

Rotterdam Convention

Programme activities and operational programme budget for the triennium 2009–2011 (Excerpt from UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/24)

II. Regional and national delivery of technical assistance

Mandate:

The Secretariat functions as mandated by Article 19 paragraph 2 (b) and decisions of the Conference of Parties regarding regional and national delivery of technical assistance.

Objectives:

Ensure that the technical assistance needs of Parties are addressed in order that they might fully benefit from the provisions of the Rotterdam Convention.

Indicator of achievement:

1. Technical assistance and advice are promptly provided to Parties in response to their identified needs.
2. Parties' understanding of the benefits of the Convention and ability to comply with its provisions are strengthened.

P* **Activity identified as priority by Parties**

Activity number	Activities	Expected outputs
<u>A. Resource Kit</u>		
8P*	<u>Resource kit:</u> review and update existing documents as necessary including translation into all six official United Nations languages; print and disseminate to regional offices and partners and use in the regional and national delivery of technical assistance to Parties and at events.	Existing documents, tools and guidance reviewed, updated, translated as necessary and disseminated (total of 600 kits per year)
<u>B. National and subregional meetings</u>		
<u>1. Subregional training and awareness-raising meetings</u>		
9P*	<u>Subregional awareness-raising and training meetings:</u> Focus on Parties that are having difficulty in meeting their basic obligations of the Convention; meetings will provide practical training in meeting the operational elements of the Convention, including training in the use of existing decision guidance documents in national decision-making, provide opportunity for countries to share experiences (4 subregional meetings, 5 countries each and 25 participants per workshop). In cooperation with Basel and Stockholm Conventions*.	Support to countries in meeting their obligations under the Rotterdam, Stockholm and Basel Conventions provided
<u>2. National and subregional planning meetings</u>		
10	<u>Assist Parties to identify elements of national action plans or strategies for the implementation of the Convention and as appropriate national follow-seminars:</u> arrange 6 national meetings, 6 subregional meetings (max. 3 countries and 15 participants) and 24 national follow-up seminars. In cooperation with Basel and Stockholm Conventions*.	Technical and scientific advice provided
<u>3. Thematic meetings</u>		
<u>a) Thematic meetings - specific issues</u>		
11P*	<u>Trade-related issues:</u> National training sessions focused on exporting countries and their export obligations (2 national trade meetings); and trade partner meetings involving	Parties enabled to meet their obligations related to export of chemicals

	exporting country and key trade partners (2 meetings involving 4 trade partners).	
12P*	<u>Develop monitoring programme on severely hazardous pesticide formulation (SHPF):</u> arrange 4 monitoring progress meetings on SHPF and 4 programmes on SHPFs.	Parties monitoring health and environmental effects of pesticides
13P*	<u>Resource mobilization:</u> develop and implement a programme to facilitate improved access to financial and other resources to assist Parties to meet their obligations under the Convention (4 subregional meetings on project proposal development). In cooperation with Basel and Stockholm Conventions*.	Support to countries in meeting their obligations under the Rotterdam Convention provided
14P*	<u>Preparation of notifications of final regulatory action (FRA):</u> build the capacity of developing country Parties to prepare and submit complete notifications of final regulatory action that pass the scrutiny of the Chemical Review Committee (3 subregional meetings to support the preparation of notifications, each including 3 countries and 15 participants).	Parties submitting notifications of final regulatory action.
15	<u>Programme for Parties who wish to review their chemicals listings under the Convention:</u> develop a programme of assistance for Parties who wish to review their chemicals listings under the Convention to maximize their benefits at the national level (3 meetings each including 10 countries and 20 participants).	Parties review chemicals listings.
b) Joint delivery with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention		
16	<u>Public awareness meetings:</u> to address the specific issue of public awareness; meetings would focus on health and environment issues relevant to the chemicals covered by the two conventions, stressing the life-cycle approach, and involve a broader audience, i.e., the public and private sectors (4 meetings each including 5 countries). In cooperation with Basel and Stockholm Conventions*.	Increased awareness of the Convention at national level
17P*	<u>Customs training activities:</u> Customs training activities for both importing and exporting partners: working with the Green Customs Initiative in providing support to Parties on facilitating the implementation of the obligations under the Conventions (4 meetings each including 5 countries). In cooperation with Basel and Stockholm Conventions*.	Customs officers trained
18P*	<u>Develop and implement a programme</u> to increase the capacity of Parties to access and utilize the clearing-house mechanism. In cooperation with the Stockholm and Basel Conventions*. (Four meetings each including 5 countries)	Information on chemicals provided
19	<u>Develop and implement a component of the technical assistance package to facilitate the delivery of legal and related service information and projects to Parties at the regional and national levels:</u> arrange for 4 meetings each including 5 countries).	Increased legal assistance provided
4. Fostering cooperation		
20	<u>Fostering cooperation among designated national authorities:</u> include the cooperation with technical focal points from related MEAs and other agreements as well as UNEP and FAO by continuing the meetings in each of the seven PIC regions (8 subregional meetings for DNAs, each including 10 countries and 25 participants).	Support for cooperation among national authorities provided
21	<u>Regional and subregional meetings of DNAs and focal points of the Stockholm Convention:</u> arrange for 4 subregional meetings for DNAs and Stockholm Convention focal points (each including 10 countries and 25 participants) in 2010. In cooperation with Basel and Stockholm Conventions*.	Progress towards joint implementation at national level
22	<u>Cooperation with SAICM, the Stockholm Convention, the Basel Convention and the Rotterdam Convention contact points:</u> arrange for 10 meetings where the RC contributes an extra day for participants to discuss Rotterdam Convention issues.	Progress towards cooperation among MEAs and other organizations

C. Working directly with individual countries on specific issues		
23P*	<u>Develop programmes to assist Parties on specific issues upon requests:</u> through integration with activities under way in the country or at the regional level including training in the use of existing DGDs in national decision-making.	Support on specific issues provided
D. Working on industrial chemicals		
24P*	<u>Develop programme on industrial chemicals:</u> to establish or increase the capacity of Parties to manage industrial chemicals on a national level, the programme should complement the facilities available nationally for the management of agricultural chemicals and should include the legal, administrative and financial components required as well as training and other capacity-building initiatives to bring the programme into effect (6 meetings each including 6 countries and 20 participants).	Capacity to manage industrial chemicals increased. Para 65 in TA.
E. Partners in the regional delivery of technical assistance		
25	<u>Facilitate annual meetings with representatives of the FAO and UNEP regional offices:</u> arrange for up to two meetings per year (5 UNEP and 14 FAO including 9 subregional offices).	Cooperation and lessons learned on providing technical assistance. Para 71 in TA
26	<u>Facilitate annual meetings with the group of regional experts:</u> arrange for up to one meeting per year for an estimated 20 representatives.	Cooperation among Parties within and between subregions promoted. Para 74 in TA
27	<u>Working with regional liaison offices in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe in collaboration with key partners:</u> Coordinate the delivery of technical assistance and capacity-building programmes at the regional and national levels. This is to ensure the maximum use of resources to benefit the Parties and to arrange for a synergistic approach to chemicals management at the national level. The programme will be done in conjunction with UNEP and the Stockholm and Basel Conventions and will be coordinated through chemicals waste cluster managers to be placed in the regional offices of UNEP.	Coordination of the delivery of technical assistance at regional and national provided
28	<u>Participate in the 26th session of Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC):</u> promote integration with work on Rotterdam Convention; participate in one meeting during 2009 with regional experts.	Inclusion of the Rotterdam Convention in APPPC work plan promoted. Para 75 in TA
F. Measuring progress		
29	<u>Continue to develop long-term indicators to measure success</u>	Quantitative indicators developed. Para 78 in TA