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**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:
technical assistance**

**Capacity-building and training activities organized by the
Secretariat from May 2011 to December 2012**

Note by the Secretariat

As referred to in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/15 on technical assistance and capacity-building for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention, the annex to the present note sets out tables listing capacity-building and training activities organized by the Secretariat from May 2011 to December 2012. Regional and national-level activities are described in table 1, global-level activities are set out in table 2 and capacity-building projects are listed in table 3. The annex to the present note has not been formally edited.

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Annex

Table 1 – List of Rotterdam Convention regional and national capacity-building and training activities organized by the Secretariat between May 2011 and 31 December 2012

| | Development and updating of National Action Plans (NAPs) | Pesticides | Green Customs | Synergies |
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| AFRICA | <p>Sub-regional consultation on the identification of the elements of a National Action Plan for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (2-6 May 2011, Dakar, Senegal)</p> <p>National consultation on implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (1 – 4 October 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)</p> <p>National Training and Planning Workshop (27 May 2012-2 June 2012, Rabat, Morocco)</p> <p>National Action Plan Consultation on the Implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (3 – 10 March 2012, Maputo Mozambique)</p> <p>Sub-regional consultation on the Identification of the elements of a National Action Plan or strategies for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (26 – 30 November 2012, Pretoria, South Africa)</p> <p>Promote ratification of Rotterdam Convention by non-Parties: Central African Republic, (04-10 March 2011, Bangui, Central African Republic)</p> | <p>Follow up of National Action Plan and Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations inception workshop (16 -21 June 2012, Congo, Brazzaville)</p> | <p>Green Customs Regional Workshop for bordering countries (7 -9 August 2012, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe)</p> <p>(Organized by the Green Customs Initiative)</p> | <p>Synergies Workshop on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination for the Implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (5 - 8 July 2011, Dakar, Senegal)</p> <p>In cooperation with the Basel and Stockholm Regional Centre in Senegal</p> |

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| ASIA AND THE PACIFIC | | <p>27th Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) (August 2011, Manila, Philippines)</p> | <p>Regional Green Customs Initiative Training Workshop (23 – 25 May 2011, Coral Coast, Fiji) (Organized by the Green Customs Initiative)</p> <p>National Green Customs Initiative Workshop (21 – 23 June 2011, Jakarta Indonesia) (Organized by the Green Customs Initiative)</p> <p>National Green Customs Initiative Workshop (19 -22 September 2011, Ningbo city, Zhejiang Province, China) (Organized by the Green Customs Initiative)</p> <p>Regional Green Customs Initiative workshop (1 - 3 October 2011, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia) (Organized by the Green Customs Initiative)</p> <p>Green Customs Initiative Sub-regional workshop for South and West Asia Members (4 – 8 November 2012, Male, Maldives) (Organized by the Green Customs Initiative)</p> | <p>Pacific Regional Training Workshop on joint Implementation of the Waigani, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (25 – 29 July 2011, Suva, Fiji)</p> <p>In cooperation with South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> |

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| CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE | | | National Green Customs Workshop (30 -31 May 2012, Minsk, Republic of Belarus) (Organized by the Green Customs Initiative) | |
| LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN | Regional Workshop on National plans for the Destruction of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and Persistent Organic Pollutants (28.-30 March 2012, San Salvador, El Salvador) In cooperation with BCRC-CAM and the Government of Canada | Regional Consultation on strengthening Pesticide Management and promotion of ratification and implementation of the Rotterdam Convention (8 – 11 November 2011, Saint Lucia) | National Green Customs Initiative workshop (6 -8 March 2012., Merida, Yucatan Mexico) (Organized by the Green Customs Initiative) | Inception workshop on the Joint implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in Cuba (6-9 December 2011, La Habana Cuba) In cooperation with the Government of Cuba |

Table 2 – List of global Rotterdam Convention capacity-building and training activities organized by the Secretariat between May 2011 and 31 December 2012

| | Training workshops | Synergies Webinars |
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| GLOBAL | <p>Chemicals Review Committee orientation workshop (24-26 January 2012, Rome, Italy)</p> <p>Annual Meeting with FAO Sub-Regional Plant Production and Protection Officers on work planning and co-ordination of joint delivery of Technical Assistance under the Rotterdam Convention (18 May 2011, Rome, Italy) (26 March 2012, Rome, Italy)</p> | <p>Promoting synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p> <p>29.6.2011, 4 pm 1.7. 2011, 10 am 8.7.2011, 10 am</p> <p>Enhance cooperation and coordination between BC and SC RCs , FAO and UNEP ROs</p> <p>7.6 2012, 10 am 14.6 2012, 4 pm 11.9 2012, 4 pm</p> <p>Experience sharing on existing legal frameworks to legislate and regulate chemicals, hazardous and other wastes in compliance with Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</p> <p>8.11.2011, 4 pm 10.11. 2011, 10 am</p> |

Table 3 – List of Rotterdam Convention capacity-building projects undertaken by the Secretariat between May 2011 and 31 December 2012

| | Project title | Recipient country/ies | Short description | Duration | Activities/Outcomes |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS | Pilot projects on strengthening industrial chemicals management under the Rotterdam convention | Botswana ,Jordan and Mauritania | The aim of each pilot project is to strengthen industrial chemicals management and the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention at the national level. In addition, this project aims to establish a process for the development of a toolkit for the management of industrial chemicals with a tiered approach. The toolkit will be used by other countries to assess their own situations and ways of improving the management of industrial chemicals. | Start date: 2011 End date: 2013 | <p>Botswana: Pre-project scoping meeting: To set the stage for the implementation of the Industrial Chemicals project and to familiarize the stakeholders (decision-makers) on the upcoming events, Gaborone, Botswana. 18-19 November 2010. Introductory stakeholders' workshop for the pilot project on strengthening industrial chemicals management under the Rotterdam convention (11-15 April 2011)</p> <p>Jordan: Pre-project scoping meeting: To set the stage for the implementation of the Industrial Chemicals project and to familiarize the stakeholders (decision-makers) on the upcoming events, (1-2 November 2010, Amman Jordan) Introductory stakeholders workshop for the pilot project on strengthening industrial chemicals management under the Rotterdam convention (9 - 13 March 2011)</p> <p>Mauritania: Awareness-raising seminar for decision-makers and relevant national stakeholders involved in industrial chemicals management. (26 to 31 October 2012, Nouakchott, Mauritania)</p> |
| | Pilot project on strengthening industrial chemicals management under the Rotterdam convention | Honduras | The project is intended to establish the responsibilities for data collection and analysis to determine the status of national industrial chemicals management. Additionally, participants will be provided with information on the objectives, principles and tools of sound management of industrial chemicals and on the elements of risk assessments. | Start date: 2012 End date: 2013 | On going |

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| SEVERELY HAZARDOUS PESTICIDE FORMULATIONS | Severely Hazardous Pesticides Formulations (SHPF) pilot projects | Ethiopia, Gabon, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Republic of Congo, El Salvador and Nicaragua | <p>The aim of these projects is to assist countries in implementing national risk mitigation measures and strengthening of national capacities related to monitoring and reporting of Severely Hazardous Pesticides Formulations.</p> <p>Three types of SHPF workshops were carried out in eight countries:</p> <p>a) Inception workshops - Discussion and preparation of SHPF pilot project in selected regions and field monitoring during one crop season. Discussion and preparation of projects on alternatives to listed pesticides;</p> <p>b) National planning workshops: - Drafting of work plans for national programme on SHPF; training of enumerators, data collection and validation;</p> <p>c) Evaluation Workshops - Pilot Project on Monitoring and reporting, Conduction of evaluation workshop of the pilot project in selected regions and field monitoring during one cropping season. This was carried out in co-operation with the FAO Pesticide Management team.</p> | <p>Start date: 2011</p> <p>End date: 2012/2013</p> | <p>Severely Hazardous Pesticides Formulation Inception Workshops (27 -30 September 2011, Kandy, Sri Lanka) (21 – 23 November 2011, Libreville, Gabon) (10 – 13 March 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) (25 -31 May 2012, Bangkok/Samut Sakhon, Thailand)</p> <p>National Planning Workshops on Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations and Alternatives to Annex III Chemicals (29 September-3 October 2012, San Salvador, El Salvador) (3 – 7 October 2012, Managua Nicaragua)</p> <p>Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations Evaluation Workshops (19 April 2012, Libreville Gabon) (19 – 21 June 2012 Addis Ababa Ethiopia) (19 November 2012, Beirut Lebanon)</p> |

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| CONVENTION-SPECIFIC COMPONENTS IN PROJECTS OF THE FAO PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT | Regional awareness raising, training and promotion of ratification workshop back to back with regional work shop s on pesticide management | South Pacific Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus; Kyrgyzstan; | Training and awareness raising on the Convention, identify opportunities for collaboration with the FAO sub-regional office and the regional plant protection organization; Promote ratification of Rotterdam Convention by non-Parties: Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus; - provide an overview on the Rotterdam Convention and its' objectives, - provide an opportunity to explore the benefits of the Rotterdam Convention for a country and to understand the obligations for Parties. | Start date: 2012 End date: 2012 | Key stakeholders trained on the Rotterdam Convention benefits and obligations 11-15 April 2012, Dushanbe, Tajikistan: National action plan on steps towards ratification prepared by the non-Parties Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Belarus (in co-operation with FAO pesticide Management team). |
| | Strengthening pesticides management in West Africa | Benin, Cameroon, Morocco and CILSS countries (Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal) | The Secretariat cooperated with the FAO pesticide management programme regarding the preparation of GEF projects on strengthening pesticides management to be implemented in 2013 in Benin, Cameroon, Morocco and CILSS countries. GEF will fund project on "Disposal of obsolete pesticides including POPs and strengthening pesticide management" in those countries. The project makes also reference to implementation of the Rotterdam Convention. | Start date: 2012 End date: 2013 | Draft GEF project proposal prepared and to be submitted to GEF secretariat for final approval in 2013. |
| SYNERGIES: JOINT IMPLEMENTATION | Joint implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in Cuba | Cuba | The project aims at strengthening national processes and mechanisms to implement the three conventions and the Strategic approach to International Chemicals management at the national level | Start Date: December 2011 End date: June 2013 | Strategy for the joint implementation Pilot project to be submitted the GEF |

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| | Alternatives to newly listed POPs and new Annex III chemicals | Mozambique Uganda | The objective of this project is to assist a limited number of Parties, upon request, in assessing the present situation regarding the uses and the quantities of newly listed pesticides chemicals, including endosulfan; identifying and promoting alternatives strategies; and supporting the substitution of these pesticides in agriculture by alternative pest control methods | Start Date: September 2012 End date: 2013 | On going |
| SYNERGIES: NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT | Probo Koala Programme in Africa: Building capacity monitor and control transboundary movements of hazardous chemicals and wastes in African countries with port facilities | Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gabon, Ethiopia, Kenya Madagascar Morocco, Mozambique and Tanzania | This programme aims at preventing events such as the Probo Koala dumping in Côte d'Ivoire. The objectives are to review and draft national legal frameworks (legislation, regulations) in order to facilitate implementation of existing international agreements dealing with hazardous chemicals and wastes, as well as through legal and administrative measures, to improve coordination and enhance synergies with respect to chemical safety policy and activities at the national and regional levels. Also, the objective is to address the relationship between those MEAs dealing with issues of contamination at sea and those dealing with contamination on land, and the transfer of liabilities between these legal instruments in the context of their enforcement at the national and regional levels. The programme followed a proactive approach in finding ways and tools to improve the coordinated implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions, MARPOL, in cooperation with the International Maritime Organization and the International Health Regulations, in cooperation with the World Health Organization. The programme addressed ESM of MARPOL wastes downstream port reception facilities. The projects were implemented by the BCSCRC in Senegal and by the Africa Institute, BCSCRC in South Africa | Start date: October 2008 End date: December 2013 | Training Workshops to strengthen capacity to control and manage hazardous chemicals and wastes in Côte d'Ivoire (including ESM of MARPOL wastes at Ports) (3 – 12 October 2010, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire) Workshops to launch the project to strengthen capacity to control and manage hazardous chemicals and wastes: (28 June-1 July 2011, Djibouti) (14-15 December 2011, Antananarivo, Madagascar) (5-6 December 2011, Libreville Gabon) (27-29 December 2011, Rabat, Morocco) Workshop on building capacity to control and manage hazardous wastes and chemicals at ports (including ESM of MARPOL wastes) (2 -4 May 2012, Mombasa, Kenya) (18 - 20 July 2012, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania) (7 – 9 November 2012, Tanga, Tanzania) (14 – 16 November 2012, Antananarivo Madagascar) (27 – 30 November 2012, Libreville, Gabon) National workshops on monitoring and controlling transboundary movements of hazardous chemicals and wastes in Kenya (focus on legislation and strategies) (4 – 7 December 2012, Kisumu, Kenya) The projects in Ethiopia and Mozambique are on going |