

Regional Centres Reporting

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1. PART 1: INFORMATION ON THE CENTRE SUBMITTING THE REPORT

Please select the name of your Centre from the drop down menu and follow the subsequent questionnaire.

Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Algeria (SCRC Algeria)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for Arab States in Egypt (BCRC Egypt)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for French Speaking countries in Africa (BCRC Senegal)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Senegal (SCRC Senegal)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for English speaking countries in Africa (BCRC South Africa)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in South Africa (SCRC South Africa)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Kenya (SCRC Kenya)
Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for the African Region in Nigeria (BCCC Africa)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Asia and Pacific (BCRC China)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in China (SCRC China)
*** Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in India (SCRC India) ***
Basel Convention Regional Centre for South East Asia in Indonesia (BCRC-SEA)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Indonesia (SCRC Indonesia)
Basel Convention Regional Centre in Iran (BCRC Iran)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Iran (SCRC Iran)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Kuwait (SCRC Kuwait)
Pacific Regional Centre for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (BCRC/SPREP)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for the South American Region in Argentina (BCRC Argentina)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Brazil (SCRC Brazil)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Caribbean Region (BCRC Caribbean)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central America and Mexico (BCRC CAM)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Mexico (SCRC Mexico)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Panama (SCRC Panama)
Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean Region in Uruguay (BCCC Uruguay)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Uruguay (SCRC Uruguay)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Czech Republic (SCRC Czech Republic)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central Europe in Slovakia (BCRC Slovakia)
Basel Convention Regional Centre for CIS Countries in Russian Federation (BCRC Russian Federation)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Russian Federation (SCRC Russian Federation)
Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Spain (SCRC Spain)

Name of the coordinator/director:

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Name of the person submitting the report (if different):

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Date of reporting:

12/29/2014

Reporting period from:

1/1/2013

Reporting period to:

2. A. BUSINESS PLAN / WORK PLAN AND THE ACTIVITY REPORTS

What was the overall goal (s) of your business plan / workplan for the reporting years.

Note: If you had two different goals due to the fact that this reporting covers those two years which fall under two biennial business plans /workplans which may have different goals. If so you can mention both goals in the given space connected by AND as the space given does not allow you to list them separately or use enter button.

Overall goal of the business plan/workplan (s)

The major goals of the centre is to provide technical assistance to the parties in the region so as to enhance the capacity of the parties with respect to public awareness, environmental monitoring and sound management of POPs and POPs contaminated sites (PCBs, POPs pesticides, dioxins, furans and new POPs), to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework, health and environmental risk assessment for fulfilling their obligations of the Stockholm Convention. Also, to assist parties of the region in review and updating their respective NIPs with respect to new POPs.

3. Please list activities under each of the objectives and their fulfilment status in the given spaces. Please note that for this reporting period you had two business plans/workplans. Your first business plan / work plan covers the period of 2012 to 2013 and the second one covers for 2014 to 2015. Therefore list only those activities that were planned to be implemented during 2013 and 2014.

Note: Not all activities under each of the objectives may have been implemented as planned due to various reasons including availability of funding for example. You can hence indicate if the activity was completed as planned or delayed or even cancelled in the space given for fulfilment status.

Click add button located just below this text to add more objectives and the relevant activities that are listed in your business plan/work plan. Please refer to your business plan / workplan for relevant years which was submitted to the Secretariat.

Objective

To provide technical assistance to the parties including knowledge based services on POPs and new POPs.

Activities contributing to the objective

1. An "Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management (ESM) of industrial chemicals covered under BRS conventions" was developed by CSIR-NEERI, SCRC. The toolkit will assist parties in identification of challenges and gaps for subsequent development of strategies/elements that involves relevant stakeholders in a holistic approach which will in turn strengthen the management of industrial chemicals at national level.

2. A workshop on "Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals" was organized during December 19-20, 2013 at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC Nagpur. Participants from India and other regional countries viz. Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the workshop and the draft version of toolkit was presented to receive constructive comments and suggestions from participants. On the basis of comments and suggestions received from participants, the draft toolkit was modified so that it covers maximum amount of information with respect to ESM of industrial chemicals.

3. International symposium on "Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants (IEEP-2014)" was organized during January 16-17, 2014 at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, which was attended by participants and experts from India and abroad. The symposium covered various aspects such as monitoring, health hazards, challenges, remediation etc. with respect to POPs and other hazardous chemicals and wastes.

Objective fulfillment status

Completed. But, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC will continue to carry out various activities related to providing technical assistance to relevant stakeholders of the region

Objective

To build capacity of the policy makers, regulatory authorities public sector managers for environmentally sound management of POPs

Activities contributing to the objective

1. The workshop on “Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals” was attended by various policy makers, regulatory authorities etc. The workshop emphasized various aspects of ESM of POPs as well as other industrial and hazardous chemicals and wastes.
2. A “regional stakeholders meeting” on “Dioxin and Furans” was organized in collaboration with Toxics Link, New Delhi (International POPs Elimination Network regional hub) on February 12, 2013 at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC. Various participants/officials from different departments such as including government, health and municipality, industries, academia, NGOs and pollution control boards attended the workshop.
3. Meetings with various national stakeholders/experts of Sri Lanka were organized during July 28-31, 2014 in Sri Lanka to discuss the current situation of implementation of BRS conventions in Sri Lanka. The meetings heavily focused on ESM of POPs chemicals and wastes.
4. A training and capacity building programme in collaboration with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka on “Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka” was organized during October 28-30, 2014 at Sri Lanka. The capacity building programme focused on various aspects related to ESM of hazardous chemicals which included international regulations for implementation BRS conventions, awareness issues, ESM and BAT/BEP of chemicals covered under BRS conventions, Infrastructure for disposal of materials / chemicals / wastes listed under BRS conventions; Analytical testing equipments capable of detecting chemicals (listed under BRS conventions) at very low levels; Management of newly introduced chemicals of Stockholm conventions; Life cycle management of chemicals covered under BRS conventions, Minimizing of generation of waste and chemicals covered under BRS conventions etc. A total of 20 participants were benefited during the training and capacity building programme.

Objective fulfillment status

Completed

Objective

To promote ESM of sites contaminated with POPs and to raise awareness on hazardous impacts of POPs on the environment

Activities contributing to the objective

1. Various awareness raising programmes are regularly conducted in different states of India.
2. Various workshop, symposium and meeting detailed above covered advocacy of environmentally sound management of sites contaminated with POPs and other hazardous chemicals and wastes. Various lectures and sessions in these programmes addressed and enlightened various available and budding technologies for ESM of POPs and other hazardous chemicals and wastes by eminent experts and government officials.
3. CSIR-NEERI, SCRC as a part of CSIR-800 programme which aims “to provide scientific industrial R&D that maximizes the economic, environmental and societal benefits for the people of India” is determined for “inclusive growth and improved quality of life for 800 million citizens at the base of the Indian economic pyramid, through innovative science and technology interventions that are socially and economically relevant”. In this venture, with the utilization of science and technology, it is a sincere attempt to bring smiles to the faces of 800 million citizens, and kindle in their hearts hopes for a better future. CSIR-NEERI, SCRC is actively participating in the events of CSIR-800 and regularly organizing various awareness programmes in different villages of India.
4. Awareness raising brochures on POPs were prepared in five different regional languages (viz: English, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali and Tamil) and distributed to national and regional stakeholders and common public.
5. Awareness raising brochures on “Open Burning: Learn before you Burn” were also prepared and distributed at various occasions.

Objective fulfillment status

Completed. However, similar programmes will be organized on regular basis.

Objective

Capacity building in the region for monitoring and assessment of POPs in various environmental matrices

Activities contributing to the objective

1. One of the notable achievement of CSIR-NEERI, SCRC is NABL accreditation of its pesticide residue laboratory for trace level analysis of organochlorine pesticides in water (Certificate no. T 2408 dated 10/01/2013). The laboratory is equipped with all the sophisticated instruments for trace level analysis of pesticides including POPs pesticides.

2. International symposium on “Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants (IEEP-2014)” was organized during January 16-17, 2014 at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC which was attended by participants and experts from India and abroad. Various important aspects of the symposium were a) sources of POPs and emission inventories; b) advances in analytical, screening and confirmatory methods in POPs analysis; c) emerging and naturally occurring compounds in the environment; d) pesticides in the environment, food and feed; e) toxicology of dioxin, PCBs and other POPs; f) advances in instrumentation techniques; g) environment risk assessment, management and regulation. A total of 71 participants from India and abroad witnessed the highly fruitful and technical symposium whereas 11 national and international experts delivered their valuable lectures on various aspects mentioned above.

3. The workshop on “Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals” was attended by various policy makers, regulatory authorities etc. The workshop emphasized various aspects of ESM of POPs as well as other industrial and hazardous chemicals and wastes.

4. The “regional stakeholders meeting” on “Dioxin and Furans” organized in collaboration with Toxics Link, New Delhi (International POPs Elimination Network regional hub) on February 12, 2013 at CSIR-NEERI especially focused on environmental monitoring and assessment of POPs. Participants/officials from different departments such as including government, health and municipality, industries, academia, NGOs and pollution control boards attended the workshop.

Objective fulfillment status

Completed

Objective

Undertake research on the presence of BDEs and PFOS in products, articles and production processes

Activities contributing to the objective

1. Strengthening the analytical facilities within the centre with respect to new POPs especially BDEs: In-house research on analysis of BDEs in various consumable products (viz; computer mother boards, carpets, toys, vanishing blinds etc). One research article entitled “Investigation of polybrominated diphenyl ethers in old consumer products in India” has been published in a peer reviewed journal (Environmental Monitoring and Assessment)

2. CSIR-NEERI, SCRC aims to conduct more studies on new POPs in future which greatly depends on availability of funds. In this connection, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC has communicated with a draft concept proposal with UNEP and Secretariat of BRS Conventions entitled “Estimation of PBDEs and PFOS in consumer products and wastes”. This proposal has also been mentioned in work plan 2014-15.

Objective fulfillment status

Ongoing

Objective

Study E-waste inventory of the regional countries including India along with the regulations on E-waste management in each country and suggest its ESM practices to the parties

Activities contributing to the objective

1. A project entitled “Evaluation/Development of Recovery and Recycling processes/practices for the recovery of valuable material from E-waste” has been initiated under 12th five year plan as an initiative to carry out research on e-waste in India. The project aims to study the Personal Computer (PC) based E-waste problem and their characterization studies along with development of feasible and environmentally sound process strategy (Combination of Physical, Chemical, Metallurgical processes, etc.) for the recovery and recycling of identified one valuable material from E-waste based on the study.

2. To carry forward the research on e-waste, a concept proposal entitled “Environmentally sound management of E-waste to control release of new POPs” was communicated (mentioned in work plan 2014-15) with UNEP and Secretariat of BRS conventions. We are hopeful to receive some funding to fulfill the objectives

Objective fulfillment status

Ongoing

Objective

Establishment of project management team

Activities contributing to the objective

This activity has not been carried out so far however; CSIR-NEERI is in the process of identification of proper team members throughout the country before establishment of project management team.

Objective fulfillment status

Planned. But, not yet started officially

Objective

Undertake capacity-building activities including training workshops to ensure that main government officials and industry associations are aware of POPs-related contamination, of alternatives, substitutes and wastes minimization and prevention Relevant obligations, technical recommendations and guidance under the Stockholm and Basel Conventions will be also addressed

Activities contributing to the objective

As mentioned in Objectives 1, 2 and 4 (as few activities which needs continuous focus by the centre, are incorporated in both the work plans)

Objective fulfillment status

Completed. However, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC is determined to carry out such activities on regular basis.

Objective

Information on all the project and other activities of CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, India

Activities contributing to the objective

Detailed information on various projects and activities of the centre is available in CSIR-NEERI annual report 2012-2013;

<http://neeri.res.in/AnnualReports/annualreport2012-2013.pdf>

Objective fulfillment status

Not Applicable

4. B. REPORT ON CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN (completed only)

Please start with writing down the name of a technical assistance and capacity building activity in the given space and follow the subsequent questions/information request under this activity. Click add button just below this text to report another activity. Please keep repeating this until you have reported all those activities that have been completed during this reporting period . Please do not report those activities which are ongoing and will not be completed by 31 December 2014.

This activity is related to the implementation of the

*** Basel Convention ***

*** Stockholm Convention ***

Name of the project/activity

A sub-regional workshop on “Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals”

Year for which the activity was planned (select from menu)

Not answered

Year in which implementation was started (select from menu)

10/1/2013

Year in which implementation was completed (select from menu)

1/31/2014

Duration in months

4

Budget in USD

71,600

List budget source(s) with corresponding amount in USD

SRC- 71, 600 (Project cost)

Narrative Summary of the activity including the outcomes (in quantifiable terms as much as possible)

The workshop on “Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals” was organized under the project entitled “Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals” sponsored by Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention, Geneva. The electronic toolkit for the environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals under the BRS conventions is an attempt to assist mainly countries with low resources, so as to help them meeting their obligations under the BRS conventions. This toolkit will assist in the identification of challenges and gaps and the subsequent development of strategies/elements that involve relevant stakeholders in a holistic approach to the strengthening of the management of industrial chemicals at national level. This toolkit also identifies relevant IOMC resources that could assist the countries in addressing identified challenges in a cost effective manner.

The workshop also focused on various aspects of industrial chemical management such as, ESM of hazardous industrial chemicals, Globally Harmonized System(GHS) for labelling and classification of all chemicals, BAT/BEP for POPs and other chemicals, Indian scenario of industrial chemical management etc. The workshop was attended by approximately 20 national (NGOs, Pollution Control Boards, Industries, Academia, Researchers etc) and regional participants (Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam) which helped them building capacity with respect to ESM of industrial chemicals. The issues discussed during the workshop helped heavily in updating the information in the toolkit.

Indicate the location of detailed information of this activity (e.g., weblink to the report, etc)

Report Submitted to Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention, Geneva. The final version of the developed toolkit will be available for public use very soon.

Afghanistan

Bangladesh

Bhutan

* **India** *

Maldives

Mongolia

Myanmar

* **Nepal** *

* **Sri Lanka** *

Thailand

United Arab Emirates

* **Viet Nam** *

Global benefit not limited to a specific country

Other (write down the name of the country(ies) if you don't find it in the list)

This activity is related to the implementation of the

Basel Convention

* **Stockholm Convention** *

Name of the project/activity

Regional stakeholders meeting on “Dioxin and Furans”

Year for which the activity was planned (select from menu)

Not answered

Year in which implementation was started (select from menu)

2/1/2013

Year in which implementation was completed (select from menu)

2/28/2013

Duration in months

1

Budget in USD

1833

List budget source(s) with corresponding amount in USD

Toxics Link - 1833

CSIR-NEERI, SCRC- in-kind

Narrative Summary of the activity including the outcomes (in quantifiable terms as much as possible)

A "regional stakeholders meeting" on "Dioxin and Furans" was organized in collaboration with Toxics Link, New Delhi (International POPs Elimination Network regional hub) on February 12, 2013 at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC. Various participants/officials (approximately 30) from different departments such as including government, health and municipality, industries, academia, NGOs and pollution control boards attended the meeting. The meeting covered various aspects with respect to dioxins and furans in detail which helped the participants to build their capacity with respect to dioxins and furans.

Indicate the location of detailed information of this activity (e.g., weblink to the report, etc)

The activity report may be requested from Toxics Link, the main organizer of the meeting. Contact point is Mr. Piyush Mohapatra, email: piyush@toxicslink.org

Afghanistan

Bangladesh

Bhutan

* **India** *

Maldives

Mongolia

Myanmar

Nepal

Sri Lanka

Thailand

United Arab Emirates

Viet Nam

Global benefit not limited to a specific country

Other (write down the name of the country(ies) if you don't find it in the list)

This activity is related to the implementation of the

* **Basel Convention** *

* **Stockholm Convention** *

Name of the project/activity

International symposium on "Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants (IEEP-2014)"

Year for which the activity was planned (select from menu)

Not answered

Year in which implementation was started (select from menu)

1/1/2014

Year in which implementation was completed (select from menu)

1/31/2014

Duration in months

1

Budget in USD

Approx. 12,083

List budget source(s) with corresponding amount in USD

MoEF-5000, MPCB-3333, DST-1250, DBT-1250, ICMR, 1250

Narrative Summary of the activity including the outcomes (in quantifiable terms as much as possible)

An international symposium on "Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants (IEEP-2014)" was organized during January 16-17, 2014 at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC which was attended by participants and experts from India and abroad. The symposium focused on following aspects; a) sources of POPs and emission inventories; b) advances in analytical, screening and confirmatory methods in

POPs analysis; c) emerging and naturally occurring compounds in the environment; d) pesticides in the environment, food and feed; e) toxicology of dioxin, PCBs and other POPs; f) advances in instrumentation techniques; g) environment risk assessment, management and regulation. A total of 71 participants from India and abroad witnessed the highly fruitful and technical symposium whereas 11 national and international experts delivered their valuable lectures on various aspects mentioned above.

Indicate the location of detailed information of this activity (e.g., weblink to the report, etc)

The symposium proceeding along with other information such as symposium brochure can be sought from CSIR-NEERI (Mr. G. S. Kanade, Organizing Secretary; Mr. G. S. Kanade, Email: gs_kanade@neeri.res.in)

Afghanistan

Bangladesh

Bhutan

*** India ***

Maldives

Mongolia

Myanmar

Nepal

Sri Lanka

Thailand

United Arab Emirates

Viet Nam

*** Global benefit not limited to a specific country ***

Other (write down the name of the country(ies) if you don't find it in the list)

This activity is related to the implementation of the

*** Basel Convention ***

*** Stockholm Convention ***

Name of the project/activity

Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka

Year for which the activity was planned (select from menu)

Not answered

Year in which implementation was started (select from menu)

5/24/2014

Year in which implementation was completed (select from menu)

11/30/2014

Duration in months

7

Budget in USD

62, 592

List budget source(s) with corresponding amount in USD

Secretariat of BRS Conventions, Geneva- 50, 000

CSIR-NEERI (in-kind) - 12,592

Narrative Summary of the activity including the outcomes (in quantifiable terms as much as possible)

The lack of technical expertise and capacity for environmentally sound management of chemicals can prove to be a major hurdle in implementation of BRS conventions which needs to be addressed at national level. In this connection, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, India identified Sri Lanka as one of the beneficiary party to provide technical assistance for synergistic implementation of BRS conventions. Subsequently, Secretariat of BRS Conventions, Geneva entrusted CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, India to carry out a project on "Capacity building for promoting synergistic implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in Sri Lanka". This project was carried out in close collaboration with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy (MoERE), Sri Lanka.

The project was carried out in two parts as follows;

Activity 1: Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm convention in

Sri Lanka

Activity 2: Capacity building of relevant authorities in Sri Lanka for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

The first activity addressed to prepare an assessment report on “Current situation of implementation of BRS conventions in Sri Lanka” which is among the first of its kind and comprises of detailed information on government infrastructure, various policies, regulations, present scenario of management of chemicals, gap analysis, needs and priorities for effective implementation of BRS conventions in Sri Lanka.

The second activity mainly focused on the training programme on “Capacity building for promoting synergistic implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in Sri Lanka” which will help the party to meet their obligations for synergistic implementation of BRS conventions was organized during October 28-30, 2014 at Sri Lanka. The training programme was attended by various national stakeholders/officials (total 20 participants) who are directly involved in the management of chemicals covered under BRS conventions and benefited by the lectures delivered by various eminent national and international experts. The training and capacity building programme also covered the comments, suggestions and recommendations from the participants and experts for promoting synergistic implementation of BRS Conventions.

Indicate the location of detailed information of this activity (e.g., weblink to the report, etc)

The assessment report along with final substantive report has been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions, Geneva

Afghanistan

Bangladesh

Bhutan

* India *

Maldives

Mongolia

Myanmar

Nepal

* Sri Lanka *

Thailand

United Arab Emirates

Viet Nam

Global benefit not limited to a specific country

Other (write down the name of the country(ies) if you don't find it in the list)

5. C. LIST OF THE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS PARTICIPATED OR CONTRIBUTED

List all those activities/meetings participated or significant contributions made by your centre if you feel that it is important to report such activities to the Conference of the Parties.

You can use the add activity button located just below this text to add more activities, by adding one at a time.

* BC *

SC

* RC *

Name of the project/activity

“Training of trainers” for UNEP’s “Toolkit for identification and quantification of mercury releases” held in Pretoria, South Africa

Relevant date

12/9/2013

BC

* SC *

RC

Name of the project/activity

POPs in articles and POPs free expert meeting at Basel Convention Regional Centre-Stockholm Convention Regional Centre for Asia and Pacific (BCRC-SCRCAP), Beijing, China

Relevant date

8/23/2013

BC

* SC *

RC

Name of the project/activity

Global workshop on updating national implementation plans, including updating and revising PCDD/PDCF inventories at Basel Convention Regional Centre-Stockholm Convention Regional Centre for Asia and Pacific (BCRC-SCRCAP), Beijing, China

Relevant date

8/26/2013

* BC *

* SC *

RC

Name of the project/activity

Annual joint meetings to enhance cooperation and coordination between regional centres under Basel and Stockholm Conventions at Geneva

Relevant date

11/27/2013

BC

* SC *

RC

Name of the project/activity

9th Summer School on Toxic Compounds in the Environment 2013 at RECETOX, Kamenice 753/5, University Campus building A29, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

Relevant date

6/24/2013

BC

* SC *

RC

Name of the project/activity

Stakeholder's awareness meeting on Dioxins and Furans at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Relevant date

12/23/2013

* BC *

* SC *

RC

Name of the project/activity

SC COP 6 and Ex-COPs-2 meeting, Geneva

Relevant date

4/28/2013

* BC *

* SC *

* RC *

Name of the project/activity

Meeting with various national stakeholders and experts of Sri Lanka in connection with the preparation of "Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka", Colombo, Sri Lanka

Relevant date

7/28/2014

BC
* SC *

RC
Name of the project/activity

Sub-regional workshop for Asian countries in support for the ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury – New Delhi, India

Relevant date
9/18/2014

* BC *
* SC *

RC
Name of the project/activity

Annual joint meetings to enhance cooperation and coordination between regional centres under Basel and Stockholm Conventions at Geneva

Relevant date
11/27/2014

6. PART 3: SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY OF THE CENTRE

1. Identification, documentation and implementation of actions and practices

Give at least one example which demonstrates that your centre has the capability in all counts to identify, document and implement project activities. The examples should be based on facts and be verifiable. Please indicate how can we verify these examples.

	Capability of the Centre	Means of verification
Example on identifying	<p>Example 1. “Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management (ESM) of industrial chemicals”.</p> <p>The need for development of an electronic interactive toolkit was identified by Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention. In this connection, Secretariat entrusted CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, India for development of electronic interactive toolkit for the environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals with a aim that this tool will assist in the identification of challenges and gaps and the subsequent development of strategies/elements that involve relevant stakeholders in a holistic approach for strengthening of the management of industrial chemicals at national level.</p> <p>Example 2. “Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka”</p>	<p>Example 1:The final version of the electronic interactive toolkit will be available for public use very soon (it is getting uploaded on Rotterdam Convention’s website). Other information related to the project can be sought from CSIR-NEERI, SCRC.</p> <p>Example 2: Major part of the project was carried out at Sri Lanka in collaboration with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka. The “Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka” along with final substantial report has already been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions. Detailed information about the project activity is available in project file at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC.</p>

The coordinated implementation of the chemical conventions offers the key elements for 'life cycle management' of toxic chemicals at a national, regional and international level. The resulting 'synergy' of the chemical conventions strengthens the necessary principles of environmental sustainability. The three Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) i.e. BRS conventions share the common objective of protecting human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals and wastes for the promotion of sustainable development, and help to facilitate the technical assistance to parties to manage chemicals and wastes at different stages of their life-cycle. For the implementation of the three conventions, national frameworks, coordination mechanisms and enforcement structures need to be in place. Those frameworks and mechanisms provide an opportunity for coordinated/synergistic implementation of the three conventions. Recognizing the potential for synergistic work under the three conventions at the national, regional and global levels, the international community has worked over the past years on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Most POPs and many pesticides are covered in all the three conventions which need to be addressed in a synergistic way to enhance the coordination between the BRS conventions. The lack of technical expertise and capacity for environmentally sound management of chemicals can prove to be a major hurdle in implementation of BRS conventions which needs to be addressed at national level. Therefore, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC proposed the project on capacity building of the national authorities in Sri Lanka for synergistic implementation of BRS conventions which will also help during their NIP updating activities. The gaps in implementing these conventions at national will also be addressed under the project activities. Through a series of communication, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC has received few requests for technical assistance from regional parties (viz. Bangladesh, India, Philippines and Sri Lanka). Sri Lanka was selected as a beneficiary party by the CSIR-NEERI, SCRC for this

project on the basis of their request for technical assistance.

Example on documenting

Example 1.: “Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management (ESM) of industrial chemicals”. Following steps were followed to document the project activities;

- Correspondence with Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention about the project activities
- Signing of the agreement under small scale funding agreement (between CSIR-NEERI and SRC)
- Official approval and security and sensitivity clearance from CSIR headquarter because of project being funded from foreign agency
- Finalization of dates for the workshop on “Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management (ESM) of industrial chemicals” in consultation with SRC.
- Contacted various national and international (through their respective national focal points) stakeholders for participation in the workshop
- Preparation of information brochure in connection with the workshop
- Preparation of draft toolkit material and lectures in PDF format and provided to all the participants of the workshop for their comments and suggestions to improve the toolkit
- The comments and suggestions received from various participants during and after the workshop were incorporated in the toolkit
- Time to time correspondence with the SRC about the content and framework of the toolkit being prepared
- Preparation of Final project report and financial report submitted to Secretariat within the agreement deadline

Example 2.: “Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka”.

Following steps were followed to document the project activities;

- Formulation of project proposal on the basis of technical assistance requested by different regional countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Bangladesh (communicated through emails) on various issues related to BRS conventions.

Example 1: The project related documents are available in project file at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC. The final report along with the financial of the project has been submitted to Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention, the sponsorer of the project.

Example 2: This activity of CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, was carried out at Sri Lanka in collaboration with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka. The “Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka” along with final substantive report has already been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions. Most of the important documents are communicated with the Secretariat of BRS Conventions

- Submission of project proposal to Secretariat of BRS conventions, Geneva.
- Submission of revised project proposal on the basis of recommendations received from the secretariat.
- Correspondence with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy (MoERE), Sri Lanka for endorsement letter to become collaborating partner of the project
- Correspondence with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka for various activities of the project to be carried out at Sri Lanka
- Preparation of Minutes of Meeting for various meetings held at Sri Lanka with different stakeholders and experts during the visit of CSIR-NEERI team to Sri Lanka
- Preparation of “Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka” in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka
- Correspondence with Secretariat of BRS Conventions about the delay in submission of assessment report and other documents
- Correspondence with MoERE, Sri Lanka about finalization of dates for capacity building programme and identification of relevant stakeholders for participation in the workshop
- Submission of interim progress report, final progress report along with all the necessary documents such as assessment report, financial report, minutes of meeting, information brochure etc to the Secretariat of BRS Conventions
- Organization of three days capacity building programme in Sri Lanka during October 28-30, 2014 in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka.

Example on implement

Example 1: “Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management (ESM) of industrial chemicals”. Following steps were followed to implement the project activities;

- Correspondence with Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention about the project activities especially the content and framework of the toolkit to be prepared
- Organization of sub-regional workshop on “Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound

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Example 2: This activity of CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, was carried out at Sri Lanka in collaboration with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka. The “Assessment report on current situation of implementation of

management (ESM) of industrial chemicals” during December 19-20, 2014 at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC

- Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management (ESM) of industrial chemicals (after incorporating comments and suggestions from workshop participants and SRC) and its uploading on Rotterdam Convention’s website

the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka” along with final substantive report has already been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions. More detailed information about the project activity is available in project file at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC.

Example 2.: “Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka”.

Following steps were followed to implement the project activities;

- Correspondence with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy (MoERE), Sri Lanka for endorsement letter to become collaborating partner of the project
- Correspondence with Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka for various activities of the project to be carried out at Sri Lanka
- Visit of CSIR-NEERI’s team to Sri Lanka and organization of various meetings with different stakeholders/officials and experts at Sri Lanka
- Preparation of “Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka” in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka
- Finalization of the dates for the capacity building programme in Sri Lanka and preparation of information brochure
- Logistics arrangements for capacity building programme in Sri Lanka (ongoing)
- Finalization of the list of participants for the capacity building programme in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka
- Organization of three days capacity building programme in Sri Lanka during October 28-30, 2014 in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka.

7. 2. Identifying, undertaking and advancing cooperation, collaboration and synergies

Give at least two examples, if possible, which demonstrate that your centre has the capability in identifying, undertaking and advancing cooperation, collaboration and synergies while implementing project activities. The examples should be based on facts and be verifiable. Please indicate how can we verify these examples.

	Centre's capability in identifying, undertaking and advancing cooperation and collaboration and synergy	Means of verification
<p>Example 1.</p>	<p>Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Govt. of India has established ENVIS on Hazardous Wastes at CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur with a view to develop information databases and strengthen information resources in the field of hazardous waste management. Accordingly, this ENVIS website has been developed to give a glimpse of national as well as international information on various issues related to hazardous waste management to facilitate researchers, industries, policy planners, decision makers, etc. The major topics covered / to be covered by the ENVIS Centre at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC on the thematic area are legislations, regulations and policies in the field of hazardous waste management, emerging technologies for hazardous waste management, important national/international activities/projects/developments, information resources (websites, journals/books and databases) and the organized/forthcoming events (conferences/workshops/training programmes etc.). This development of ENVIS centre is an clear example of cooperation, collaboration and synergy between CSIR-NEERI and MoEF which is significant in carrying out activities of the centre (as MoEF is the National Focal Point for BRS conventions).</p>	<p>Detailed information on ENVIS centre is available on www. neerienvis.nic.in</p>
<p>Example 2.</p>	<p>“Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka”</p> <p>In order to facilitate the effective implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) conventions, the conference of parties (COPs) has adopted a series of decisions aiming at enhancing and promoting cooperation and coordination among the conventions over the years. Thus, a framework for the so-called synergy between these conventions has been set. This particular project aims to provide</p>	<p>The final substantive report of the project has already been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions in stipulated time frame. It is also available at project file at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC.</p> <p>Example 3: Official clearances from CSIR headquarter at New Delhi and Security and Sensitivity clearances form Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India is under progress. The documents are available at Regional Centre’s file at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC and can be provided if required.</p>

technical assistance to the party (i.e. Sri Lanka) at national level to implement synergy decisions as well as omnibus decisions taken by the COPs for implementation and enforcement of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at National Level as well as in identifying the gaps in implementation of the conventions. The capacity building programme under the project aimed to guide relevant national authorities of Sri Lanka to meet their obligations for implementation of BRS conventions. Regional centre's work plan for the biennium 2012-13 emphasizes on capacity-building activities including trainings and workshops for the stakeholders of the region to help parties meeting their obligations of BRS conventions especially Stockholm Convention. The lack of technical expertise and capacity for inventorization of newly added POPs can prove to be a major hurdle in review and updating of the NIPs. This project majorly emphasizes on building up the capacity of the national authorities in Sri Lanka for synergistic implementation of BRS conventions which will also help during their NIP updating activities. The gaps in implementing these conventions at national were also addressed under the project activities.

Also, apart from the project activity which implies synergy implementation, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC and MoERE, Sri Lanka are in the serious talks about the signing of MOU for strengthening scientific capabilities of both the countries. A draft MoU has been communicated with MoERE and we are waiting for the inputs from Sri Lankan side before putting it further for official approvals.

Example 3. Memorandum of Understanding between CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur and RECETOX, Czech Republic

CSIR-NEERI, SCRC, Nagpur and RECETOX, Czech Republic are under the process of signing of MoU in order to cooperate in implementation of the Stockholm Convention, research and sound management of chemicals in Asia and Europe Region. Bearing in mind the process of enhanced cooperation and coordination and synergy among

the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and their Regional Centres, implementation of the sound chemicals management, both CSIR-NEERI, SCRC and RECETOX would like to coordinate their efforts in the following priority areas to prepare a Work Plan:

1. Data collection and data management for the purpose of the Global Monitoring Plan for the Stockholm Convention.
2. Capacity building for research, laboratory and field activities.
3. Training and educational activities including open-access to the RECETOX research infrastructure.
4. Sound management of toxic chemicals.
5. Preparation of joint research projects and publications.
6. Cooperation in other issues, mutually agreed upon, whenever such opportunities arise.

	Title of activity	Source of funding	Amount (USD)	Means of verification
1.	Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management (ESM) of industrial chemicals	Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention	71, 600	Project completed and the final report along with financial report has been submitted to Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention. The toolkit will be made available for public use soon on Rotterdam Convention's website
2.	Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka	Secretariat of BRS Conventions And CSIR-NEERI (in-kind)	62,952	Final substantive report has been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions
3.	Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Centre on Hazardous Wastes	Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi	Approx USD 6, 333	www.neerienvi.nic.in
4.	Estimation of fugitive emissions and source apportionment studies to assess the impact of various operations on ambient air quality at Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), Bhilai	Bhilai Steel Plant, Steel Authority of India Ltd., Bhilai, India	Approx USD 1,46,667	Contact: ps_dutt@neeri.res.in (Head, BDTT Division, CSIR-NEERI) ps_kumbhare@neeri.res.in (Head, R&D Planning Division, CSIR-NEERI)
5.	Study of risk	Department of	Approx USD 65,517	Contact:

	assessment of endosulfan in human using in vitro cell models	Biotechnology, New Delhi		ps_dutt@neeri.res.in (Head, BDTT Division, CSIR-NEERI) ps_kumbhare@neeri.res.in (Head, R&D Planning Division, CSIR-NEERI)
6.	Training programme for chemists and technical staff from water testing laboratories	Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, New Delhi	Approx USD 1,40,000	Contact: ps_dutt@neeri.res.in (Head, BDTT Division, CSIR-NEERI) ps_kumbhare@neeri.res.in (Head, R&D Planning Division, CSIR-NEERI)
7.	Monitoring of pesticide residues at national level	Division of Agricultural Chemicals, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	Approx USD 34,177	Contact: ps_dutt@neeri.res.in (Head, BDTT Division, CSIR-NEERI) ps_kumbhare@neeri.res.in (Head, R&D Planning Division, CSIR-NEERI)
8.	Evaluation/Development of Recovery and Recycling processes/practices for the recovery of valuable material from E-waste	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi	Approx USD 38,333	Contact: ps_dutt@neeri.res.in (Head, BDTT Division, CSIR-NEERI) ps_kumbhare@neeri.res.in (Head, R&D Planning Division, CSIR-NEERI)
9.	Preparation of standard reference materials (SRMs) for monitoring of p,p'-DDT in water	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi	Approx USD 66,667	Contact: ps_dutt@neeri.res.in (Head, BDTT Division, CSIR-NEERI) ps_kumbhare@neeri.res.in (Head, R&D Planning Division, CSIR-NEERI)
10.	National ambient air quality monitoring	Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi	Approx USD 5,96,667	Contact: ps_dutt@neeri.res.in (Head, BDTT Division, CSIR-NEERI) ps_kumbhare@neeri.res.in (Head, R&D Planning Division, CSIR-NEERI)

8. 3. Identification of additional financial resources and other donors to fund projects

Give a list of donors/funds mobilized to implement the activities/projects by the centre. The example should be based on facts and be verifiable. Please indicate how can we verify these examples.

9. 4. Managing and conducting activities efficiently, effectively and transparently

Give at least one example which demonstrates that your centre conducts its activities efficiently, effectively and transparently in implementing project/activities. The examples should be based on facts and be verifiable. Please indicate how can we verify these examples.

	Example on centre's capability to conduct its activities...	Means of verification
Efficiently	<p>Example 1. Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals CSIR-NEERI was entrusted by Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention, Geneva for the “Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals” owing to its efficiency to carry out the tasks efficiently and within the deadline. CSIR-NEERI, SCRC has developed the electronic toolkit within a shorter period of four months along with the organization of a sub-regional workshop. The participants of the workshop appreciated the efforts of CSIR-NEERI, SCRC team for development of a toolkit which will serve as a one stop shop for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals. As the workshop was highly interactive and informative, participants requested CSIR-NEERI, SCRC to organize more workshops and capacity building programmes on regular basis. The timely funding provided by UNEP-SRC, played an instrumental role in completing the project efficiently within the time frame.</p> <p>Example 2. Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka</p> <p>Regional centre’s work plan for the biennium 2012-13 emphasizes on capacity-building activities including trainings and workshops for the stakeholders of the region to help parties meeting their obligations of BRS conventions especially Stockholm Convention. The lack of technical expertise and capacity for inventorization of newly added POPs can prove to be a major hurdle in review and updating of the NIPs. CSIR-NEERI, SCRC identified these problems and submitted the abovesaid project proposal to Secretariat of BRS Conventions for funding. This project majorly emphasizes on building up the capacity of the national authorities in Sri Lanka for synergistic</p>	<p>Example 1: The final version of the electronic interactive toolkit will be available for public use very soon (it is getting uploaded on Rotterdam Convention’s website). Other information related to the project is available in project file at CSIR-NEERI, SCRC. The feedback forms filled by the participants available in project file at CSIR-NEERI.</p> <p>Example 2: The “Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka” along with the meeting documents, information brochure and final substantive report has already been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions.</p>

implementation of BRS conventions which will also help during their NIP updating activities. CSIR-NEERI, SCRC successfully made collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka for efficient implementation of project activities in Sri Lanka. The officials of MoERE, Sri Lanka and other national experts appreciated the efforts of CSIR-NEERI, SCRC for providing technical assistance time to time with respect to BRS Conventions (Sri Lanka has always been part of different sub-regional workshops and capacity building programmes). MoERE, Sri Lanka also thanked CSIR-NEERI, SCRC for selecting Sri Lanka as a beneficiary party for the implementation of project activities. Meetings with various national stakeholders and experts in Sri Lanka during July 28-31, 2014 was an example of efficient execution of the project activities in which approximately 20 participants from different departments provided their views in meeting. Later, CSIR-NEEI in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka organized training and capacity building programme on “Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka” during October 28-30, 2014 which was well appreciated by all the participants and experts. The final report of the project was submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions, Geneva within the submission deadline.

Effectively

Example 1. Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals
 CSIR-NEERI, SCRC was entrusted by Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention, Geneva, for the “Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals”. The challenge was accepted by CSIR-NEERI, SCRC for the development of electronic interactive toolkit within a shorter period of four months and was completed successfully in record time. Further, within this shorter timeframe, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC has also successfully organized a sub-regional workshop during December 19-20, 2013, in which participants from India and abroad (Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam) participated and provided

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their valuable comments and suggestions on the draft toolkit. This activity clearly shows the effectiveness and capability of the centre. Even after completion of the project, CSIR-NEERI is continuously working on updating and uploading the toolkit on Rotterdam Convention's website which shows the commitment of the centre to carry out the work till full satisfaction. The timely funding provided by UNEP-SRC, played an instrumental role in completing the project efficiently within the time frame.

Example 2. Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka

Clearly defined objectives and the expertise to carry out the work and successful execution of the whole program in a very professional way make the project effective. The visit of CSIR-NEERI, SCRC team to Sri Lanka during July 28-August 1, 2014 for conducting meetings with various national experts including Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy (MoERE), Sri Lanka for the preparation of assessment report on "current situation of implementation of BRS conventions in Sri Lanka" resulted in effective implementation of the project activities in Sri Lanka. CSIR-NEERI, SCRC team in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka could arrange meeting with various national experts including personals from various agencies such as MoERE, Ministry of Industrial Development, Ministry of Health, Central Environmental Authority, Academia, Import & Export Department, Customs department, NGOs and Industry representatives. The meeting resulted in the formulation of framework for the assessment report after extensive discussions with various national experts. During the meeting, CSIR-NEERI, SCRC requested MoERE Sri Lanka to carry out preparation of assessment report with their identified team of experts. The assessment report was thus prepared in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka and submitted to Secretariat of BRS Conventions. On the basis of needs and priorities addressed in the assessment report, agenda and topics of the training and capacity building programme were formulated. Various

national and international experts were identified and invited to deliver lectures on different topics. The training and capacity building programme was organized in collaboration with MoERE, Sri Lanka during October 28-30 at Sri Lanka which was attended by various national stakeholders. The training and capacity building programme covered various aspects for ESM of chemicals covered under BRS Conventions. The efforts taken by CSIR-NEERI, SCRC for effective organization of the programme were highly appreciated by the participants and experts.

Transparently

Example 1. Development of Electronic interactive toolkit for environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals

All the activities of the projects were carried out in close collaboration with Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention. Monthly review meeting was conducted with Director of the Centre to assess the progress of the work. At regular time interval, the progress of the project work and work plans were communicated with different parties of the region. The link to the draft version of the toolkit was provided to Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention in order to receive the comments and suggestions for improvement of the toolkit. The final report of the sub-regional workshop along with the financial report was submitted to Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention, Geneva.

Example 2. Capacity Building for Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions in Sri Lanka

All the activities of the projects were carried out in close collaboration with Secretariat of BRS Conventions and MoERE, Sri Lanka. Monthly review meeting is being conducted with Director of the Centre to assess the progress of the work. All the important documents are shared with MoERE, Sri Lanka as they are the main beneficiary agency of the project. The information brochure was prepared and shared with MoERE, Sri Lanka and the comments and suggestions received from Sri Lankan counterpart were incorporated in the brochure. Secretariat of BRS conventions was informed in advance

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Example 2: The "Assessment report on current situation of implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention in Sri Lanka" along with the meeting documents, information brochure and final substantive report has already been submitted to Secretariat of BRS conventions within stipulated time frame.

about the delay of submission of assessment report. The assessment report along with other documents were communicated with MoERE, Sri Lanka and the Secretariat of BRS conventions. The final substantial report of the project was submitted to Secretariat of BRS Conventions within the stipulated time frame.

10. 5. Capacity to meet various language requirement of the region/subregion

Give at least one example that demonstrates that your centre meets various language requirements of the region. The examples should be based on facts and be verifiable. Please indicate how can we verify these examples.

	Language	Means of verification
1.	Awareness raising brochures on POPs were prepared in five different regional languages (viz: English, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali and Tamil) and distributed to national and regional stakeholders and common public.	http://www.neeri.res.in/Stockholm/
2.	Not answered	Not answered

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