BRS conventions developed and implemented by partners: At least five; Further information on certain activities is available on the Basel Convention website.<sup>44</sup></li> <li>3. Participation in partnerships under the auspices of UNEP and FAO: At least two; Further information is also available on the FAO website (fao.org) regarding members of the Mountain Partnership</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 18.2: Household Waste Partnership</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Development of the overall guidance document on the ESM of household waste and tools and awareness raising materials for governments, regional and local authorities and other stakeholders to promote the ESM of household waste.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The working group of the Household Waste Partnership held two informal online consultations, on 20 June and 20 September 2023. During these informal consultations, the members exchanged views and provided input, among others, on the modalities for implementing the workplan of the Household Waste Partnership for the biennium 2024-2025, including the preparation of a further revised draft of the overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste, activities for awareness raising and training, and continued coordination of outreach activities and cooperation with other organizations. Work is ongoing in two project groups: one on the development of the guidance, and the other on development of awareness raising and training materials.</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Online consultations and one face-to-face meeting of the Partnership working group: Two online consultations;</li> <li>2. Further development of the overall guidance document on the ESM of household waste and development of awareness raising and training materials;</li> <li>3. Modules of the overall guidance document on ESM of household waste and other materials translated into languages: Pending subject to the availability of funding;</li> <li>4. Number of pilot projects developed and implemented: None as funding was not available.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 18.3: Follow-up partnership to PACE</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Support and up-to-date information on e-waste was 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 materials. Development of guidance documents and tools on potential e-waste types that may added under the scope of the partnership.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organize one meeting of the working group of the follow-up partnership to PACE (subject to the availability of resources); The face-to-face meeting was postponed until next biennium;</li> <li>2. Translate and disseminate Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative (MPPI) and PACE: Translated from English into 5 other UN languages 11 guidance documents and guidelines developed by PACE and MPPI;</li> <li>3. Pilot projects to implement the programme of work of the partnership: 7 pilot projects were implemented by BCRCs in all UN regions. Three projects are still ongoing;</li> <li>4. Expert support to develop draft documents or tools on eventual new e-waste types in the scope of the partnership: Two consultancies were prepared to start in the following biennium;</li> <li>5. Develop, translate and disseminate the model workshop toolkit: Developed three model workshops. Agenda and presentations are available in English and in Chinese. One workshop and its presentations are available also in Spanish, French and Russian.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Online consultations and annual face-to-face meetings of the follow-up partnership to PACE working group: none;</li> <li>2. MPPI and PACE guidance documents are translated into additional languages and disseminated: 11 guidance documents translated from English into all other UN languages;</li> <li>3. Model toolkit further developed, tested and disseminated: The model toolkit was disseminated in China and other Asian countries;</li> <li>4. Number of pilot projects funded to implement the workplan of the partnership: 7;</li> </ol>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9309/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

	5. Draft documents and/or tools on new e-waste types that may be added to the scope of the partnership: 2 general guidance documents.
	<p><b>Component 18.4: ENFORCE</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> 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 were made available by the enforcement community to Parties and the regional centres.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hold two meetings of ENFORCE members: 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE.7), Paris, France, 26 - 27 January 2023 and 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE.8) 5 - 6 February 2024, Brussels, Belgium;</li> <li>2. Support dissemination of ENFORCE related information: online database of the activities included in the roadmap and the depositary of activities from the previous roadmaps, online calendar, and the development of the ENFORCE publication;</li> <li>3. Capacity building and training activities for support ENFORCE: resources were not available.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expert support is provided for outreach and dissemination of ENFORCE related information: Expert support provided for the publication and the online database of the roadmap;</li> <li>2. Annual meetings of ENFORCE are held: Two meetings were held;</li> <li>3. Number of activities delivered in the framework of ENFORCE: 0</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 18.5: Partnership on Plastic Waste</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The activities of the PWP are described in the report on the activities of the working group of the Partnership on Plastic Waste (UNEP/CHW.16/INF/34)</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Online and consultations and annual face-to-face meetings of the Plastic Waste Partnership working group: 2;</li> <li>2. Information and data collected, analyzed and reports prepared on lessons learned and best practices for the prevention and ESM of plastic waste: 3;</li> <li>3. Number of initiatives and capacity building activities organized in collaboration with partners: 1;</li> <li>4. Number of pilot projects developed and implemented: 40;</li> <li>5. Number of partner activities participated in to promote the PWP: 5.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	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.
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The household waste, e-waste and other waste-related partnerships in the medium-term supported the implementation of SDG target 12.5 where, by 2030, waste generation should be substantially reduced through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse. They also contributed 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 contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The household waste, e-waste and other waste related partnerships addressed 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 was equally open to men and women. The content of the courses was provided in a gender differentiated manner, e.g. gender specific risks to</p>

exposure to chemical emissions in the workplace and at home. The work developed under the FAO programme took 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 were the main criteria for involving beneficiaries and stakeholders in all activities.

**Integrated Approach:** The partnerships involved 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 supported 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 involved industry partners from the beginning in the set-up and implementation of the partnership activities. The partnerships built on technical support from countries and the stakeholders, including the private sector so that their work programme including face-to-face meetings and pilot projects can be implemented in time. Information exchange networks and partnerships supported 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 involved cross-cutting elements that are all concurring to the sustainable production and protection of natural resources. Different stakeholders were involved in the social pillar aspect of sustainability as for example health centers and local NGOs.

### **Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
4,429,294	1,967,256	-	-	-	-

### **Financial and in-kind support**

<b>Financial and in-kind support</b>		
<b>Basel Convention</b>	<b>Rotterdam Convention</b>	<b>Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	93,900*	-

(\*) from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 19</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Coordination of and support for the Basel and Stockholm convention regional centres and cooperation and coordination between regional centres</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/17, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/14
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Article 14 of the Basel Convention and Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> 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-10/15, SC-9/14, SC-10/17, SC-9/16, SC-10/21, SC-9/19 of the Stockholm Convention.</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 19.1: Annual meetings of the regional centres</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></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 2022-2023 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organized two annual joint meeting of the directors and coordinators of the regional centers under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions on 7-9 November 2022 and 6-8 November 2023.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two annual joint meetings of the directors of regional centres held: 7-9 November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland and 6-8 November 2023, online.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 19.2: Strengthening regional delivery of technical assistance through the regional centres Small Grant Programme (SGP)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Progress was made in reinforcing the regional delivery of technical assistance by implementing regional/subregional/national projects based on the business plan/workplan of the regional centres through the Small Grant Programme (SGP). Capacities of Parties were enhanced to fulfill their obligations under the Basel and Stockholm conventions. Additionally, the capacities of the regional centres were increased to apply and implement projects in line with the business plans endorsed by Parties.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Small Grant Programme (SGP) on Plastic Waste (<a href="http://www.basel.int/tabid/8402/Default.aspx">www.basel.int/tabid/8402/Default.aspx</a>) was operationalized in 2020, including development of modalities establishment of the steering committee and launching of 3 calls for proposals to date;</li> <li>Under the initial two calls for proposals launched by the BRS Secretariat – thanks to the generous contribution of Norad and the Government of Norway - more than 60 applications were submitted by the Regional Centers. After a careful review and evaluation, 16 pilot projects were selected and successfully completed;</li> <li>Under the third call for proposals, thanks to the generous contribution of the Government of Germany and Norad, a total of 18 project proposals have been submitted by 9 regional centers. After a careful review and evaluation, 7 projects are currently being prepared for implementation (2 regional projects and 5 national projects).</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of regional centres that implemented projects: Fourteen regional centers were involved in the implementation of the selected sixteen pilot projects under SGP-1 and SGP-2 call for proposals. In addition, seven pilot projects are to be implemented by five regional centers following a third call for proposals SGP-3.</li> <li>Number of Parties benefitted through the projects: Sixteen pilot projects have been successfully implemented under SGP-1 and SGP-2 call for proposals: a total of 35 Parties (11 in the first round and 24 in the second round) served by the regional centres through the projects. Under SGP-3 (in preparation) a total of 11 Parties will be supported by regional centers in the implementation of the national and regional projects.</li> <li>Number of activities that address gender mainstreaming: Gender disaggregated data of workshops and trainings participants will be made available for the new projects under SGP-3. The project proposal in Ethiopia will take into consideration the role of women and vulnerable groups in the informal plastic waste management system (e.g. waste pickers) and will provide the necessary training and skills to economically disadvantaged and marginalized women and men.</li> </ol>

**Component 19.3: Support to regional centres on institutional aspects and programmatic matters**

**Outcomes achieved:**

Institutional arrangements in support of establishing and functioning of the regional centres for the Basel convention and regional centres for the Stockholm convention were put in place and harmonized across all the centres. This included 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.

**Activities implemented:**

1. Establish and/or strengthen institutional arrangements with regional centres (staff costs only);
2. The Secretariat met with BCRC Trinidad and Tobago in October 2022 to discuss its application for endorsement as an SCRC;
3. Participated in four steering committee meetings of regional centres.

**Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:**

1. Support is provided as needed in establishing /strengthening institutional arrangements with the regional centres in line with relevant procedures: progress is made towards the finalization of the MOU with the Government of Slovakia for BCRC-Slovakia, Government of the Russian Federation for BCRC-Russia, the draft Framework Agreement was prepared and provided to the Government of China for the BCRC-China for review and the draft MOU was provided to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the SCRC-Trinidad and Tobago
2. Visits of the regional centres by the Secretariat (subject to the availability of resources): The Secretariat visited the BCRC Caribbean from 3-7 October 2022 to verify the information provided by the Centre through a format provided by the Secretariat on whether the nominated Stockholm centre meets the criteria as stipulated in the TOR for regional centres (Annex I to SC-2/9) and the guidance on technical assistance (Annex to SC-1/15).
3. Number of steering committee meetings attended by the Secretariat: The Secretariat participated remotely the following steering committee meetings: extraordinary meeting of BCRC-SCRC China on 19 November 2022; the steering committee meeting of the BCRC Egypt on 5 May 2023; the steering committee meeting of BCRC-SCRC Iran on 10 October 2023 and in the steering committee meeting organized by BCRC-SCRC Caribbean on 5 September 2023.

**Partner(s)**

Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, donors, implementing agencies

**Socio-economic aspects**

**Sustainable Development Goals:** The project supported 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 contributed 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 supported 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.

**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 considered involvement of stakeholders from wide range of groups and take into account gender aspects throughout the planning and implementation phase. Gender-specific training sessions were 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 contributed to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.

**Integrated Approach:** The activities contributed 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.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
-	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary trust fund					

<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>		
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
979,150	490,964	-	-	954,150	30,950	

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
Reference	UNEP/CHW.15/6, UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.1-Add.6, UNEP/CHW.15/7, UNEP/CHW.15/8, UNEP/CHW.15/9, UNEP/CHW.15/10, UNEP/CHW.15/11
Mandate	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Article 6 of the Basel Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> VIII/20, BC-10/10, BC-14/4, BC-14/5, BC-14/6, BC-14/7, BC-14/8, BC-14/9, BC-14/11, BC-14/13, BC-14/14, BC-14/20, BC-15/6, BC-15/7, BC-15/8, BC-15/9, BC-15/11, BC-15/12, BC-15/14, BC-15/15, BC-15/16 and BC-15/23 of the Basel Convention, SC-9/8 and SC-10/10 of the Stockholm Convention, UNEA resolutions 1/6, 2/11, 3/7, 3/9, 4/7 and 4/9.</p>
Outcomes and activities	<p><b>Component 20.1: Technical guidelines for environmentally sound management of hazardous waste</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Parties and other stakeholders benefited from their 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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): no resources were made available.</li> <li>2. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, an online meeting of the small intersessional working group on POPs wastes was organized in November 2022<sup>45</sup>.</li> <li>3. Several meetings were organized online and one face-to-face of the small intersessional working group on plastic wastes<sup>46</sup>.</li> <li>4. Organize a face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group on waste lead-acid batteries and other waste batteries (subject to the availability of resources): no face-to-face meetings were organized in this period, but some informal consultations.</li> <li>5. All technical guidelines adopted by COP-15 and COP-16 were translated and made available on the Basel Convention website.</li> <li>6. Develop and update technical guidelines for newly listed POPs: Following COP-15 (in 2022), the Secretariat developed and updated them with the help of consultants (General technical guidelines, PFOS-PFOA guidelines, and POPs-Pesticides guidelines, which were adopted by COP-16).</li> <li>7. Update the technical guidelines on waste lead-acid batteries and develop technical guidelines on other waste batteries (subject to the availability of resources): The work on updating the WLAB technical guidelines started, and the development of the technical guidelines on other waste batteries has started in this period. Drafts of the two documents were prepared for the COP-16 meeting.</li> <li>8. Update the technical guidelines on plastic wastes: The document was updated by the co-leads and SIWG during this period, and it was adopted by COP-16.</li> <li>9. Update the technical guidelines on e-waste<sup>47</sup> (staff cost only): The document was updated by the EWG in this period and it was adopted by COP-16.</li> <li>10. Update technical guidelines on used and waste pneumatic tyres: No revised draft was prepared in the reporting period.</li> <li>11. Organize a face-to-face meeting of the small intersessional working group on used and waste pneumatic tyres (subject to the availability of resources): Informal consultations of the SIWG were organized in this period.</li> <li>12. 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): an online meeting of the EWG was organized in 2023 when the group prepared the version of the guidelines that was brought to the attention of COP-16.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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): five;</li> <li>2. Number of women and men who are members of the small intersessional working groups: about 40-50% depending on the working group.</li> </ol>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.basel.int/Implementation/POPsWastes/Meetings/SIWGSwitzerland2022/tabid/9366/Default.aspx>.

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.basel.int/Implementation/Plasticwaste/Technicalguidelines/Meetings/tabid/8161/Default.aspx>.

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.basel.int/Implementation/Ewaste/TechnicalGuidelines/DevelopmentofTGs/tabid/2377/Default.aspx>.



	<p><b>Component 20.2: Cooperation with the World Customs Organization</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report on the status of the work of the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System in relation to the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW.16/INF/15).</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wastes listed under the Basel Convention are identified in the HS: 3 waste types;</li> <li>2. The HS Committee and its subsidiary bodies receive advisory support related to the Basel Convention during the HS review process: as reported in UNEP/CHW.16/INF/15.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 20.3: Control system for transboundary movements (E-notification)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Parties continue to develop more knowledge and understanding about aspects of digitalization of the PIC procedure, its benefits and barriers.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A report for the consideration by COP-16 in 2023 was prepared, and the work on this area shall continue with meetings of the small intersessional working group and through pilot projects. Informal consultations of the SIWG were organized in this period.<sup>48</sup></li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Activities were carried out in line with the decision by COP-15 on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents: a report was made available for the COP-16.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 20.4: Issues related to waste containing nanomaterials</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Parties have an enhanced understanding of issues related to wastes containing nanomaterials and on how to address such wastes.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Undertook follow up activities on issues related to waste containing nanomaterials including in accordance with decision BC-15/16, adopted at its fifteenth meeting, 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.</li> <li>2. The Secretariat reported on the implementation of the aforementioned decision, BC-15/16, to the COP at its sixteenth meeting, included in the document UNEP/CHW.16/11.</li> <li>3. Pursuant to decision BC-16/13, in which the COP invited Parties and others to continue submitting 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 has compiled the information submitted on the website of the convention.<sup>49</sup></li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Activities are carried out in line with the decision by COP-15 on wastes containing nanomaterials: Parties and others were invited to share information on best practices for the ESM of waste containing nanomaterials for dissemination on the website of the Convention.</li> </ol> <p><b>Component 20.5: Issues related to plastic waste</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Activities to follow up the decision by COP-15 on further consideration of plastic waste were carried out.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Secretariat undertook follow-up activities on further consideration of plastic waste including the preparation of further revised draft of possible 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</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Activities were carried out in line with the decision by COP-15 on further consideration of plastic waste.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	Regional and coordinating centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNEP, FAO, Regional Seas Conventions, other relevant MEAs, industry, NGOs

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.basel.int/tabid/8740/>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.basel.int/tabid/9821/>

<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The activity related 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 related 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> Membership of the small intersessional working groups was gender neutral, and participation of women was welcome. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>50</sup>, the Secretariat, where appropriate, encouraged 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, assisted in formulating policies to protect vulnerable populations including women and children.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The small intersessional working groups under this activity followed a multi-stakeholder approach, where observers to the conventions, as well as civil society, academia and industry had an active role in discussions and negotiations on the work and on the documents produced.</p>
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**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
289,375	184,943	-	-	20,000	18,410

  

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
390,000	449,376	-	-	-	1,350

<sup>50</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

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.10/4, UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/5, UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/13
Mandate	<b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Rotterdam Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions RC-7/1, RC-7/2, RC-8/8, RC-10/4, RC-9/1, RC-10/5, RC-9/2, RC-10/10 and RC-9/6 of the Rotterdam Convention
Outcomes and activities	<b>Component 21.1: Information exchange and PIC procedure, including PIC Circular</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Information submitted by Parties in accordance with the Convention requirements was reviewed and processed in a timely manner and shared through the PIC Circular as well as UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/6. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 PIC Circulars have been published and translated (English, French, Spanish), containing the information on notifications of final regulatory actions (FRAs), proposals for inclusion of severely hazardous pesticide formulations (SHPFs) and import responses, as notified by Parties;</li> <li>Information on the implementation of Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14 was collected through the questionnaire for calendar years 2019 and 2020.</li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIC Circulars are published, as scheduled, every six months, in June and December, in English, French and Spanish: The PIC Circulars 55-58 were published, as scheduled, every six months, in June and December 2022 and 2023, respectively.</li> <li>Information on the implementation of the PIC procedure and other Convention requirements is made available to Parties: Information on implementation of the PIC procedure and other Convention articles including collecting information through the questionnaire on export notification, information exchange, etc. was published on the Convention's website, including through the PIC Circulars;</li> <li>Information collected through the online questionnaire on the status of implementation of Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14 was compiled and presented for the consideration by COP 11 (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/7/add.1 and 2)</li> </ol>
	<b>Component 21.2: Support to Parties in increasing notifications of final regulatory action</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Tools and guidance for user-friendly access to scientific and technical information for sound management of hazardous chemicals and informed decision making continued to be available to enhance capacity at the national level on notifications of FRAs. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FRA toolkit and the resource kit continue to be available. No further updates were undertaken during the reporting period.</li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of tools and guidance made available to DNAs for the consideration of scientific and technical information: N/A (FRA toolkit and resource kit continue to be available; no further updates undertaken).</li> </ol>
Outcomes and activities	<b>Component 21.3: Scientific and technical support to CRC</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Intersessional work of the CRC on preliminary review of FRAs and drafting of Decision Guidance Documents (DGDs) was coordinated and facilitated. Support to the scientific work at the meetings of the CRC was provided. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat provided scientific and technical support to CRC and facilitated the intersessional work;</li> <li>The Secretariat developed information materials to support the work of CRC and the listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention.</li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of task groups and intersessional drafting groups supported by the Secretariat in line with relevant procedures: Four task groups and two drafting groups were supported by the Secretariat during the intersessional period between CRC-17 and CRC-18 (2021/2022). Additionally, four task groups and two drafting groups were supported by the Secretariat during the intersessional period between CRC-18 and CRC-19 (2022/2023). In the subsequent intersessional period between CRC-19 and CRC-20 (2023/2024),</li> </ol>

	<p>two drafting groups were supported by the Secretariat. Task groups for the intersessional period between CRC-19 and CRC-20 were not established before the end of 2023.</p> <p>2. Number of information materials to support the work of CRC and the listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention: Several PowerPoint presentations, case studies and practical exercises for the CRC members participating at the CRC orientation workshops have been prepared and used at those workshops held online from 13 to 14 July 2022 and from 6 to 9 March 2023 in Rome.</p>
	<p><b>Component 21.4: Assignment of Harmonized System codes to chemicals listed in Annex III</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Assignment of Harmonized System (HS) codes to chemicals listed in Annex III was facilitated to support the implementation of paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the Convention.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on cooperation with the World Customs Organization in assigning customs codes is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/38;</li> <li>The list of HS codes was made available on the Rotterdam Convention website: <a href="https://www.pic.int/TheConvention/Chemicals/HarmonizedSystemCodes/tabid/1159/language/en-US/Default.aspx">https://www.pic.int/TheConvention/Chemicals/HarmonizedSystemCodes/tabid/1159/language/en-US/Default.aspx</a>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of proposals for HS codes for chemicals in Annex III submitted to WCO: 3</li> <li>HS codes for chemicals listed in Annex III are updated in a timely manner on the Rotterdam Convention website: the list was updated with codes that came into force in January 2022</li> </ol>

<b>Partner(s)</b>	FAO, UNEP, WCO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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 facilitated achieving this goal. Further, the activity on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention contributed to the Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>51</sup>, the Secretariat, where appropriate, encouraged 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><b>Integrated Approach:</b> 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 were 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 FRAs and notifications on chemicals.</p>

#### Budget performance for 2022-2023

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
-	-	74,000	50,130	-	-

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
-	-	90,000	-	-	-

#### Financial and in-kind support

Financial and in-kind support		
Basel Convention	Rotterdam Convention	Stockholm Convention
Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
-	48,706*	-

(\* ) from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome.

<sup>51</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 22</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/4, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/5, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/6, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/7, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/8, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/9, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/11, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/12
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, Annexes A, B and C to the Stockholm Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> SC-4/15, SC-5/3, SC-6/3, SC-7/13, SC-10/5, SC-9/1, SC-10/6, SC-9/2, SC-10/7, SC-9/3, SC-10/8, SC-10/13, SC-10/14, SC-9/4, SC-9/5, SC-9/6, SC-10/9, SC-9/7, SC-10/10, SC-9/8, SC-10/11, SC-9/9, SC-10/12, SC-9/10, SC-9/11, SC-9/12 and SC-9/13 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 22.1: Exemptions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The registers of specific exemptions and acceptable purposes were maintained, and the notifications of closed system site limited intermediate and articles in use were managed on the Convention website. The review process for entries in the Register of specific exemptions was 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 was updated and the relevant technical assistance activities were supported.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Secretariat maintained register of various exemptions.</li> <li>2. The Secretariat supported the review processes of entries in the registers of specific exemptions.</li> <li>3. The Secretariat developed information materials related to exemptions.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The registers of various exemptions are maintained on the website in a timely manner: All expectations have been met, as the registers of various exemptions were consistently and promptly updated on the website throughout the evaluation period.</li> <li>2. Parties are aware of the review process of entries in the registers of specific exemptions: While efforts have been made, it is acknowledged that additional awareness-raising initiatives are needed, as indicated by the ongoing requests for clarification received from Parties during the evaluation period.</li> <li>3. Number of information materials related to exemptions developed (subject to the availability of resources): Two factsheets on exemptions for PFOS and for PFOA were developed during the evaluation period.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 22.2: Scientific and technical work of POPRC</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Scientific and technical support was provided to POPRC during the meetings and the intersessional period. Proposals for the listing of new chemicals were verified and forwarded to POPRC. Scientific and technical documents were developed in support of the work of POPRC and listing of chemicals.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Secretariat provided scientific and technical support during the POPRC meetings and intersessional period. The Secretariat did not receive any proposals by Parties for listing new chemicals under the Convention to verify.</li> <li>2. The Secretariat developed scientific and technical documents in support of the work of POPRC.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of intersessional working groups supported by the Secretariat in line with relevant procedures: Nine working groups were supported by the Secretariat during the intersessional period between POPRC-17 and POPRC-18 (2021/2022). Additionally, four working groups were supported by the Secretariat during the intersessional period between POPRC-18 and POPRC-19 (2022/2023). In the subsequent intersessional period between POPRC-19 and POPRC-20 (2023/2024), four working groups have been supported by the Secretariat.</li> <li>2. Number of scientific and technical documents developed for POPRC (subject to the availability of resources): The Secretariat prepared 11 working documents, 24 information documents, and 11 post-session documents for POPRC-18 held in 2022; and 9 working documents, 18 information documents, and 6 post-session documents for POPRC-19 held in 2023.</li> </ol>

**Component 22.3: Industrial POPs****Outcomes achieved:**

The COP was able to make informed decisions related to evaluating progress in the elimination of industrial POPs and Parties received 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 was developed and the relevant technical assistance activities were supported.

**Activities implemented:**

1. The Secretariat supported the process for the evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOSE for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions and develop reports for consideration at COP-11 in 2023.
2. The Secretariat developed a report on progress towards the elimination of PCBs for consideration at COP-11 in 2023.
3. The Secretariat developed updated guidance on developing PCB inventories; guidance on analysis for the identification and quantification of PCB; draft strategy for Parties to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Stockholm Convention, including templates for a strategy and a road map that can be used by Parties for their national actions aimed at meeting the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Convention and an analysis of further actions that could be useful at the global level to guide Parties' efforts to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Convention, for consideration at COP-11 in 2023.
4. The Secretariat supported the collection of information to facilitate the evaluation on BDEs for consideration at COP-12 in 2025.
5. The Secretariat developed guidance and technical assistance materials related to industrial POPs.
6. The Secretariat participated in partners' activities related to industrial POPs.

**Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:**

1. Information collected and reports developed to support COP in evaluating the progress made towards elimination of PFOS, PCB and BDEs (partly subject to the availability of resources): All expectations have been met, as necessary information was collected, and reports were developed to effectively support the COP in evaluating the progress towards the elimination of PFOS and PCB at COP-11 in 2023. The information collection for BDEs is on-going in preparation for the evaluation at COP-12 in 2025.
2. Number of guidance and technical assistance materials related to industrial POPs developed and provided to Parties and other stakeholders (subject to the availability of resources): Two new guidance documents on industrial POPs (inventory guidance and alternatives guidance for PFHxS) were developed and submitted to COP-11; and five guidance documents related to industrial chemicals were revised and made available on the website of the Stockholm Convention <https://chm.pops.int/tabid/7730/>.

**Component 22.4: POPs pesticides****Outcomes achieved:**

The ninth DDT expert group meeting was held to prepare the assessment of continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT for consideration at COP-11 in 2023. The scientific content of technical assistance materials related to the environmentally sound management of POPs pesticides was developed and the relevant technical assistance activities were supported.

**Activities implemented:**

1. The ninth DDT expert group meeting to assess the continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT was held in November 2022.
2. An assessment of the continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT was prepared and presented at COP-11 in 2023.
3. The Secretariat supported 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 reported to COP-11 on the prospects for phasing out DDT for those Parties.
4. Secretariat participated in related stakeholder meetings and workshops to promote effective stakeholder engagement and promotion of safer and sustainable solutions for POPs pesticides.

**Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:**

1. The meeting of the DDT expert is organized in a timely manner: The DDT expert group meeting was organized as planned well in advance before COP-11 (<https://chm.pops.int/tabid/9097/>).
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: Assessment report evaluating the continued need of DDT for disease vector control and the promotion of alternatives to DDT was developed and presented at COP-11 (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/5, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/8).
3. DDT expert group supported in undertaking the intersessional process of consultations and report submitted to COP-11 (subject to the availability of resources): Two intersessional online meetings were held for Parties in the DDT register to the Stockholm Convention and report submitted to COP-11 (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/8).

	4. The Secretariat provided enhanced support and collaboration with stakeholders in the environmentally sound management of POPs pesticides.
	<p><b>Component 22.5: U-POPs</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Parties were 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 assisted Parties to meet the requirements of Article 5 of the Convention, and take measures towards minimization of releases of POPs.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Secretariat supported the experts on the Toolkit and on Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP) in the process for review and update of the guidelines and guidance in accordance with the workplan.</li> <li>2. The Secretariat organized two expert meetings on best available techniques and best environmental practices. The meetings were held in Geneva from 11 to 13 October to 2022 and from 7 to 9 November 2023. The report of the meeting held in 2022 is set out in document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/16 and the report of the meeting held in 2023 is available on the website<sup>52</sup>.</li> <li>3. The experts evaluated new available information and updated the following four sections of the guidelines on best available techniques and guidance on best environmental practices relevant to Article 5 and Annex C to the Convention<sup>53</sup> for consideration by COP-11:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Section VI.C on residential combustion sources;</li> <li>(b) Section VI.L on smouldering of copper cables;</li> <li>(c) Section VI.J on textile and leather dyeing (with chloranil) and finishing (with alkaline extraction);</li> <li>(d) Section VI.K on shredder plants for the treatment of end-of-life vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. The experts furthermore developed a report on the polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin and polychlorinated dibenzofuran releases reported according to Article 5 and Annex C (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/19) which was submitted to the effectiveness evaluation committee to support its work to develop an assessment report on the effectiveness of the Convention.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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): Two expert meetings were held over the 2022-2023 biennium.</li> <li>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): The development/update of guidance documents on best available techniques and best environmental practices with information relevant to newly listed POPs is ongoing.</li> <li>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): No activities implemented.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	WHO, UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch, FAO pesticide management division, Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, UNIDO, OECD, NGOs, industry groups
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The activities contributed to delivering of the post-2015 development agenda 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The activities considered 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 aimed at reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and thereby contributes to improving the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The activities contributed 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>

<sup>52</sup> <https://chm.pops.int/tabid/9634>.

<sup>53</sup> <http://chm.pops.int/?tabid=187>.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	130,000	116,091

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	337,000	109,542



<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 23</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Effectiveness evaluation and the global monitoring plan</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/17, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/18
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 16 of the Stockholm Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> SC-10/18, SC-9/17 and SC-10/19, SC-9/18 of the Stockholm Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<b>Component 23.1: Effectiveness evaluation</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Stockholm Convention conducted at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat collected and compiled information to serve for the effectiveness evaluation according to the framework for effectiveness evaluation<sup>54</sup> and prepared a preliminary analysis of the available information by 31 January 2022 for consideration by the committee.</li> <li>The Secretariat organized two meetings of the committee, from 12 to 14 April 2022 and from 1 to 4 November 2022 in Geneva, and supported the work of the committee during the intersessional period. The reports of the meetings are set out in document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/37.</li> <li>The effectiveness evaluation committee performed its tasks according to the framework for effectiveness evaluation and developed the report on the second effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/36) and an executive summary of that report (UNEP/POPS/COP.11/19/Add.1).</li> <li>Five factsheets highlighting key outcomes of the 2023 effectiveness evaluation were developed and made available on the website.<sup>55</sup></li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectiveness of the Stockholm Convention is evaluated at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties: The effectiveness of the Stockholm Convention was evaluated at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties welcomed the report on the second effectiveness evaluation, including the conclusions and recommendations of the effectiveness evaluation committee.</li> </ol>
	<b>Component 23.2: Global Monitoring Plan</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Progress was made in ensuring sustainability in the monitoring data for persistent organic pollutants across core media from all five United Nations regions. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat supported the global coordination group in preparing and making available the global monitoring report considered in the effectiveness evaluation.</li> <li>The Secretariat initiated the fourth phase of the global monitoring plan.</li> <li>The Secretariat organized a meeting of the GMP regional organization groups and the global coordination group in 2023.</li> <li>The Secretariat supported sustainable POPs monitoring in core media in eligible regions.</li> <li>The Secretariat supported the collection, processing, storing and presentation of the GMP monitoring data;</li> <li>The Secretariat participated in relevant meetings to disseminate GMP results.</li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GMP input is made available in time to be considered by the effectiveness evaluation committee: All expectations have been met, as the GMP input was provided in a timely manner for consideration by the effectiveness evaluation committee.</li> <li>Regional strategies are developed by the regional organization groups to implement GMP-4: All expectations have been met, as regional organization groups successfully developed strategies to implement GMP-4.</li> <li>Sustainable monitoring data for all listed POPs in the core media are available from all UN regions and sustainability of monitoring activities is facilitated through strategic partnerships (subject to the availability of resources): All expectations have been met, as sustainable monitoring data for all listed POPs in the core</li> </ol>

<sup>54</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.9/20/Add.1, annex.

<sup>55</sup> <https://chm.pops.int/tabid/9559>.

	<p>media were obtained from all UN regions. The sustainability of monitoring activities was facilitated through strategic partnerships, given the available resources.</p> <p>4. Existing monitoring data in core media are publicly available (subject to the availability of resources): All expectations have been met, as existing monitoring data in core media were made publicly available, taking into account the available resources.</p>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	<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>
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The global monitoring plan provided 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> Equal participation of women in project activities was encouraged. The project results provided information on how the general public, including vulnerable groups such as woman 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 woman, thus contributed to awareness raising of the mothers and prevention of increased exposure of breastfed infants.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> Information on concentration of persistent organic pollutants in humans and the environment was made 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>

#### **Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	135,000	129,639

  

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	420,000	107,299

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 24</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>National reporting</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/8, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/16
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Article 13 of the Basel Convention, Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention <b>COP decision(s):</b> BC-15/13, BC-14/10 of the Basel Convention, SC-9/16, SC-10/17 of the Stockholm Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 24.1: Reporting under the Basel Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> As at 22/3/2024, 100 Parties had submitted their national reports for 2022 and 115 Parties for the year 2021. Training was provided on national reporting and pilot projects on guidance on inventory implemented globally.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Electronic Reporting System (ERS) was made available for national reporting for 2022 and past years. The reporting Dashboard was improved with new functionalities.</li> <li>2. Pilot testing of guidance on inventory of priority hazardous wastes was undertaken to facilitate revision of the guidance for consideration by COP-17.</li> <li>3. Assistance was provided to Parties in completing and submitting the national reports.</li> <li>4. Reports were reviewed to ensure quality control of national reporting data.</li> <li>5. A regional workshop on national reporting under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions and inventory of plastic waste was held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 18-21 April 2023.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties using the ERS to submit national reports: 121</li> <li>2. Number of reports produced for the COP, ICC, process of review of the Strategic Framework and others on the basis of national reporting data: more than 10</li> <li>3. Number of guidance documents on inventories developed (subject to the availability of resources): 0</li> <li>4. Number of guidance documents on inventories translated to facilitate pilot-testing (subject to the availability of resources):0</li> <li>5. Number of guidance documents on inventories revised on the basis of comments from Parties and others (subject to the availability of resources):0</li> </ol> <p><b>Component 24.2: Reporting under the Stockholm Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Electronic Reporting System (ERS) for the submission of national reports, was optimized, and further queries of national reports were developed and newly listed POPs were added in languages to the ERS;</li> <li>2. Reports provided in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, French and Spanish were translated into English;</li> <li>3. Parties were assisted in completing and submitting the national reports based on requests;</li> <li>4. Quality control of national reporting data was ensured, by the provision of feedback on the submission of 4<sup>th</sup> reporting aiming at improving the consequent 5<sup>th</sup> cycle;</li> <li>5. Scientific and technical input provided to training and capacity building and other cross-cutting activities related to reporting;</li> <li>6. Staff travel to participate in collaborative activities on national reporting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Parties using the ERS to submit national reports containing information on newly listed POPs:186.</li> <li>2. Adapted manual for completing the national reporting including newly listed POPs under the Stockholm Convention: work in progress.</li> <li>3. Number of reports produced for the COP and other stakeholders on the basis of national reporting data: over 3 documents were prepared based on reporting data, for reporting itself, and for related areas, such as the Effective Evaluation and PCBs related documents.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	Regional centres; UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch.

<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> Information in national reports under the Basel and Stockholm conventions contributed 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, obtained the relevant data from the BRS Secretariat. Information in national reports under the Stockholm Convention also contributed to tracking progress in achieving several other goals including Goal 3.9 and 6.3 of the SDGs.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> 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 assisted in formulating policies to protect vulnerable populations including women and children.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> 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 facilitated the 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>
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**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
40,000	36,892	-	-	70,000	70,127

  

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
135,000	70,183	-	-	10,000	40,216

## 4. Knowledge and information management and outreach

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 25</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, including the prior informed consent database and the Rotterdam Convention website in English, French and Spanish</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/22–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/18–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/22
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b>  Articles 3, 4, 6, 10, 13 and 16 of the Basel Convention  Articles 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 14 of the Rotterdam Convention  Articles 4, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions BC-15/26 of the Basel Convention, RC-10/15 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-10/22 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 25.1: Joint clearing-house mechanism for information exchange</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b>  Access to information relevant to the conventions, from Parties and other stakeholders, is provided.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing clearing-house mechanism tools and services for internal management of information at the Secretariat level were maintained and enhanced, in particular work to develop a new graphic design and enhanced search capabilities for the conventions' websites has started, while the joint roster of experts, joint country profiles and database of final regulatory actions were further enhanced.</li> <li>New information exchange tools were further enhanced, in particular, thanks to the generous contribution of the European Union and Norway, the web portal on regional and national initiatives on marine plastic litter and microplastics, and the joint portal on information from regional centres.</li> <li>Translation of the Rotterdam website in French and Spanish was ensured.</li> </ol> <p>Further details on activities implemented during the 2020-2021 biennium are outlined in document UNEP/CHW.16/23-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/18-UNEP/POPS/COP.11/24.</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of existing information tools and packages maintained and kept up to date (partly subject to the availability of funding): 42.</li> <li>Number of new information tools and packages made available (subject to the availability of resources): 0 as funding was not made available for new activities during the biennium 2022-2023.</li> <li>Number of information sources that are feeding the joint clearing-house mechanism: 191 Parties and 536 observers.</li> <li>Number of new pages, number of pages updated on the conventions' websites: 704 new pages and 970 pages updated.</li> <li>Number of documents made available: 25,186.</li> <li>Number of visits and page views on the conventions' websites: 1,094,800 visits and 2,238,578 page views.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	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.
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> By ensuring proper access to information related to the sound management of chemicals and wastes, this activity contributed 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 contributed to targets 3.9, 6.3, 11.6, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>56</sup>, the joint clearing-house mechanism collected and provided access to information on gender issues related to chemicals and wastes management.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The joint clearing-house mechanism activities contributed to catalysing cooperation and coordination among parties and relevant stakeholders at the global and regional level, including civil society and</p>

<sup>56</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

private sector, as relevant, thus promoting the sound management of chemicals and wastes. As such, this activity contributed to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
42,705	42,645	92,792	84,387	42,703	42,427

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
83,334	-	83,332	-	83,334	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 26</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Publications</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	N/A
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Articles:</b> Article 14 of the Rotterdam Convention, Articles 9 and 10 of the Stockholm Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 26.1: Core publications</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></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 therefore contributes to increased public awareness generally, within the development community, and within Parties/governments, of the importance of sustainable management of chemicals and waste in general, and specifically 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The following items among others have been produced or revised, including translation, graphic design, layout and printing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basel Convention text rev. 2022 (electronic and printed) in 4 languages (EN, FR, RU, SP);</li> <li>2. Rotterdam Convention text rev. 2022 and 2023 (electronic and printed) 4 languages (EN, FR, RU, SP);</li> <li>3. Stockholm Convention text rev. 2022 and 2023 (electronic and printed) in 4 languages (EN, FR, RU, SP);</li> <li>4. Financial Rules text rev.2023 (electronic in EN).</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updated conventions texts and rules of procedure published and disseminated in a timely manner: High-quality publications were produced in a timely and cost-effective manner. Production of publications was tailored to suit the needs of Parties. Convention texts available on BRS websites (publications section) and distributed as hard copy at major BRS events;</li> <li>2. Number of other core publications produced and disseminated: Publications, including fact sheets and other available on BRS websites (publications section) and distributed as hard copy in response to recorded requests.</li> <li>3. Photos and imagery contained in BRS publications reflect gender aspects: Gender aspects were reflected within photos and imagery contained in core publications.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 26.2: Technical series</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Stakeholders within the chemicals and waste cluster, including scientific, policy, and decision-making professionals, benefited 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. The BRS "Technical Series" collates, packages and disseminates best practices and latest state-of-the-art on relevant themes related to the sound management of chemicals and waste. This increased awareness includes recognition of the importance of gender to the sustainable management of chemicals and waste.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical Series" publications were developed and produced;</li> <li>2. The "Technical Series" publications were disseminated through the BRS website, outreach events, including at UNEA-5.2, the 2022 and 2023 COPs and ICCM-5.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <p>Technical Series published and disseminated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Basel Convention on insurance, bond and guarantee (EN);</li> <li>2. Guidance on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Article 6 of the Basel Convention on transit transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes (EN);</li> <li>3. Stockholm Convention Technical Series No. 3 Guidance on alternatives to decabromodiphenyl ether(decaBDE) (EN);</li> <li>4. Stockholm Convention Technical Series No 4 Guidance on alternatives to hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) (EN) ;</li> <li>5. Stockholm Convention Technical Series No 5 Guidance on alternatives to pentachlorophenol (PCP) (E);</li> </ol>

	6. Stockholm Convention Technical Series No 6 Guidance on alternatives to short-chain chlorinated paraffin (SCCPs) (E).
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<b>Partner(s)</b>	UNOG, UNEP Communication Division (Nairobi), UNEP Regional Offices, GEN Network, other UN agencies as relevant
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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 progress in achieving Goal 12.4 and others such as Goal 3.9 and 6.3 of the SDGs.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> Gender aspects are one very important key theme to be communicated through the publications. The Secretariat ensured that – for example – photos and imagery contained in core publications reflects gender aspects.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> 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>

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
23,766	23,641	23,766	12,619	23,766	18,077

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
55,753	-	54,000	-	54,000	-



<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 27</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Joint communication, outreach and public awareness</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	N/A
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Articles:</b> Article 14 of the Rotterdam Convention, Articles 9 and 10 of the Stockholm Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 27.1: General Public Awareness and Outreach activities</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>This activity 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 sound management of chemicals and wastes. The component contributed to increase public awareness generally, within the development community, and within Parties/governments, of the importance of sustainable management of chemicals and waste in general, and specifically 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Public awareness and outreach especially in relation to the 2023 meetings of the COPs;</li> <li>2. Regularly engaged with media ensuring consistent and tailored outreach to the general public;</li> <li>3. Maintained and enhanced the BRS online presence (website and social media channels) to ensure a consistent delivery of Secretariat- and conventions- relevant information;</li> <li>4. Developed and expanded the BRS social media avenues and platforms ensuring regular messaging to an expanding audience of stakeholders and interested general public;</li> <li>5. Ensured a highly visible BRS presence and outreach at key events of relevance to the broader environment and development agenda, including at the 2022 (High-level Segment in connection with the Stockholm+50 and the face-to-face segment) and the 2023 COPs, UNEA 5.2, the CBD COP 15, ICCM 5, the UNFCCC COP 28. And the 7<sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Higher level of awareness of and interest in sustainable management of chemicals and waste amongst stakeholders within the wider development community: A large volume of outreach and communications materials were produced and disseminated including weekly website announcements, longer News Features, regular press releases (14) for media engagement,<sup>57</sup> press conferences (4) and daily social media messaging, were developed and published; four press conferences were held, the “20 Voices for 20 Years” video series was disseminated broadly<sup>58</sup>, A number of activities were carried out as part of the <a href="#">Plastic is Forever</a> international campaign<sup>59</sup> including the Launch of the Coffee table book featuring the winning entries of the photo competition, a Hackathon, Illuminations of the Palais des Nations and a Plastics Forum. Gender aspects increasingly recognized as important for achieving the sustainable management of chemicals and waste: Gender issues were featured in the news, videos and in the publications produced by the Secretariat</li> <li>2. BRS recognized as an authority and credible source of information on chemicals and waste: The number of visits and page views on the conventions’ websites (380k users, as well as the followers in X (12.9K), LinkedIn (2854 followers) and Facebook (6993 followers) continued to grow over the biennium.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 27.2: Specific Public Awareness and Outreach activities</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p>

<sup>57</sup> See: <http://www.brsmeas.org/Implementation/MediaResources/PressReleases/tabid/2644/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

<sup>58</sup> See: <https://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/Overview/20thAnniversary/tabid/8966/Default.aspx>.

<sup>59</sup> The Plastic is Forever international campaign was launched in 2020 to raise awareness of the work carried out by the conventions – and in particular by the Basel convention – in order to promote the environmentally sound management of plastics waste.

	<p>Specific project activities were developed to raise awareness amongst the public, especially children and youth, of the importance of sound management of chemicals and waste, the personal nature of one's health and exposure to chemicals and waste, and the decisions, including as a consumer, which can be taken by everyone to minimize their risk to harmful impacts.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specific public awareness and outreach activities were developed especially concerning plastics waste and in relation to new target audiences such as children and youth:</li> <li>2. Engaging with children and youth: developing an education multimedia package (subject to the availability of resources); A social media challenge was launched in 2022 (in Facebook and Tik Tok) to raise awareness amongst the youth on the plastics waste crisis and on the actions taken under the conventions to tackle it. In addition, as part of the Don't let it go to waste campaign<sup>60</sup>, a short story writing competition to raise awareness on the life cycle of an electric or electronic devices was launched, and three winning entries were selected. The top three stories are being adapted into animated videos and will be premiered in 2024.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BRS messaging disseminated at major events: Factsheets and social media cards were used across the Secretariat's social media accounts, which showed an increase in traffic compared to the previous biennium;</li> <li>2. Higher level of awareness of and interest in sustainable management of chemicals and waste amongst stakeholders within targeted sub-sectors of youth and children: The Plastic is Forever social media challenge that took place during the second semester of 2022, as well as the writing competition, where a fun and easily accessible way of informing youth about the status of the global plastic waste crisis and the e-waste crisis inspiring them to engage in the efforts to manage waste pollution.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	UNOG, UNEP Communication Division (Nairobi), UNEP Regional Offices, GEN Network, other UN agencies as relevant
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> Gender aspects are one very important key theme to be communicated through the BRS messaging, outreach, 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><b>Integrated Approach:</b> 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 across different sectors including industry, civil society, and academic organizations. Heightened public awareness amongst these sectors of the issues related to sound management of chemicals and waste is therefore fundamental to this.</p>

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
8,834	8,832	8,833	8,831	8,833	8,838
Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
162,000	73,752	-	24,668	-	34,473

<sup>60</sup> see <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9333/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

## 5. Overall management

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 28</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Executive direction, management and administration</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	N/A
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Conventions Articles:</b> BC Article 16, RC Article 19 and SC Article 20 on secretariat functions; SC Article 13 on financial resources and mechanisms;</p> <p><b>COP decision(s): 2013 omnibus decisions:</b> 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>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 28.1: Overall management and coordination</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>This component contributed towards the management and coordination of the three conventions both externally with relevant stakeholders and internally within the Secretariat. Externally it contributed towards strengthening 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, it contributed to the 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strategic external dialogue and consultations were held throughout the biennium;</li> <li>2. Strategic internal management, coordination and dialogue were undertaken;</li> <li>3. Operational synergies were implemented at various levels;</li> <li>4. Outputs envisaged under the programmes of work for 2022-2023 were delivered.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delivery of meetings of the conferences of the Parties (COPs) and their subsidiary bodies: the meetings of the conferences of the Parties and their subsidiary bodies were delivered successfully (see related activities' reports 1-11). The meeting documents, reports, lists of participants of all the meetings were made available on the website<sup>61</sup>.</li> <li>2. Resources leveraged to support national implementation of the three conventions as a result of cohesive efforts to increase resource mobilization for the three conventions: Resources were leveraged to support national implementation of the three conventions as a result of cohesive efforts to increase resource mobilization for the three conventions. Contributions received by the Secretariat to the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund of the Basel Convention and the Special Voluntary Trust Funds of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions for the implementation of the programmes of work for the biennium 2022-2023 were made available on the website.</li> <li>3. Implementation and delivery of technical assistance activities in collaboration with regional centers and other partners: Information on all the BRS organized webinars and workshops was made available on the website.</li> <li>4. Openness and transparency of the Secretariat(s) and its activities through web posting of the Secretariat's financial and progress reports: These were made available through meeting documents for the 2022 and 2023 meetings of the COPs</li> <li>5. Programmes of work of the three conventions delivered by the Secretariat(s) coherently while respecting the legal autonomy of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) conventions respectively: the programmes of work of the three conventions as per the consolidated Secretariat's work plan 2022-2023 were successfully implemented through enhanced cooperation and collaboration with key partners and institutions, including through the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres;</li> </ol>

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9373/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

	<p>6. Secretariat staff trained, skills kept up to date and working efficiently under and within a matrix structure: Secretariat staff were trained as appropriate and worked efficiently under a matrix structure. Amongst others, the following activities were undertaken:</p> <p>(a) Monthly meetings of the management team were held to discuss management and policy issues with the participation of the Rome-based Senior staff (online);</p> <p>(b) Monthly all staff meetings (hybrid);</p> <p>(c) Monthly meetings of the project oversight group were held to prioritize and monitor voluntarily - funded project implementation with the aim to ensure that projects stay on schedule and make appropriate use of funds;</p> <p>(d) Monthly meetings of the communications task team were held with the aim to increase the outreach and visibility of the work under the conventions;</p> <p>(e) A two-day residential retreat with the aim to enhance teamwork within the secretariat was held in June 2023.</p>
	<p><b>Component 28.2: Corporate Services and Operations</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The three conventions received 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 were 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinated the preparation and monitored the implementation of the programmes of work and budgets for all three conventions (staff costs only);</li> <li>2. Managed the funds, including management of contributions and income;</li> <li>3. Administered human resources relates issues; processed and administered all travel, procurement, inventory and consultancy transactions;</li> <li>4. Prepared financial and programmatic reporting to Parties, donors, UNEP headquarters;</li> <li>5. Coordinated internal and external audits (staff costs only);</li> <li>6. Coordinated corporate legal services, advice and operations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No audit observations regarding application of UN regulations and rules in BRS: During the biennium 2022 – 2023, the UN Board of auditors (BoA) reviewed the BRS accounts as part of UNEP audit. The Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the Report of the Board of Auditors confirms that tested transactions have been in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations. There is one BoA recommendation under implementation from 2020. During 2023, the BRS Secretariat was audited by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), and it was noted that some aspects of information management, administration and reporting to Parties need to be enhanced. Out of seven recommendations, two have already been implemented and five are under implementation during 2024 – 2025.</li> <li>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: The Secretariat has a standard operating procedure that ensures that all corporate and programmatic activities of the Secretariat, including image and branding of the Conventions, are consistent with conventions, applicable law/s, rules, regulations procedures, policies, practices and COPs decisions.</li> <li>3. Timely delivery of corporate services, advice and operations: Timely delivery of corporate services, advice and operations was provided.</li> <li>4. Timely delivery of programmes of work: The BRS programmes of work and budgets for 2022-2023 were implemented in a timely manner.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 28.3: Staff travel on core funded activities</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions were 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Geneva staff participated in CRC and POPRC meetings in 2022 and 2023;</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Rome staff participated in the Rotterdam Convention COP and Bureau meetings;</li> <li>3. Staff participated 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);</li> <li>4. Staff provided 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);</li> <li>5. Staff provided support to regional centers (as described in the factsheet for POW activity 19);</li> <li>6. The Secretariat participated in meetings of the Global Environment Facility (63<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 64<sup>th</sup> GEF Council, 7<sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly, other relevant meetings) and met with donors for resource mobilization purposes;</li> <li>7. The Executive Secretaries and Deputy Executive Secretary t participated in bilateral meetings as well as relevant meetings organized by partners.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Secretariat presence at relevant meetings and conferences: The Secretariat actively participated in meetings and conferences organized under the aegis of the three conventions, as well as those organized by relevant organizations thus raising the visibility of the Conventions.</li> <li>2. Effective cooperation with partners and input is provided to ongoing processes as necessary: The Secretariat actively cooperated with partners and contributed to processes and activities thus enhancing effective and collaborative relationships and activities with the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centres, FAO, UNEP and other institutions and partners.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 28.4: Rotterdam Convention Secretariat meetings</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Strengthened information sharing, cooperation and teamwork between the Geneva (UNEP) and Rome (FAO) parts of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No dedicated face-to-face meetings of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat were held in 2022-2023, due to the very heavy workload experienced following the exceptional arrangements caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to enhanced teleconferencing facilities, staff from Rome and Geneva cooperated smoothly and had daily exchanges during online meetings;</li> <li>2. Organized technical missions as necessary for Geneva and Rome staff to participate in relevant staff meetings, mostly through online modalities.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One annual face-to-face all-hand meetings held between Geneva and Rome staff of the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention: No face-to-face staff meetings were held due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the very heavy workload caused by exceptional working arrangements during that time. Geneva and Rome staff participated in all relevant meetings online.</li> <li>2. Technical missions held as necessary for Geneva and Rome staff to participate in relevant staff meetings: most consultations between Geneva and Rome colleagues in 2022-2023 took place online thanks to enhanced teleconferencing facilities. One technical mission was undertaken in March 2023, with a Geneva staff member providing in-person support to the CRC orientation workshop in Rome.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	UNEP, FAO as well 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
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> The activity addressed the three dimensions of the Sustainable Development: environmental, economic and social. Among other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it supported 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 also supported 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> The activity was gender-relevant and the Executive Secretary of the BRS Conventions actively participated 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 contributed 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>

**Integrated Approach:** The activity supported 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.

### **Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
188,250	162,657	236,430	209,224	204,399	187,098
<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
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### **Supplementary budget**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
68,040	55,237	44,136	38,404	-	-
<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 29</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>International cooperation and coordination</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/20-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/16-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/20 UNEP/CHW.15/21-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/17-UNEP/POPS/COP.10/21
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> 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</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions BC-14/22, BC-14/21, BC-15/24 and BC-15/25 of the Basel Convention, RC-9/9, RC-9/10, RC-10/13 and RC-10/14 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-9/19, SC-9/20, SC 10/20 and SC-10/21 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p>A detailed report on cooperative activities undertaken by the Secretariat with international bodies, including intergovernmental organizations, international and regional organizations, other multilateral environmental agreement secretariats, international non-governmental organizations, and networks, from 1 January to 31 December 2022 is set out in the document made available to 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties (UNEP/CHW.16/INF/37-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/20-UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/41). Thus, only activities that were conducted in 2023 are reported below.</p> <p><b>Component 29.1: Cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and wastes cluster</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The Secretariat cooperated with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury: The Secretariat provided secretariat services, on a cost recovery basis, to the Minamata Convention secretariat for its fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in November 2023. Similarly, the Minamata Convention secretariat provided secretariat services, on a cost recovery basis, to the BRS Secretariat for the organization of the 2023 COPs. In 2023, the Secretariat continued to carry out cooperative activities with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on programmatic issues, such as mercury wastes; the provision of technical assistance, including through regional centres; financial resources; compliance; legal issues and effectiveness evaluation; development of a draft decision guidance document for mercury under the Rotterdam Convention for consideration by the Chemical Review Committee, organizational issues, in particular with regard to the organization and servicing of meetings, including joint regional preparatory meetings; outreach and awareness-raising efforts; and knowledge and information management. Details of cooperative activities undertaken with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention is further provided in document on cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury (UNEP/CHW.16/21-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/16-UNEP/POPS/COP.11/22) and a joint report on cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and of the Minamata Convention (UNEP/CHW.16/INF/36-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/19-UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/44). Updated reports were also submitted to the COP-5 to the Minamata Convention.</li> <li>2. The secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) now superseded by the Global Framework on Chemicals: The Secretariat participated in meetings such as parts II and III of the fourth meeting of the intersessional process held from 27 February to 3 March 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya, and from 23 and 24 September 2023, in Bonn, Germany. It also attended the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, held from 25 to 29 September 2023, in Bonn, Germany, during which the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste- was adopted.</li> <li>3. The UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, on specific substances and wastes covered and processes established under the conventions, e.g. PCB, DDT, PFAS, mercury wastes, e-wastes, waste lead-acid batteries, asbestos and asbestos wastes, the global monitoring plan (GMP) for POPs, the Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional POPs, the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices, integrated toolkit for Article 7</li> </ol>

and 15 of Stockholm Convention and other UNEP-led processes that contribute to the conventions, such as the special programme on institutional strengthening. Cooperation has taken place through the use of the joint task force on programmatic cooperation among UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, the Secretariat of the BRS Conventions and the secretariat of the Minamata Convention. Among other things, the Secretariat:

- (a) Regularly consults with the UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch on DDT, including with a view to distil relevant insights and lessons learned from GEF-funded projects. The UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch has participated in the first meeting of the intersessional process of consultations with Parties in the DDT register on 19 October 2022 as well as the ninth meeting of the DDT expert group from 7 to 9 November 2022, in Geneva. The Secretariat continues to stand ready to support the activities of the Global Alliance for the development of alternatives to DDT and of the road map for the development of alternatives to DDT. The Secretariat made contributions and facilitated the inputs by the DDT expert group on the implementation of the road map (see documents UNEP/POPS/COP.11/5 and UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/10).
- (b) Participated in the activities to support the environmentally sound management of PCB including the PCB Elimination Network (PEN) (see document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/14); Supported UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch on the development of a Medium Sized Project to be funded by the GEF on global actions to support PCB phase out and elimination; Invited the Chemicals and Health Branch to participate and support the work of the Small Intersessional Working Group on PCB reestablished by decision SC-11/3.
- (c) Contributed to the activities of UNEP Global Mercury Partnership as a member of the Partnership Advisory Group and the Mercury Partnership area groups on reduction in products, supply and storage and on waste management;
- (d) Implemented training and capacity building activities in Latin America, in the context of a joint capacity-building programme on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and contributed to the guidance manual for policymakers and regulators for the environmentally sound management of waste or used lead-acid batteries in Africa. On 30 October 2023, the Secretariat also participated in the online panel discussion “Worldwide Voices: Perspectives in Tackling Lead” organized in cooperation with UNEP and the WHO for the 11th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.
- (e) Contributed to the implementation of the medium-sized project of the GEF by UNEP to facilitate the development and transmission of, access to and use of data contained in NIPs and national reports through an integrated toolkit. The Secretariat sent the electronic template (integrated toolkit) to Parties for a pilot testing, including to collect their feedback to update it taking into account the comments received from Parties;
- (f) Contributed to the development of a GEF project by the Branch titled “Fortifying Infrastructure for Responsible Extinguishments (FIRE)” related to PFAS listed under the Stockholm Convention;
- (g) Cooperated with the Branch in the initiation of the fourth phase of the global monitoring plan under the Stockholm Convention and contributed to the development of a GEF project by the Branch titled “Global Chemicals Monitoring Programme to support implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions (GCMP)”;
- (h) Contributed to the development of a GEF project by the Branch titled “Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management (FARM) Programme”;
- (i) Contributed to the implementation of a GEF project titled “Reducing uses and releases of chemicals of concern, including POPs, in the textiles sector”;
- (j) Cooperated with the Branch under the process for the review and update of the Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional POPs and the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices (see document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/8) as well as in the implementation of the global monitoring plan (see document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/20, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/20/Add.1, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/9, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/38 and UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/39);
- (k) Contributed to various reports and assessments developed by the Branch that were presented to the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, such as the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern and a summary of analysis of stakeholders’ views on priorities for further work and potential further international action<sup>62</sup>, as well as a document outlining options for addressing asbestos contaminants in products and the environment.<sup>63</sup>

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.unep.org/topics/chemicals-and-pollution-action/chemicals-management/issues-concern>.

<sup>63</sup> <https://www.unep.org/environmentassembly/unea6/unea6-documents>.



	<p>(l) Co-developed a publication titled: “Chemicals in Plastics: A Technical Report”, and cooperated in the delivery of related technical assistance activities;</p> <p>(m) Attended, as observer, the meetings of the executive board of the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention and SAICM and continued to participate in the internal task team of the Special Programme.</p> <p>(n) Participated in the Branch’s project on “National Training Integrated Health and Environment Observatories and Legal and Institutional Strengthening for the Sound Management of Chemicals in Africa (African ChemObs)”.</p> <p>4. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and its Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division and Statistics Division on issues related to pesticides management, agriculture and food production as they relate to the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Over the reporting period, the Secretariat closely cooperated with various NSP teams, namely the Pest and Pesticide Management team, the team on Ecosystem Approach to Crop Production Intensification and the team on Transboundary Plant Pests and Diseases.</p> <p>5. The Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC): The membership of the BRS conventions as a participating organization of the IMC became effective as of August 2023. In accordance with this mandate, the BRS secretariat joined, as a participating organization of the IOMC, the 60th meeting of the IOMC Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee held on 21 and 22 November 2023 in Geneva.</p> <p>6. The Law Division of UNEP and its activities, such as:</p> <p>(a) Its network of MEA focal points which brings together the MEAs administered by UNEP and convenes on a regular basis to exchange information on issues of common interest;</p> <p>(b) The Green Customs Initiative, by attending the 17th meeting, held on 24 and 25 January 2023, in Paris, France, and the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7 and 8 February 2024, in Brussels, Belgium.</p> <p>(c) The Regional Enforcement Network (REN) to Combat Illegal Trade in Harmful Chemicals and Hazardous Waste in Asia for which the Secretariat is part of the steering committee;</p> <p>(d) The Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law, by participating as an observer in the sixth meeting of the Fifth Montevideo Programme Steering Committee for Implementation (Nairobi/Online, 13 November 2023) and in a Capacity building workshop for national focal points of the MEAs and Fifth Montevideo Programme to facilitate implementation of biodiversity and chemicals and waste MEAs (Bugasera, Rwanda, 29-31 August 2023);</p> <p>(a) The Programme on Capacity-Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries – Phase 3 (ACP MEAs 3). As part of this cooperation framework, the Secretariat participated in the project steering committee meeting held on 2 to 4 October 2023. The Secretariat has also supported institutional partners upon request.</p> <p>(b) The online courses on implementation of MEAs for Parties in the Africa, Middle East and North Africa and South-East Asia regions. In the online courses, the Secretariat provided a series of presentations and interactive debates on overview of the conventions as well as addressing specific aspects of implementation.</p> <p>(c) The United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environment Agreements (InforMEA) which aims at developing harmonized and interoperable information systems among MEAs to the benefit of Parties and the environment community at large.</p> <p>(d) The project Unwaste of which UNEP is one of partners and which is focused on waste movements from the EU to South-East Asia aiming to curb illegal traffic between these two regions by promoting enhanced UN-EU-ASEAN Member States partnerships in support of ongoing efforts towards a circular economy transition.</p> <p>(e) Issues related to human rights and the environment more specifically pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding concluded in August 2019 between UNEP Executive Director and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. In this respect, the Secretariat is part of the UNEP-OHCHR Community of Practice Group and of the Environmental Rights Coordination Group, which hold informal discussions on human rights &amp; the environment.</p> <p>7. The Ecosystems Division of UNEP: The Secretariat is one of the collaborating agencies for the UN Decade for the Ecosystem Restoration which is jointly coordinated by FAO and UNEP. The Secretariat participated in</p>
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	<p>the activities of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) as a member of the partnership, for example, in their webinars and GPML Digital consultations. The Secretariat is collaborating with GPML in a project to develop a web portal on regional and national initiatives on marine plastic litter and microplastics. The Secretariat participates in Data Harmonization Community of Practice working space on the Global Platform of the GPML.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. The Early Warning and Assessment Division of UNEP, such as in the Polar Group to contribute to the work in the Arctic and Antarctic regions relevant to chemicals and waste management, or the initiative of Early Warning for the Environment.</li> <li>9. The Governance Affairs Office: The Secretariat attended CPR meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) throughout 2023. The Executive Secretary delivered a briefing to the CPR on the outcomes of the 2023 BRS COPs in September 2023.</li> <li>10. Other divisions and offices of UNEP, as described in the detailed report on activities pertaining to cooperation and coordination (document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/37-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/20-UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/41).</li> <li>11. Other chemicals and wastes multilateral environmental agreements:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Montreal Protocol: The Secretariat has had exchanges with the Secretariat of the Montreal Protocol to explore enhanced cooperation on issues of common interest to the conventions. A report on interlinkages between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer will be submitted to the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties. The Secretariat participated in a Global workshop on strengthening the effective implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol organized by the Ozone Secretariat on 2 July 2023. The Secretariat cooperates with the Montreal Protocol Secretariat in the context of PACE II. The Secretariat cooperated in the development of a draft decision guidance document for methyl bromide under the Rotterdam Convention for consideration by the Chemical Review Committee</li> <li>(b) The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and its conventions, by regularly exchanging information on the outcomes of the global monitoring plan for POPs with the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) and by participating in the work and meetings of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG) and on the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, and related sub-committees, with a view to ensuring consistency and coherence of the classification and labelling of chemicals and wastes. The Secretariat cooperated with the UNECE and the Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters on items related to its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Protocol on PRTRs), by providing substantive input on an overview of pollutants and activities covered by multilateral environmental agreements relevant to the Protocol on PRTRs as well as presenting at the Tenth Meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs (27-28 November 2023 in Geneva) on the newly listed substances under the BRS Conventions, following COPs decisions in May 2023, and the related aspects of listing and reporting of hazardous chemicals and wastes under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.;</li> <li>(c) The secretariat of the Bamako Convention by regularly exchanging information on issues of common interest.</li> </ol> </li> <li>12. The World Health Organization (WHO): Cooperates with the WHO on environmental health and health risk assessment; particularly to assist the Stockholm Convention's DDT expert group in conducting its activities, to support the Stockholm Convention's GMP for POPs, through the WHO/UNEP Human Milk Survey (whose most recent data are available in the third global monitoring report (see documents UNEP/POPS/COP.11/20, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/20/Add.1 and UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/38); under the Basel Convention on the health aspects of mercury waste and e-waste management (e.g. new edition of the E-waste Challenge Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) and PACE-II); and on health-related aspects of relevance to the Rotterdam Convention (e.g. presentations delivered by WHO during Rotterdam Convention technical assistance workshops).</li> <li>13. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): The Secretariat participates, as observers, in the meetings of the Global perfluorinated chemicals (PFC) Group, working party of resource productivity and waste, working party on exposure assessment, working party on risk management, joint meeting of the chemicals committee and working party on chemicals, pesticides and biotechnology and plastics sustainability expert group. Furthermore, the Secretariat participates in the work of the OECD partnership of international organisations for effective international rule-making. The Secretariat has</li> </ol>
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	<p>consulted with OECD in the context of a Rotterdam Convention technical assistance project in Panama, where, among others, the OECD draft guidance on establishing a national chemicals register will be used by relevant national authorities.</p> <p>14. The International Labour Organization (ILO): The Secretariat continues to work on issues related to industrial chemicals, pesticides management and decent employment in agriculture, e-wastes (e.g. in the context of the e-waste coalition and the follow up Partnership to PACE) and sustainable ship recycling, as appropriate. The ILO regularly contributes to Rotterdam Convention technical assistance workshops.</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhanced cooperative activities with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention: Coherence was enhanced between conventions' activities and those of the Minamata Convention; and potential linkages and synergies were appropriately taken into account and fostered;</li> <li>2. Coherence is enhanced between conventions' activities and those of others; and potential linkages and synergies are appropriately taken into account and fostered: Coherence was enhanced between conventions' activities and those of others; and potential linkages and synergies were appropriately taken into account and fostered;</li> <li>3. Effective and coherent exchange of experience and expertise is promoted for the effective implementation of the three conventions: Effective and coherent exchange of experience and expertise was promoted for the effective implementation of the three conventions;</li> <li>4. Coordinated efforts are undertaken in areas that support the achievement of the sound management of chemicals and wastes beyond 2020: Coordinated efforts were undertaken in areas that support the achievement of the sound management of chemicals and wastes beyond 2020.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 29.2:</b> Cooperation on the broader sustainable development and environment agendas</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <p>The Secretariat:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participated in meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives that took place in 2023 to prepare for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly scheduled from 26 February 2024 to 1 March 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya. The Secretariat also continued its cooperation with UNEP by observing or contributing information to various UNEA processes, such as the meetings of the intergovernmental negotiating committee for a new legally binding agreement on plastic pollution, and meeting of the ad hoc open ended working group on the Science-Policy Panel on chemicals, waste and pollution, as follows:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The secretariat of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) to develop a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution: The Secretariat participated in the third session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee held on 13 - 19 November 2023, Nairobi, Kenya and supported the secretariat in the preparation and servicing of the session. In the third session, a report developed in cooperation with UNEP "Chemicals in Plastics", a report developed by the Secretariat "Global governance of plastics and associated chemicals", and two outputs of the Plastic Waste Partnership, "Compilation of information, best practices and lessons learned on measures taken by key stakeholders to prevent and reduce single use plastic waste and packaging waste" and "Compilation of national and international specifications related to 'almost free from contamination and other types of wastes' and 'almost exclusively' for shipments of plastic waste destined for recycling" were submitted to the committee. The Secretariat also exchanged with the INC secretariat information on issues related to admission and accreditation of observers.</li> <li>(b) The secretariat of the open-ended working group on a science-policy panel (SPP OEWG) to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution: The Secretariat participated in the second part of the first session, held on 30 January - 3 February 2023, Bangkok, Thailand; and the second session, held in 11 - 15 December 2023, UNEP Headquarters, Nairobi. It also supported the SPP OEWG secretariat in the servicing of the sessions. The Secretariat also exchanged with the SPP OEWG secretariat information on issues related to admission and accreditation of observers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Contributed to the 2023 session of the High-Level Political Forum which were held from 10 to 19 July 2023, respectively, in New York, United States of America, by submitting written inputs on the relevance and</li> </ol>

contribution of each of the convention and by providing input to the preparation of the 2023 report of the Secretary-General on progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

- 2 Contributed to the activities of the Environment Management Group (EMG) and provided input to several issue management groups, such as those on tackling e-waste and on environmental sustainability management, as well as to the consultative process on biodiversity, the consultative process on advancing environmental and social sustainability in the United Nations System and the Task Team on Marine Litter and Microplastics;

**Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:**

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: The conventions were taken into account in the implementation of the sustainable development goals and other frameworks related to the broader environmental/sustainable development agendas.
2. Mainstreaming of the sound management of chemicals and wastes into national sustainable development plans and into the international development assistance priorities is promoted: Mainstreaming of the sound management of chemicals and wastes into national sustainable development plans and into the international development assistance priorities was promoted.
3. Reach and influence of the conventions is promoted: Reach and influence of the conventions was promoted.

**Component 29.3: Other cooperation and coordination**

**Outcomes achieved:**

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.

**Activities implemented:**

The Secretariat cooperated with:

1. Interpol, and participated in its meetings and activities.
2. The European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL), on the basis of a memorandum of understanding, including participate in its annual conferences, including the annual conference held on 14 -16 November 2023, and the High-Level Advisory Board (HLAB) for the SWEAP project, and under the framework of ENFORCE.
3. The Green Customs Initiative (GCI). As highlighted above, the Secretariat attended the 17th meeting, held on 24 and 25 January 2023, in Paris, France, and the 18th meeting held on 7 and 8 February 2024, in Brussels, Belgium.
4. The World Customs Organization WCO on enforcement matters such as provided support to the Operation DEMETER IX in December 2023 to monitor and control cross-border movements of hazardous and other waste. The Secretariat participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the WCO Enforcement Committee which held from 24 to 28 February 2020 in Brussels, Belgium. The Secretariat also cooperated with WCO in connection to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, with respect to the assignment of Harmonized System codes to wastes covered by the Basel Convention and chemicals listed in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention, in particular attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> sessions of the Harmonized System Review Subcommittee, held in 2023. The report on the status of the work of the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System in relation to the Basel Convention is set out in UNEP/CHW.16/INF/15 and the activities on cooperation with the World Customs Organization in assigning customs codes for chemicals listed under the Rotterdam Convention is set out in UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/38.
5. The Secretariat participated in the 2023 workshop of the Asian network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste held in Bangkok on 12-14 December 2023.
6. The Secretariat cooperated with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) by supporting eight national training workshops Asia and Africa, and organizing a side event at the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COP to the UNFCCC.
7. The International Maritime Organization (IMO), in particular on the issues of ship dismantling and waste generated onboard ships.

8. The Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP), in particular in the working group 40 on plastics and microplastics in the ocean and the development of a new working group 45 on impacts on contaminants in the ocean.
9. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in the framework of an administrative agreement signed in March 2012. The Secretariat participated in 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium on ICT, Environment, Climate Change and Circular Economy held on 25 October 2022, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy. The Secretariat participated in the “Iconathon” in cooperation with the ITU and the WEEE Forum. The Secretariat organized in May 2023 a webinar session on “Sustainable Batteries - The building blocks of a circular economy- in cooperation with ITU and UNEP, in the context of online events of the WSIS Forum. The Secretariat cooperates with ITU Standardization Sector (ITU-T), in particular the standardization group 5 on Environment, Climate Change and Circular Economy for the development of standards and recommendations on hazardous and other wastes under the Basel Convention with focus on e-waste.
10. The World Trade Organization (WTO) on environment and trade issues, such as in Informal Dialogue on Plastics Pollution and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trade (IDP) meetings.
11. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The Secretariat works closely with the Special Rapporteur on human rights and toxics and the Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment. The Secretariat provides inputs in preparation of reports by the Special Rapporteurs as they relate to the conventions. The Secretariat participated in relevant regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, in March, June and September 2023, as well as activities related thereto.
12. The secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements, including of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCDD), the Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the Framework Tobacco Convention, in particular:
  - (a) The Secretariat of the CBD. The Secretariat has taken steps to enhance its cooperation with the CBD secretariat, in collaboration with the Minamata Convention. A report on how the conventions could contribute to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will be prepared for the consideration of the conferences of the Parties at their 2025 meetings.
  - (b) The secretariat of the UNFCCC. The Secretariat participated in the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The Secretariat was invited to take part in a High-Level Event organized by the UNFCCC secretariat on #Together4Transparency. The Secretariat organized or took part in more than 10 side events during COP-28.
13. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in March 2023 and contributed to the Synthesis Report (SYR) of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6).
14. The Secretary General’s report on ocean affairs and the law of the sea for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session. The report was mandated by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 77/248, entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea” and covers the main developments in oceans and the law of the sea for the period September 2022 to August 2023.
15. The secretariats of Regional Seas conventions and action plans, in particular:
  - (a) The Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols under the signed memorandum of understanding;
  - (b) The Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA);
  - (c) The Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention for Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Atlantic Coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa Region;
  - (d) The Secretariat participated in the 23rd Global Meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, which was took place in Bridgetown Barbados from 20 – 23 November 2023.
  - (e) The Secretariat co-organized with the Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention “Towards Effective Management of Plastics and their Chemicals in the WIO Region: Preparing countries for implementation of the legally binding instrument on plastics” in Seychelles from 11 to 12 December 2023.

	<p>16. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPC) and the Sahelian Pesticide Committee (SPC) and their activities and processes, in particular on issues related to the Rotterdam Convention and pesticide management.</p> <p>17. The Gender and Safeguards unit of UNEP in the implementation of the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality (SWAP) and associated activities.</p> <p>18. The GEF gender partnership and associated activities;</p> <p>19. The World resource Forum (WRF), on waste management issues. The Secretariat is a member of the advisory board of the project on Voluntary certification schemes for waste treatment coordinated by the WRF. The Secretariat participated in the World Resources Forum 2023, organized from 4 to 6 September 2023, in Geneva.</p> <p>20. The World Economic Forum. The Secretariat participated in the first phase (2018-2020) of the Friends of Ocean Action Initiative. In 2021 the Secretariat provided comments and feedback on the report on Trade and the Circular Economy: A Deep Dive on Ghana and Plastic Action. In 2020-2021 the Secretariat cooperated with the National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) in Ghana, which is part of the WEF Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP) in the context of its project in Ghana on plastic waste (BRS-Norad-2 project). Upon the invitation by NPAP, the Secretariat agreed to serve as a member of the Innovation Task Force of the Ghana NPAP.</p> <p>21. The report, including possible recommendations, on how the conventions could contribute to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will be prepared for the consideration of the conferences of the Parties at their 2025 meetings.</p> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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: Experiences and expertise were shared, in the form of success stories or techniques, for an enhanced and coherent implementation of the conventions at global, regional and national levels;</li> <li>Cooperative activities are undertaken when relevant: Cooperative activities were undertaken when relevant</li> <li>Report, including possible recommendations, on how the conventions could contribute to the post-2020 biodiversity framework prepared: Report will be prepared for the consideration of the COPs at their 2025 meetings.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	<p>Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, secretariat of the Global Framework on Chemicals, UNEP and its divisions, such as 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), 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, OHCHCR, 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.</p>
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> This activity contributed 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 ensured that the sound management of chemicals and wastes and the conventions are an integral part of the efforts towards achieving the SDGs.</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>64</sup>, the Secretariat paid special attention to gender balance and encouraged its partners to take into account these aspects when undertaking cooperative activities with the Secretariat. The Secretariat also advised, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the cooperative activities undertaken.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> This activity contributed 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 assisted in catalyzing coordination among relevant partners, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, for an improved implementation of the conventions.</p>

<sup>64</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
6,666	-	6,666	-	6,668	-

<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
4,000	6,653	4,000	6,653	4,000	6,653

**Financial and in-kind support**

<b>Financial and in-kind support</b>		
<b>Basel Convention</b>	<b>Rotterdam Convention</b>	<b>Stockholm Convention</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	17,700*	-

(\*) from FAO Regular Programme budget to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat in Rome.

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 30</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Financial resources and mechanisms</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/POPS/COP.11/17, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/29, UNEP/CHW.16/27–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/22–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/28
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 13 and 14 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions BC-15/30 of the Basel Convention, RC-10/19 of the Rotterdam Convention and SC-10/26 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>Decisions SC-10/3 and SC-10/16 of the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 30.1: Financial resources under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Through this activity, the Secretariat ensured 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 has been achieved, among others, through the preparation of reports and the monitoring of the implementation of donor funded activities.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raised funds for activities under the Special Trust Funds for voluntary contributions (BD, RV, SV) of the three conventions (staff costs only);</li> <li>2. Expanded the donor basis of the three conventions (staff costs only);</li> <li>3. Updated and further develop resource mobilization and management strategy (staff costs only);</li> <li>4. Undertook visibility and donor recognition;</li> <li>5. Provided support to the Special Programme (staff costs only).</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of the voluntary programme of work budgets raised: approximately 40% of the total voluntary budget for the biennium 2022/2023. The shortfall was largely due to the Corona pandemic and the related issued at the donor and recipient levels.</li> <li>2. Increase in numbers and types of donors to the three convention: despite the challenges faced during the pandemic, the Secretariat was able to enlarge its donor basis with two new donors (Belgium and the United States). The Secretariat was also able to increase funding received from non-state actors by more than USD 2.5 mio, thus consolidating this non-traditional funding stream.</li> <li>3. Resource mobilization and management strategy is up to date: due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that the COPs in 2021 approved only a supplement budget, resource mobilization for this budget cycle was undertaken largely on an ad hoc basis to ensure the operations of the Secretariat and the provisions for the online and hybrid meetings during this period. The update of the resource mobilization standard operating procedure was launched in mid-2023 (and concluded in 2024).</li> <li>4. Number and type of visibility and donor recognition activities: donor visibility and recognition activities focused on showcasing contributions and impact generated during the COPs in 2022. More dedicated activities focused on promoting BRS funded activities through communications and social media throughout the biennium as well as in interventions of BRS staff at meetings.</li> <li>5. Projects under the Special Programme address obligations under the three conventions: the Secretariat continued to participate in the internal task force on the Special Programme thus ensuring that project applications take into account obligations and potential gaps under the BRS Conventions.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 30.2: Activities related to the Financial Mechanism of the Stockholm Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Key outcomes of this activity included the strengthening of the relations with the GEF, including the development and submission of input to GEF projects that take into account the guidance of the COP to the GEF Council and other policy documents.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communicated regularly with the GEF Secretariat and GEF agencies (staff costs only);</li> <li>2. Contributed to the eighth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (staff costs only);</li> </ol>





<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
3,000	-	3,000	-	163,000	87,020

## 6. Legal and policy activities

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 32</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Legal and policy activities specific to the Basel Convention</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/3, UNEP/CHW.15/3/Add.1, UNEP/CHW.15/12, UNEP/CHW.15/12/Add.1-Add.2, UNEP/CHW.15/14
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 3, 4, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 16 of the Basel Convention <b>COP decisions:</b> Decisions VI/12, BC-14/1, BC-14/15, BC-14/17, BC-14/24, BC-14/29, BC-15/3 and BC-15/17 of the Basel Convention
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<b>Component 32.1: Work programme of the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> All the activities entrusted by the COP to the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC) under its 2022-2023 work programme and that the ICC decided to undertake were implemented with the support of the Secretariat. The outcome of these activities was considered by COP-16 which adopted decision BC-16/14 in which, it, among other things, welcomed the progress made by the ICC in the implementation of its work programme for the biennium 2022–2023 and the conclusions reached, and adopted the work programme of the ICC for 2024-2025. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated within the Secretariat the ICC's intersessional work;</li> <li>Supported the ICC in identifying priorities and working methods, communication with ICC members, organization of consultations;</li> <li>Thanks to the generous financial support provided by Japan, Norway and Switzerland, supported the ICC in implementing its work programme, under the guidance of the ICC;</li> <li>Supported the ICC in developing its draft programme of work for 2024-2025 and its report to the COP-16 (document UNEP/CHW.16/3);</li> <li>Followed-up on the COP decision BC-15/17 related to the ICC's work.</li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance for the operation of the ICC is provided to the satisfaction of the ICC and its Chair: Assistance for the operation of the ICC was provided to the satisfaction of the ICC and its Chair;</li> <li>Support to the ICC for undertaking the activities of its work programme is provided to the satisfaction of the ICC and its Chair: Support to the ICC for undertaking the activities of its work programme, as decided by the ICC, was provided to the satisfaction of the ICC and its Chair.</li> </ol>
	<b>Component 32.2: Implementation Fund</b> <b>Outcomes achieved:</b> Thanks to the generous financial support provided by Japan, Norway and Switzerland, nine eligible Parties were supported in their efforts to undertake the activities of their ICC-approved compliance action plan towards resolution of their implementation and compliance difficulties: Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, the Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Sudan and Togo. During its fifteenth meeting, the ICC concluded that the matter of concern regarding Liberia had been resolved. <b>Activities implemented:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat liaised with 9 Parties benefiting from the implementation fund, negotiated legal agreements including by inserting a gender component where appropriate and oversaw their implementation, hired consultants and supervised their work. For more information, see document UNEP/CHW.16/3).</li> </ol>
	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement (subject to the availability of resources):</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources in the implementation fund are used to assist with the resolution of the implementation and compliance matter: resources in the implementation fund have continued to be used to assist with the resolution of the implementation and compliance matter.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Component 32.3: Notifications of information pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions), 4(1) (import prohibitions), 11 (agreements) and 13 (2) (transmission of information)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Received and processed information transmitted by Parties on national definitions, import / export restrictions and Article 11 agreements (including provided quality control and follow up, liaised with Parties to request translated texts if possible and posted on website) (staff costs only);</li> <li>2. Translations of notifications of national definitions, import / export prohibitions were not undertaken due to lack of funding, however certain Parties voluntarily provided translations on request from the Secretariat.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notifications made available in at least English, or several / all of the UN official languages (subject to the availability of resources): Notifications of import/export prohibitions and national definitions of hazardous wastes continually posted on the website, including attachments transmitted by Parties.</li> <li>2. Website containing notifications has continuously improving user-friendly format: Adjustments continued to be made to the notifications and reporting electronic systems to further facilitate the publication of notifications transmitted by the focal points through the annual national reporting questionnaire, including the addition of automatic notification functions to the Secretariat to notify of Parties' requests to update information through specific questions.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 32.4: Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Findings and recommendations to improve, as appropriate, the strategic framework for the Basel Convention for 2012–2021 were presented to COP-16.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As described in document UNEP/CHW.16/3, the small intersessional working group developed findings and recommendations to improve, as appropriate, the strategic framework for the period 2012–2021. A draft was presented for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention at its thirteenth meeting in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.13/INF/3. Subsequently, recommendations to improve, as appropriate, the strategic framework for the period 2012–2021 were presented to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting in document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/5, taking into account the outcome of the thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.</li> <li>2. Canada served as the lead country for the activities and there was thus no need to recruit a consultant to support the work.</li> <li>3. The small intersessional working group held a meeting in two parts: an online part on 2 and 3 November 2022 and a face-to-face part in Geneva, on 24 and 25 February 2023, back to back with the thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and thanks to the generous financial support provided by the Government of Japan.</li> <li>4. By decision BC-16/1, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the work undertaken by the lead country, Canada, and the small intersessional working group, and welcomed also the recommendations to improve the strategic framework for the period 2012–2021 developed by the small intersessional working group.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Findings and recommendations to improve the strategic framework for the Basel Convention for 2012–2021 presented to OEWG-13 and COP-16: 100% completed (see UNEP/CHW/OEWG.13/INF/3 and UNEP/CHW.16/INF/5);</li> <li>2. At least one face-to-face meeting of the SIWG held in 2022-2023 (subject to the availability of resources): Thanks to the generous financial support provided by the Government of Japan, one part of the meeting of the small intersessional working group was held face-to-face in Geneva, on 24 and 25 February 2023. A second part of the meeting was held online.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 32.5: Improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Report outlining challenges in the implementation of the procedure and on best practices, possible approaches, initiatives and possible options /recommendations to improve the functioning of the procedure on improving the function of the prior informed consent procedure.</p>

	<p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As described in document UNEP/CHW.16/4 following COP-15 on a call for information was made by the Secretariat to submit to the Secretariat, by 30 November 2022, information on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and on best practices, possible approaches, initiatives and views to improve the functioning of the procedure. The information received from Parties and observers is available on the website of the Convention. The compilation of information is available in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.13/INF/4 for consideration by the OEWG-13.</li> <li>Following the decision BC-16/2 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 was established and France offered to server as the lead country.</li> <li>Parties and others submitted to the Secretariat information on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and on best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning by September 2023.</li> <li>The Secretariat organized an online informal consultation of the small intersessional working group, on 10 November 2023 to consider the proposed work plan leading up to OEWG-14 and COP-17 and to exchange views on the approach proposed by the lead country for the development of the report.</li> <li>A consultant to support the lead country and the Secretariat to compile and synthesize information from Parties was hired.</li> <li>The first draft of the report was prepared by the lead country with support from the consultant and the Secretariat was made available to the small intersessional working group on 20 December 2023, with an invitation for comments.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compilation and synthesis of information submitted by Parties and observers on ways to improve the functioning of the prior informed consent (PIC) procedure presented to OEWG-13 (subject to the availability of resources): completed (see the document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.13/INF/4).</li> <li>A way forward on enhancing the PIC procedure presented to COP-16 (see documents UNEP/CHW.16/4 and UNEP/CHW.16/INF/6)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Partner(s)</b></p>	<p><b>Work programme of the ICC</b> As decided by the ICC.</p> <p><b>Implementation Fund</b> Parties concerned. Other partners to be decided by the ICC (e.g. BCRC) or the Party concerned by a submission.</p> <p><b>Notification of information pursuant to Articles 3 (national definitions), 4(1) (import prohibitions), 11 (agreements) and 13 (2) (transmission of information)</b> Parties and BCRCs.</p> <p><b>Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012 – 2021</b> Focal points and competent authorities of Parties; observers; BCRCs.</p> <p><b>Improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure</b> Focal points and competent authorities of Parties and observers</p>
<p><b>Socio-economic aspects</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> All five parts of this activity contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> To be in line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>65</sup>, the Secretariat, where appropriate, encouraged 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 also advised, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the legal and policy matters considered.</p>

<sup>65</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

**Integrated Approach:** All five parts of this activity could 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.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
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Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
859,938	461,736	-	-	-	-

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 33</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Joint legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; compliance under the Rotterdam Convention; national legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/24–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/20–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/24, UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/14
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Conventions Article:</b> 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</p> <p><b>COP decisions:</b> Decisions IX/10, BC-13/10, BC-13/21, BC-14/17, BC-14/21 and BC-14/24 of the Basel Convention; RC-4/11, RC-8/14, RC-9/1, RC-9/7, RC-9/9, RC-9/12 and RC-10/11 of the Rotterdam Convention; SC-4/34, SC-7/26, SC-8/24, SC-9/17, SC-9/19 and SC-9/22 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>Report of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 33.1: Legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The Secretariat's legal operations were undertaken in line with relevant rules and regulations; the Parties were supported in their efforts towards the development of compliance procedures and mechanisms under the Stockholm convention which led to the adoption of these procedures by COP-11 (decision SC-11/19); the legal and policy aspects of the implementation and further development of the conventions were addressed. Progress was made in providing information of relevance to the chemicals and waste for the Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals and data was efficiently collected and relayed to in relation to the indicator 12.4.1.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provided upon request legal and policy advice and analysis pertaining to the implementation and enforcement of the conventions to 23 Parties. Legal and policy advice was also provided upon request to a number of other stakeholders including inter- and non-governmental organizations, industry, academia and individuals (staff costs only);</li> <li>2. Undertook Party-status related activities (communication with Parties and the Depositary, including transmission of texts of amendments and updates to website pages)</li> <li>3. Collected and disseminated information on country contacts under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (staff costs only);</li> <li>4. Provided legal advisory service to the conventions' bodies (staff costs only);</li> <li>5. Conducted international cooperation activities on legal and policy matters of relevance to the BRS Conventions including by cooperation with the Law Division of UNEP in the context of its Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law, Network of Legal Advisors, Network of MEA focal points, InforMEA, Green Customs Initiative, ENFORCE and a range of technical assistance activities . For more information on the international cooperation activities on legal and policy matters of relevance to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, see the report on the implementation of activity 29 of the work programme of work as well as the documents for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties (UNEP/CHW.16/INF/37 - UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/20 - UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/41);</li> <li>6. Supported the negotiations on compliance under the Stockholm Convention during COP-11 (document UNEP/POPS/COP.11/21) and decision SC-11/16 ;</li> <li>7. Supported enhanced cooperation on compliance under the BRS Conventions in line with the respective decisions of the BRS COPs, the work programmes of the Basel and Rotterdam Committees and under the guidance of the respective Committees. For instance, the Chairs of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions Committees consulted one another and the members of their respective committees regarding participation in the upcoming meetings of the other Committee. For more information. see the report of the second meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CC.2/12);</li> <li>8. Provided the legal input to legal technical assistance activities (see reports on the implementation of activities 13, 14, 15, 16 for technical assistance activities);</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Developed a module on e-learning module to raise outreach and awareness on the role of the BRS conventions for sustainable development ;</li> <li>10. Provided expertise on conventions' related issues within the SDGs indicator framework (subject to the availability of resources);</li> <li>11. It was not possible to undertake activities to improve technological and IT support for data collection for SDG indicator 12.4.1 due to lack of resources.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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: Legal and policy advice, information, analysis and assistance was provided in a timely manner and to the satisfaction of Parties, partners, stakeholders, Secretariat staff and management.</li> <li>2. Support on compliance is provided to the satisfaction of the SC Parties: Support on compliance was provided to the satisfaction of the SC Parties, with the adoption of the compliance procedures by decision SC-16/11</li> <li>3. Information of relevance to the chemicals and waste-related indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals was transmitted to UNEP: see inputs into the Secretary General Reports on the implementation of SDGs and submissions to the High-Level Political Forum (<a href="https://brsmeas.org">Overview (brsmeas.org)</a>);</li> <li>4. 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): no resources were available to organize or attend an event specific to sustainable development goals, the Secretariat participated in an event on circular economy at the World Circular Economy Forum in Helsinki, Finland on 30 and 31 May 2023.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 33.2: Work programme of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Activities entrusted by the COP to the Compliance Committee and that the Committee decided to undertake were implemented. The outcome of the activities is expected to improve implementation and compliance with the Rotterdam Convention.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 16-18 November 2022 in Geneva. Assistance and legal advice was provided to enable the successful conduct of the meeting and for the operation of the Committee, including online consultations and briefings, and preparation of meeting documents (staff costs only);</li> <li>2. Activities entrusted to the Committee or that it decides to undertake are implemented (subject to the availability of resources): Thanks to the generous financial support of the governments of Germany and Switzerland, a consultant was engaged to compile and analyse information provided by Parties to support and facilitate the deliberations of the Committee prior to, at and following its first meeting, including in preparation for the second meeting of the Committee.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assistance for the operation of the Committee is provided to the satisfaction of the Committee: Advice and assistance was provided in a timely manner to enable the Committee to continue its work including through online consultations organised with Committee members in the intersessional period (November 2023) and online briefings for all stakeholders to introduce the Committee and to provide information on the outcomes of its first meeting (February and September 2023);</li> <li>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): Expert support was provided to analyse relevant information from Parties, including with meeting documents prepared for the first and second meeting of the Committee.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 33.3: National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assisted Parties to the Basel Convention on request to address alleged cases of illegal traffic and resolve differences between Parties (staff costs only);</li> </ol>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Collected, organized and disseminated legislation provided by Parties to the BRS Conventions, as well as other legal information (staff costs only);</li> <li>3. A report on compilation and lessons learned on best practices from Parties for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions was prepared for 2023 BRS COPs as per document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/43.</li> <li>4. Cooperated 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).</li> <li>5. Participated in the Workshop on strengthening the effective implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol (Bangkok, 2 July 2023) to raise awareness of the Montreal Protocol Parties on the relevant obligations of the BRS conventions;</li> <li>6. Participated in the annual partners' meetings of the Green Customs Initiative (25 January 2022 online and 24-25 January 2023, Paris, France)</li> <li>7. Supported the Pilot project led by the UNEP Law Division on Enhancing cooperation between Montreal Protocol (OzonAction), the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and Minamata Convention at the country level on areas of common interest;</li> <li>8. Attended 2022 and 2023 IMPEL Waste &amp; TFS Conference, 8-10 November 2022 (online) and 14-16 November 2023, Dresden, Germany.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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: Collections of texts are available and regularly maintained on the Basel and Rotterdam conventions' websites. These collections also informed the work of the conventions' bodies e.g. compliance committees (general review). Texts were available on the Basel Convention for 144 Parties and on the Rotterdam Convention website for 23 Parties;</li> <li>2. Legal information is collected, organized and made available on the conventions' websites in a timely manner: Information was made available on the respective Conventions' websites including on country contacts (Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions); Basel Convention notifications of national definitions of hazardous wastes, import/export restrictions and definitions of state of transit, Article 11 agreements and arrangements; Stockholm Convention specific exemptions (see factsheet 22);</li> <li>3. Parties' requests for assistance in resolving cases of illegal traffic were dealt with to their satisfaction.</li> <li>4. Number of activities in which BRS participates on enforcement matters organized by or in cooperation with other MEAs and partners:6 activities</li> <li>5. Information is available on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (subject to the availability of resources): see the documents UNEP/CHW.16/25 and UNEP/CHW.16/INF/43 as well as the webpage <a href="https://www.brsmeas.org">Overview (brsmeas.org)</a>.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Partner(s)</b></p>	<p><b>Legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions:</b> Parties, BCRCs, SCRCs, Depository and Office of Legal Affairs, UNEP, FAO, WTO, IMO, OHCHR, other IGOs, NGOs, private sector.</p> <p><b>Work programme of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee</b> As decided by the COP and the CC.</p> <p><b>National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions:</b> 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>
<p><b>Socio-economic aspects</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> These activities contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In in line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>66</sup>, the Secretariat advised, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the legal and policy matters considered.</p> <p><b>Integrated Approach:</b> These legal and policy activities as a whole, in particular preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade, contributed 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>

<sup>66</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

<b>General trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
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<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>					
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>	
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
-	-	100,000	120,406	-	7,424

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 34</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Coordination and provision of support to Parties in follow-up to the country-led initiative on environmentally sound management and further legal clarity</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	UNEP/CHW.15/4, UNEP/CHW.15/5, UNEP/CHW.15/13
<b>Mandate</b>	<p><b>Convention Article:</b> Articles 1, 2 and 4 as well as Annexes I, III, IV, VIII (A1180) and IX (B1110) of the Basel Convention</p> <p><b>COP decision(s):</b> Decisions BC-13/2, BC-14/3, BC-14/16, BC-14/29, BC-15/5, BC-15/18 and BC-15/19 of the Basel Convention</p>
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 34.1: Legal clarity</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Parties and the expert working group on the review of the Annexes were effectively supported in their work as mandated by COP-15. The expert working group held its fifth meeting in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2022. The progress made by the expert working group in the review of Annexes I and III, and the proposals by the EU 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, taking into account the discussions at COP-15 was considered by the OEWG-13 (document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.13/8). The OEWG-13, in its decision OEWG-13/1 provided recommendations for consideration by COP-16. The COP-16 considered the progress with the work of the group on the basis of document UNEP/CHW.16/14 and the documents referred therein, and adopted decision BC-16/15 on the way forward.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A consultant was hired to support the expert working group on the review of the annexes with its work regarding the review of Annexes I and III thanks to the generous financial support provided by Norway;</li> <li>2. Organized the face to face fifth meeting of the expert working group on the review of the annexes in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2022 thanks to the generous financial support provided by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and Switzerland;</li> <li>3. Provided Secretariat support to the expert working group on the review of the annexes, the OEWG-13 and COP-16.</li> </ol> <p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Effective support is provided by the Secretariat to Parties and the expert working group on the review of the annexes to the Convention: 100% complete;</li> <li>2. Effective support is provided by consultants (subject to the availability of resources): 100% complete;</li> <li>3. Meeting facilities and services provided to ensure smooth running of the meeting, (subject to the availability of resources): 100% complete;</li> <li>4. Travel of sponsored members organized (subject to the availability of resources): 100% complete;</li> <li>5. Progress with the review of Annexes I and III is presented to OEWG-13: 100% complete (see document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.13/8);</li> <li>6. Proposals by the EU to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Basel Convention<sup>67</sup> and the recommendations and findings of the expert working group<sup>68</sup>, taking into account the discussions at COP-15 are considered by the OEWG-13: 100% complete (see decision OEWG-13/1) and the report of the meeting UNEP/CHW/OEWG.13/11);</li> <li>7. OEWG-13 recommendations are presented to COP-16: 100% complete (see document UNEP/CHW.16/14 and the documents referred therein).</li> </ol>
<b>Partner(s)</b>	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.

<sup>67</sup> UNEP/CHW.15/13/Add.1.

<sup>68</sup> Set out in document UNEP/CHW.15/INF/18.

<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> This activity contributed 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><b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan<sup>69</sup>, the Secretariat, where appropriate, encouraged 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. Information on the membership of the work is available at: <a href="https://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/LegalClarity/ReviewofAnnexes/AnnexesI,III,IVandrelatedaspects/Annexes/ExpertWorkingGroup/tabid/6105/Default.aspx">https://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/LegalClarity/ReviewofAnnexes/AnnexesI,III,IVandrelatedaspects/Annexes/ExpertWorkingGroup/tabid/6105/Default.aspx</a>. 21 members are female, 19 members are male. The co-chairs are both female. The Secretariat also advised, 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><b>Integrated Approach:</b> The activity catalyzed 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 contributed to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.</p>
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**Budget performance for 2022-2023**

General trust fund					
Basel Convention (BCTF)		Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)		Stockholm Convention (SCTF)	
Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
-	-	-	-	-	-

  

Voluntary trust fund					
Basel Convention (BDTF)		Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)		Stockholm Convention (SVTF)	
Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure	Funding estimate	Expenditure
444,440	164,569	-	-	-	-

<sup>69</sup> Document UNEP/CHW.16/INF/42/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/25/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/47/Rev.1.

## 7. Office maintenance and services

<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 35</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Office maintenance and operational services</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	N/A
<b>Mandate</b>	N/A
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 35.1: Operational costs (Geneva)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Sufficient office facilities, office equipment, operational services and office supplies were available to enable the Secretariat to operate in an efficient and effective manner at the Geneva based Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communications (excluding Internet Services);</li> <li>2. Office equipment and furniture;</li> <li>3. Office maintenance and utilities;</li> <li>4. Office supplies;</li> <li>5. Personal Protection Equipment.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Availability of office space, services and equipment to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work: All contracts relating to the purchase and/or rental of operational services were processed in a timely manner ensuring the availability of office space, services and equipment.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 35.2: Operational costs (Rome)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>Sufficient office facilities, office equipment, operational services and office supplies were available to enable the Secretariat to operate in an efficient and effective manner at the Rome based Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communications;</li> <li>2. Office equipment and furniture;</li> <li>3. Office supplies.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Availability of office space, services and equipment to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work: Sufficient office space, services and equipment were secured to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work.</li> <li>2. Availability of administrative support services to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work: Sufficient administrative support services were secured to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Component 35.3: Common costs for administrative services</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The Secretariat obtained sufficient administrative and operational support services to carry out its activities and ensured that charges for services provided were consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between UNEP and the three conventions' conferences of Parties.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Security costs for office premises were secured;</li> <li>2. Common costs for administrative services were secured;</li> <li>3. Sufficient Umoja licenses were secured.</li> </ol>	

	<b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b>					
	1. Availability of administrative support services to facilitate the delivery of the programme of work: Sufficient common services and adequate Umoja licenses were secured.					
<b>Partner(s)</b>	FAO, UNON, UNOG and external service providers					
<b>Socio-economic aspects</b>	<b>Sustainable Development Goals:</b> <i>N/A</i> <b>Gender mainstreaming:</b> <i>N/A</i> <b>Integrated Approach:</b> <i>N/A</i>					
<b><u>Budget performance for 2022-2023</u></b>						
<b>General trust fund</b>						
<b>Basel Convention (BCTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (ROTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SCTF)</b>		
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
263,330	299,585	151,665	161,799	263,330	303,901	
<b>Voluntary trust fund</b>						
<b>Basel Convention (BDTF)</b>		<b>Rotterdam Convention (RVTF)</b>		<b>Stockholm Convention (SVTF)</b>		
<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funding estimate</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
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<b>PoW number</b>	<b>Activity 36</b>
<b>Title of activity</b>	<b>Joint information technology services</b>
<b>Convention(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotterdam Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockholm Convention
<b>Budget</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core budget <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary budget
<b>Reference</b>	N/A
<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Convention Articles:</b> 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.
<b>Outcomes and activities</b>	<p><b>Component 36.1: Joint information technology services</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>This component ensured 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 provided the Secretariat with IT equipment and services such as internet connectivity, email etc. necessary to implement the programmes of work.</p> <p><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Internet access was provided at all times, including remote access for Secretariat staff and external users; online meetings and workshops. Internet connectivity maintenance was provided to ensure stable and secure websites, meeting platforms and internal online working tools and meeting platforms;</li> <li>2. IT equipment (e.g. personal computers, network equipment, teleconferencing/audio-visual equipment) was purchased for Secretariat staff hosted in Geneva and Rome, following UN rules and procedures; obsolete/end of cycle laptops, desktops, servers and other equipment were disposed following the standard UN policies and procedures;</li> <li>3. Software licenses were selected, purchased, installed and staff trained for offices in Geneva and Rome;</li> <li>4. Expert support was hired and delivered for servicing the Conference of the Parties;</li> <li>5. Provision of network administration, including cabling, switches, servers and network printers; and the provision of a helpdesk service available all times during working hours and 24 hours 7 days a week on call, including air-conditioning and electricity supply in the server room;</li> <li>6. Support for the use of Umoja and other UN enterprise applications were delivered and accessible to all Geneva staff, including support to eMail on the cloud and initiation of migration to certain services and applications to the cloud.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Evaluation as per the indicators of achievement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Procedures and resources are in place to ensure the implementations of the programmes of work for 2022-2023: 100% completed;</li> <li>2. IT services were delivered on time and within the allocated budget, ensuring no business interruptions;</li> <li>3. Positive feedback received from delegates during the COPs and other meetings organized: 100% achieved;</li> <li>4. The IT infrastructure is kept well renovated, in line with UN standards and recommendations, no interruptions in services has occurred during the biennium: 100% achieved.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Component 36.2: Webcasting services</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b></p> <p>The outcome of this component was the provision of webcasting services to the Secretariat, Parties and observers of the conventions. It enabled 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><b>Activities implemented:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access and services were provided for online meeting platforms WebEx and MS-Teams, for online staff meetings and online meetings held under the conventions, including call-back services, required software licenses and services to manage and run the system.</li> </ol>

