

# ***Business Plan***



***Basel Convention Coordinating Centre  
for Training and Technology Transfer  
For Latin America and the Caribbean Region***



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for Latin America and the Caribbean was established in the framework of an agreement between the Uruguayan's Government and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The Centre is located at Laboratorio Tecnológico del Uruguay (LATU), a public institution ruled by private sector law, and as a result of an arrangement between the Ministry of Housing, Land Planning, and Environment (Ministerio de Vivienda, Ordenamiento Territorial y Medio Ambiente, MVOTMA) and LATU.

During these last years the consolidation and strengthening of the Coordinating Centre has been improved, at the same time activities and projects, tending to promote synergies within the Chemicals' Conventions were carried out. The most relevant activities of the last term were:

- Implementation of regional projects and identifying sources for national projects and activities, such as:
  - The US-EPA-SBC-BCCC Project Proposal: Minimization and environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste, affecting most exposed populations in various economic sectors, including the health sector, in several countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, Costa Rica and Uruguay). The context was the implementation of the Basel Convention.
  - Global Monitoring Plan (GMP). UNEP's Chemicals Branch is developing global guidance for POPs analysis and is undertaking training and capacity building for laboratories, governments, and other institutions to provide high quality information on the presence of POPs in all media. The Centre has been coordinating these activities in 8 GRULAC countries; the framework is the Stockholm Convention.
  - Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), a new internationally-agreed tool for chemical hazard communication, incorporating harmonized chemical hazard classification criteria and provisions for standardised labels and safety data sheets. Implementation of the GHS and sound chemical hazard communication has required initiatives, activities and capacities for three distinct actors: government, business and industry, and public interest and labour organisations.
  - Diagnosis of Legal and Institutional infrastructures for sound management of chemicals.
  - Environmentally sound storage and disposal of surplus mercury (both as commodity and as waste) in two countries of LAC, Argentina and Uruguay.
- Strengthening the Centre capability regarding to life cycle of substances and products; to contribute to the synergies process of the Chemical conventions, facilitating the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions.
- Participation in regional and international events:
  - Regional workshop for effective participation in the work of the POPs Review Committee of Stockholm Convention.
  - Meeting: Nominated Centres of the Stockholm Convention to assist countries in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Assembly, 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of May, 2010, Punta del Este, Uruguay.

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- 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2011, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

The activities and projects described uphold the lines of the previous plan and based on the experience acquired, while embracing the vision of the Coordinating Centre and its consolidation, have improved the strengthening and specialization toward minimizing health and environmental risks.

This new plan is formulated contemplating the need to conceptualise the projects, programmes and activities of an integrated hazardous waste and substances management scenario, paying attention to the life cycle of substances and products, and their execution is expected to contribute in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions.

The integral approach to chemicals and waste management through their whole life's cycle has always been a key aspect included in the formulation and execution of all Centre's plans, projects and activities, with the aim of materializing synergies between the Conventions of the Chemicals Cluster.

The Coordinating Centre sees itself as a strategic actor on facilitating the processes of national and regional capacity building, and for training key actors on environmentally sound management of chemicals. The preparation and diffusion of specialized information is an important task of the Centre too. The execution of regional projects, in coordination with the Regional Centres, is thought to be a basic link for the transference of technology and successful experiences as well as to strength the national capacities of the countries for the implementation of the chemicals conventions and measure the effectiveness of different actions.

Strategic plans for this period:

- Strengthening the Coordinating Centre and its relationship with the Regional Centres in a way to arise the network of Basel Convention Centres as leaders in the control and environmentally sound management of hazardous substances and wastes.
- Improvement of the coordination and cooperation between the Stockholm Convention Regional Centres endorsed for Latin America and the Caribbean Region to consolidate a network, in order to undertake work in a systematic and organized manner, and in a spirit of communication and mutual support between the Centres.
- Developing and consolidating hazardous waste awareness and diffusion programmes, integrating all of the areas covered by the Basel Convention.
- Strengthening of the national capacities of the countries around the region for the implementation of the obligations imposed by the Convention through training and technology transfers, minimizing health and environment risks while seeking synergy in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

The budget for 2014-2015 consists of USD 131,100 corresponding to the Coordinating Centre's essential activities, and USD 5.311.100, corresponding to the activities and projects whose execution during the term is considered possible.

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For the execution of these projects and activities, a number of cooperation agencies have been preliminarily identified, the support of the Secretariat is considered essential in securing agreements.

### **I. INFORMATION OF THE CENTRE**

#### **A. VISION AND MISSION**

##### **A.1. VISION**

Consolidate itself, together with Regional Centres in a network of leader institutions in order to assist GRULAC countries through a process of regional cooperation and coordination, and which allows capacity building strengthening and specialization for the implementation of Basel and Stockholm Conventions.

##### **A.2. MISSION**

Strengthening national and regional capacities in GRULAC region countries for the implementation of the Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam and other Forums, through training of key stakeholders in the integrate and environmentally sound management of hazardous substances and wastes, in the development and dissemination of specialized information, implementation of regional projects in coordination with the Regional Centres or complementary to these, within a framework of sustainable development.

Consolidate a Stockholm Convention Regional Centres network and strengthen the Basel Convention Regional Centres network for GRULAC region to optimizing the exchange of information, training and technology transfer.

#### **B. BACKGROUND**

The Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean Region (BCCC), in Uruguay, has been operational since 1998 and is hosted by the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay (LATU) by agreement with the Ministry of Housing, Land and Environment (MVOTMA).

The BCCC was endorsed by the 4th COP of the Stockholm Convention as a Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention for Capacity Building and Technology Transfer for GRULAC region, and together with the Regional Centres of CETESB-Brazil, CENICA-Mexico and CIIMET-Panama, aim to form a network for information exchange, cooperation and mutual coordination.

This dual character of the Centre contribute to realize the synergies between the Chemicals Clusters Conventions and other Forums, present issue in the formulation and implementation of plans, projects and activities of the Centre.

## C. GOVERNANCE

### C.1 SCOPE OF THE COORDINATING CENTRE

The scope of the Coordinating Centre, circumscribed to Latin America and the Caribbean, includes:

1. The Sub-regional Centres of South America, Central America, and the Caribbean, with seat in Argentina, El Salvador, and Trinidad and Tobago, respectively.
2. The countries of the region, of which the following have ratified the Convention: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

### C.2 INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF THE COORDINATING CENTRE

#### C.2.1 Legal Status

The Coordinating Centre for Training and Technology for Latin America and the Caribbean was established by the framework agreement between the Uruguayan government and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, in concurrence with the Conference of the Parties, in Montevideo on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Then, it is a national institution with a regional role which operates under Uruguayan laws and regulations.

Per the aforementioned agreement, the Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment designated LATU to house the Coordinating Centre.

Among the functions of the Coordinating Centre is the coordination of Regional Centres with seat in Argentina, El Salvador, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The creation of a Steering Committee shall be established to advise the Coordinating Centre on the development and implementation of the activities relevant to its regional coordinator role.

The Committee shall be conformed by the Directors of the Regional Centres (South America, Central America, and the Caribbean), a representative per country of each region, the Director of the Coordinating Centre, and a representative of the Uruguayan Ministry of the Environment.

#### C.2.2 Human Resources

Director BCCC/Director RSCC: Q. F. Gabriela Medina

Co Director SCRC: I. Q. Alejandra Torre

Technical Assistance: Q. Virginia Santana

Collaborators: The Coordinating Centre counts with the support of a group of qualified specialists who have contributed in the different activities and projects conducted, who adhere

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to the vision of the Coordinating Centre and who are aware of the different aspects of the relevance of the Conventions in the region.

- Mr. Marcelo Cousillas, Lawyer, International Consultant on Environmental Legislation, Professor of environmental law at the Universidad de la República and legal advisor to the DINAMA.
- Mrs. Silvia Aguinaga, Chemical Engineer, technician of the DINAMA, expert in environmental industrial management and control industrial waste.
- Mr. Juan Pablo Peregalli, Chemical Engineer, technician of the DINAMA, expert in emissions, industrial management and industrial waste control.
- Mr. Javier Martinez, Chemical Engineer, expert in Mercury issues, consultant.
- Ms. Marisol Mallo, Chemical Engineer, technician of the DINAMA, expert in PCBs, and environmental sound management of waste.
- Mr. Fernando Lugris, BA in International Relations, Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with ample experience in negotiation of multilateral agreements, especially regarding chemicals.
- Mrs. Natalia Barboza, Chemical, technician of the DINAMA, expert in environmental analytical issues, laboratories and POPs.
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- Mrs. Liliana Borzacconi, Chemical Engineer, M.Sc-Phd., Professor of the Chemical Engineer Institute at the Universidad de la República, expert in waste treatment and training programmes.
- Mrs. Claudia Cabal, Engineer, expert in project management and PCBs.
- Mrs. Marise Kéller, Chemical Engineer, expert in clean technologies, consultant to the Cleaner Production Centre at the Universidad de Montevideo, worked with the Coordinating Centre in the project “Minimizing the impacts generated by hazardous wastes”.
- Mrs. Silvia Fernández, BA in International relations, technician of the Housing, Land Planning and Environmental Ministry.

### C.2.3 Financial Resources

For basic operation of the Coordinating Centre in the term 2014-2015, the Uruguayan government, through the Ministry of the Environment and LATU, is to contribute the amount of USD 156.100.

### C.2.4 External Resources

The plan involves seeking technical and financial cooperation by the countries of the region, institutions, and international agencies. During the past term several institutions have cooperated with the Coordinating Centre.

US-EPA through the Basel Secretariat has collaborated for the execution (2009-2012) of a project regarding minimization and environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste affecting most exposed populations in various economic sectors.

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GEF through UNEP – Chemical and the Stockholm Secretariat has collaborated in the execution (2009 -2010) of the Global Monitoring Plan (GMP) in LAC region, and we are negotiating the GMP phase II.

UNEP Chemicals has collaborated with the execution of a series of training and technical exchange activities, and it is seen as key in future activities.

UNITAR has collaborated with the execution of a Nanosafety project in Uruguay, and the idea is to replicate this experience in the GRULAC region.

FAO has collaborated in the execution of projects related to pesticides and the Rotterdam Convention, and it is possible that it keeps collaborating in that area technically and financially.

It is expected that other cooperation agencies such as GIZ and Blacksmith Institute, may back the Coordinating Centre’s training activities and projects through a framework agreement.

The input of external resources by means of technical assistance is also considered.

**C.2.5 Administrative Resources**

The Coordinating Centre has the faculty of signing agreements through LATU and has access to its administrative services, being able to make any and all kind of acquisitions and contracts. It also has an independent central funds management, allowing transparency in all fund administration.

The Coordinating Centre has the faculty to prepare MOUs, MOAs, SSFAs and projects’ documents.

**C.3 IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS OF THE CENTREEL CONVENTION COORDINATING CENTRE FOR TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - URUGUAY**

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**II. THE CENTRE AND THE BASEL CONVENTION**

**A. PERFORMANCE OF THE CORE FUNCTIONS**

The Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Latin America and The Caribbean Region has been working with the countries of GRULAC under its main functions established in Decision VI/3 of the Conference of the Parties.

Although the impact of the BCCC-SCRC has never been formally assessed, it is estimated that the current support of the countries served by the Centre indicates that the activities coordinating by the BCCC-SCRC are having a positive impact in the region.

The vision of the Coordinating Centre is its consolidation, together with the Regional Centres, in a network of leader institutions for Latin America and the Caribbean in capacity building, strengthening and specialisation for minimizing health and environmental risks associated to the use of hazardous substances and in hazardous waste management, and to materialize synergies between the Conventions of the Chemicals Cluster, within a framework of sustainable development.

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The Coordinating Centre sees itself as a strategic actor, facilitating the processes of national and regional capacity building and strengthening through the training of key actors in the environmentally sound management of hazardous substances and wastes, as well as the preparation and divulgation of specialized information. The execution of regional projects, in coordination with the Regional Centres, is thought to be a basic strategy for the transference of technology and successful experiences.

In this term, emphasis will be placed in strengthening the capacity of the Centres, and the Coordinating Centre in particular, as to, in cooperation with the Secretariat, become a strategic actor, facilitating the processes of national and regional consultation and systematically collect information to provide efficiently and effectively services in cooperation and technical assistance and so endeavour for better waste management and the reduction of associated risks.

### **B. OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT**

In order to carry out the Centre Core Functions is essential to assess the Region's needs, this means a fluid communication with Basel Convention Focal Points of GRULAC, sometimes a complex task due to the countries' personnel change.

The Government and its different actors, as well as private Sector, involvement on Basel Convention of the countries served is crucial, and this is an aim for the BCCC-SCRC.

#### **B.1. Recipients of the Activities of the Coordinating Centre**

- National and Municipal Authorities: Focal Points and Competent Authorities, national or municipal public entities connected to environmental issues, hazardous substances and waste management, control of international traffic of hazardous substances and wastes.
- Productive and Service Sectors: Industries, agricultural activity, mining, trade chambers, industrial associations, laboratories.
- Waste Management Sector: Companies related to the transport, treatment, recycling, storage, final disposal, and transboundary movement of hazardous wastes.
- Scientific Community: Universities, technological institutes, research centres and laboratories.
- Civil Society: NGOs, media, schools, and the general public.

#### **B.2. Opportunities Detected**

1. Strengthening the capacity of the Coordinating Centre as to, along with the Regional Centres and the Secretariat, improve the assistance to the countries of the region in the implementation of the objectives of the Basel Convention in the context of regional realities.

2. Improving the quality and quantity of information at regional level on the management of hazardous substances and wastes to the effect of allowing for the permanent evaluation of the efficacy of the measures implemented as a result of the obligations acquired by adhering to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

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3. Assisting the countries of the region improve the national capacities for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes, integrating the obligations arising from the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.
4. Train local actors in environmentally sound integrated management of hazardous substances and wastes, emphasizing the implementation of preventive measures and the development of pilot projects on integrated management of hazardous waste resulting from mass consumption products and attending to the priority waste streams.
5. Evaluating the regional situation regarding the generation and management of electric and electronic wastes (e-waste) and assist the countries in the implementation of programmes for the minimization and environmentally sound management of such wastes in the spirit of the principle of extended responsibility.
6. Improving the capacities of the region for the evaluation of the levels of exposition to persistent organic contaminants and heavy metals.
7. Contributing to strengthen the processes of decision making in the countries of the region for the treatment and final disposal of hazardous wastes, in particular persistent contaminants, and promote the adoption of clean production technologies
8. Expanding the level of information and improving the training of NGOs and the media in issues relating to preventing the generation and environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.

### **C. COOPERATION WITH THE ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS**

The BCCC was endorsed by the 4th COP of the Stockholm Convention as a Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention for Capacity Building and Technology Transfer for GRULAC region.

This dual character of the Centre has contributed to realize the synergies between the Chemicals Clusters Conventions and other Forums.

### **D. JOINT ACTIVITIES**

Regarding to Rotterdam Convention we have collaborated with FAO and UNEP on a training and awareness raising workshop on technical assistance for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention, Bangkok, Thailand 2004. Prior to this event, the Center conducted a survey across the region on the coordination in the joint implementation of the three conventions.

On November of 2009, in Montevideo, Uruguay, was held a Regional Workshop on Awareness and Strengthening of Cooperation and Coordination among Stockholm, Basel and Rotterdam Conventions. The main conclusions of this meeting were:

- To link the needs of the region to improve and strength the synergistic process of cooperation and coordination between the three Conventions.

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- To promote the role of the Centres in strengthening regional capacity to achieve compliance with the objectives of the three Conventions.
- To promote the use of regional Centres for capacity building through technical transfer in order to strength the capacities of Parties.

We are carrying out several activities under the Stockholm Convention, like Global Monitoring Plan (GMP) for Persistent Organic Pollutants, nowadays in its second phase, as well as several Mercury Projects.

### **E. PUBLIC – PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITES**

At the twenty-third session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), governments agreed to develop and implement partnerships as one approach to reducing the risks to human health and the environment from the release of mercury and its compounds to the environment. Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector were urged to develop and implement partnerships in a clear, transparent and accountable manner. UNEP was requested to facilitate work between its mercury program and governments, other international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector and the partnerships. As a result of the UNEP Governing Council decision, UNEP, governments and interested stakeholders have been working to further develop such partnerships. In 2005, WCC became a partner in the UNEP's Global Partnership on Mercury Reduction in the Chlor-alkali Sector.

The Chloralkali Partnership states:

“Mercury cell chloralkali production is a significant user of mercury and a source of mercury releases to the environment. The mercury used in this process acts as an electrode in the chlorine production process. Mercury cell production facilities that close or convert to mercury-free technologies require environmentally sound management of mercury surplus and waste. Best practices, such as proper waste management, can minimize the release of mercury. Mercury-free technologies are also available in chloralkali production.”

The World Chlorine Council presents guidelines on the best techniques and best practices in the management of mercury to plants in the industry. These guidelines are available at UNEP's website.

In Uruguay this activity was implemented by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) through its Global Mercury Partnership program jointly with the World Chlorine Council (WCC) with Clorosur, and the Government of Uruguay through Environmental Directorate and Basel Convention Coordinating Center for Training and Technology Transfer for Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eface S.A. Funds for the activities in Uruguay have been provided by the Government of Norway.

The objectives of this activity were:

1. To evaluate the adequacy (applicability) of WCC guidelines for use in chloralkali plant in development countries;
2. Presence and usefulness of the WCC guidelines at the chloralkali plant with respect to
  - Occupational health management and workers exposure to mercury
  - Environment management related to mercury

3. Extension of the approach to other plants in the same sector and beyond.

In the last years we have been working with en.lighten. The en.lighten initiative addresses the challenge of accelerating global market transformation to environmentally sustainable lighting technologies by developing a coordinated global strategy and providing technical support for the phase-out of inefficient lighting. This will reduce global GHGs from the lighting sector and mercury released from coal combustion. The en.lighten initiative was created in 2009 as a partnership between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), OSRAM AG and Philips Lighting with the support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The National Lighting Test Centre (NLTC) became a partner in 2011.

BCCC-SCRC will develop activities in the framework of the Partnership for Action on Computers and Equipment (PACE), together with the Argentinean and El Salvador Centres.

On the other hand, we were seeking some support from Blacksmith Institute and the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP). Blacksmith Institute is an international non-profit organization dedicated to work on contaminated sites in low and middle income countries, where human health is at risk. The GAHP members include: The World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNEP, UNIDO, Blacksmith Institute and Governments of several countries.

### **III. REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Through the various activities that the Centre has taken over the last few years, it can be concluded that the GRULAC region faces several difficulties specifically on the environmentally sound management of hazardous substances and wastes.

The laws of many countries still do not include the Basel Convention, such as Bolivia, Honduras, Guatemala and Paraguay, compliance questionnaire on Identification of Parties' needs for assistance in implementing and complying with paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Convention, and in other cases are precarious the control mechanisms or technologies to perform analytical tests of compounds or destruction and disposal facilities.

There is a need for training in waste management, hazardous substance life cycle, and risk assessment, for decision makers, ministries, municipalities, customs and general public.

Some of the activities that reflect the above have: been the Global Monitoring Plan project (lack of laboratory equipment, trained personnel), Regional Mercury Survey (lack of products inventories, lack of treatment and disposal facilities, lack of monitoring equipment), Temporary Storage and Final Disposal of Mercury and Mercury Waste (lack of treatment and disposal facilities).

It is important to note that in small countries that are part of the region, including island countries, and Uruguay for example, as their scales are small, treatment mechanisms are very expensive and unprofitable, so that regional solutions must be found.

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Another source of information is the Centre's website where questions and concerns come on chemicals and waste, or projects undertaken by the Centre as well.

### **IV. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES (ACTION PLAN)**

The Activities Plan for 2014-2015 has been prepared so that its execution contributes to the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and the Strategic Plan of the Basel Convention.

The Plan contemplates the necessity of conceptualising the projects, programmes, and activities in a setting of integrated hazardous substances and waste management, attending to the life-cycle of substances and products; hence, its execution is expected to contribute to the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

#### **IV.1 STRATEGIC LINES OF ACTION**

The Coordinating Centre has defined a series of strategic lines of action to attain the Opportunities Detected stated in point 6. These lines of action are the frame for the macro-activities to be developed in the plan, which includes the essential activities for the operation of the Coordinating Centre and a set of programmes, projects, and activities for every specific strategic line of action.

The strategic lines of action for this period are:

- Strengthening the Coordinating Centre and its relation with the Regional Centres of Latin America and the Caribbean as to position the network of Basel Convention Centres as leading institutions in the environmentally sound management of hazardous substances and wastes.
- Promoting the coordinated implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm in Latin America and the Caribbean region.
- Developing and strengthening awareness programmes in hazardous wastes management, integrating all of the areas covered by the Convention.
- Strengthening of the national capacities of the countries of the region in the implementation of the obligations emerging from the Convention through training and technology transfers as to minimize health and environmental risks by means of minimizing the generation of hazardous wastes, their environmentally sound management, and capitalizing on the synergy of the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

The strengthening of the Coordinating Centre and the Regional Centres will be based on the consolidation of the mechanisms for consultation and information exchange system for the region and a systematic and documented mechanism that for consultation, search for agreements that translates into future sustainability and facilitates the execution of complementary projects between the Coordinating Centre and the Regional Centres that attend the requirements of the region.

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The strengthening of the awareness programmes for the control and environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes will complement the development, design, and publication of technical materials especially designed for the different audiences' target, and the use of electronic media for universal access, maintaining a dynamic and updated website.

The promotion of best environmental technologies and best environmental practices by means of the elaboration of a data bases for applied to successful cases in developing countries and to the identification and evaluation of barriers for the implementation.

The Coordinating Centre will promote the strengthening of the institutions responsible of enforcing and controlling the transboundary movement and management of hazardous substances and wastes, broadening the category to include the municipalities, in order to improve the implementation of the Convention. The approach in all actions tending to the strengthening of national capacities will be that of an integrated management of hazardous substances and wastes, covering all stages of their life-cycle and emphasising the implementation of preventive measures.

In view of the main issues, the Coordinating Centre has formulated a group of projects and programmes in the following areas:

- Environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste affecting populations in economic sectors, including the health.
- Cooperation with the municipalities and customs in the environmentally sound management of waste.
- Persistent organic contaminants.
- Electric and electronic waste (e-waste).

In addition, and regarding the manifest requirements of the region, there have been formulated a series of projects tending to improve the availability of information necessary to evaluate the measures implemented, and strengthening the participation of the population through training and awareness programmes.

The essential functions of the Coordinated Centre and the development of the programmes, projects and activities for each specific strategic action line are next outlined.

### **IV.2 ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE COORDINATING CENTRE (ACTIVITY1-A1)**

The operation of the Coordinating Centre entails the activities its essential functions determine, as well as those necessary to negotiate and sign agreements and implement activities and projects relating this lines of the action's plan and programmes.

The staff of the Coordinating Centre is conformed by a Director, Co-Director of the SCRC, and a Technical Assistance. The Coordinating Centre also counts on the cooperation of a group of consultants in technical, legal, and operative matters from the Ministry of the Environment.

The Coordinating Centre's infrastructure includes an independent facility of fifty square meters, complete with office equipment and fixtures suited for office work and meetings. The facility has broadband internet connection and is linked to the intranet of the LATU. The conference room accommodates 300 people and there are additional rooms for work groups.

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The maintenance costs associated to the infrastructure, communications, intranet, and supplies, and the SCRC Co. Director salary are covered entirely by the Coordinating Centre’s host, LATU.

The costs associated to the salary of the Director are covered by the Ministry of the Environment of Uruguay.

The costs associated to materials, publications, and travelling expenses are included in the operative costs, and it is proposed they are funded by the Basel Convention.

**Chart I: Coordinating Centre Operative Costs 2012-2013**

	<b>MVOTMA</b>	<b>LATU</b>	<b>SBC</b>	<b>Total (Annual)</b>
Director	25.000			25.000
SCRC –Co Director		15.600		15.600
Secretary	8.000			8.000
Advisors	7.500			7.500
Locale		20.000		20.000
Communication		10.000		10.000
Services / maintenance	4000	12.000		16.000
Supplies	3000	6.000		9.000
Printed matter			10.000	10.000
Travel expense			10.000	10.000
<b>TOTAL (USD) per Year</b>	<b>47.500</b>	<b>63.600</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>131.100</b>

**IV.3 STRATEGIC ACTION LINE: STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATING CENTRE AND ITS RELATION WITH THE REGIONAL CENTRES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The implementation of this strategic action line will be developed through the following programmes:

- Business opportunities.
- Marketing.
- Communication: systematic communication with the South America, Central America and the Caribbean Centres and the countries of the region.



#### **IV.3.1 Programme: business opportunities**

Negotiations with various institutions will be sought through technical and financial cooperation agreements, giving the countries information on possible sources and forms of financing. This programme comprises, basically, the following activities:

- Negotiating with cooperation agencies and contributors.
- Implementing framework agreements with other institutions and organizations.

##### **Negotiation with Cooperation Agencies and Contributors (Activity 2-A2)**

Objective: Securing funds for the implementation of regional projects and identifying sources for national projects and activities.

Specific Tasks:

- Identifying contributors, lines and forms of financing.
- Establishing contact and start negotiation.
- Formulating proposals of concrete projects.
- Formalizing the agreements.
- Informing the countries about the possibilities of specific forms of financing.

Expected results: Two successful agreements per year.

Indicator: Number of negotiations undertaken.

Budget: Included in the Coordinating Centre's operating budget.

##### **Implementation of Framework Agreements with other Institutions and Organizations (Activity 3-A3)**

Objective: Reaching agreements with institutions with similar or complementary action lines for carrying out common projects.

Specific Tasks:

- Identifying institutions.
- Formulating Proposals.
- Signing intent agreements.

Expected results: One framework agreement signed per year.

Indicator: Number of framework agreements signed per year.

Budget: Included in the Coordinating Centre's operating budget.

#### **IV.3.2 Programme: marketing**

The programme implies preparing and executing a marketing proposal to keep the Centre present in the countries of the region, cooperation agencies, events, fairs, and expositions.

##### **Promoting the Coordinating Centre and the Network of Centres (Activity 4-A4)**

Objective: Keeping the image of the Coordinating Centre up to date and promote its and the Latin American and Caribbean Centres' services and activities in different forms (within the cooperation agencies, in events, fairs and exhibitions).

Specific tasks:

- To maintain updated the Coordinating Centre's website.
- To coordinate and to harmonize promotion actions with the Regional Centres to improve the services offer.
- To provide the service of promoting the activities and projects executed by the countries of the region.
- To publish and distribute promotion materials, brochure, and electronic newsletters aimed to arise the services and activities of the network of Centres to the stakeholders.
- To participate in national, regional and international events.

Expected results: Promoting at least two activities or projects per year by countries of the region.

Executive Unit: The Coordinating Centre.

Indicator: Number of visits to website, number of promotion activities actually carried out or projected, number of publications actually published or planned.

Budget: USD 10.000 plus budget included in the Coordinating Centre's operating budget.

##### **Participation in Regional and International Events (Activity 5-A5)**

Objective: To improve the public perception of the Coordinating Centre and the Regional Centres through different forms of participation.

Specific Tasks:

- Identifying events of interest and different ways of participation (in person, through materials, stands, bulletins, etc.).
- Securing resources and event participation.

Expected results: Participation in two events per year.

Executive Unit: The Coordinating Centre.

Indicator: Number of instances of participation by the Coordinating Centre.

Budget: USD 10.000, included in the Coordinating Centre's operating budget.

### IV.3.3 Programme: communication

#### **Systematic Communication (Activity 6-A6)**

Objective: To strengthen the interaction between the Centres in issues relating to programmes and projects, progress of business plans, negotiations with donors, discussion of documents relative to the Centres, and participation in meetings of the different bodies of the Convention. To maintain a systematic and documented consultation mechanism for the GRULAC countries.

Description: the projected communication system sets two types of communication instances: Steering Committee meetings and teleconferences. The issues to be addressed will be related to programmes and projects, progress of business plans, negotiations with donors, discussion of documents relative to the Centres, and participation in meetings of the different bodies of the Convention.

Specific Tasks:

- Periodic communication.
- Secure resources for the Steering Committee meetings.
- To hold at least biannual meetings of the Steering Committee, in person or by videoconference, according to available funds.
- To maintain at least biannual consultation of the countries of the region.
- To compile and make available a database with consultation information.

Expected results: To consolidate an efficient and effective communication (exchange) system which allows interaction between Centres on at least three strategic issues per year and biannual meetings.

To hold biannual consultation/information process to the countries of the region.

Executive Unit: The Coordinating Centre.

Indicator: Number of issues analysed per year by the Centres, number of actual Committee meetings, number of consultations implemented.

Budget: USD 15.000.

### IV.3.4 Proposed projects:

#### **Strengthen the Consultation System on Regional Needs aimed at Improving the Management of Hazardous Substances and Wastes (Project 1-P1)**

Objective: strengthen the consultation methodology and the information system that allows us to improve the level of information and keep updated the needs of the GRULAC countries on hazardous substances and waste management. This acts as a base for the strategy support of the network of Centres of Latin America and the Caribbean and collaborating to evaluate the measures implemented.

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### Macro-activities:

- To define key information to gather.
- To identify national actors involved in the management of hazardous substances and wastes at national and local level.
- To develop a set of indicators for the management of hazardous substances and wastes.
- To inquiry the availability of information at national level and the necessity of systematisation.
- To make a methodological proposal for systematisation of key information.
- To develop a system of information that supports the key information by means of freeware software.
- To implementing two information systematisation pilot projects in two countries of the region.
- To develop a regional consultation on the methodological proposal.
- To adapt the methodology and to prepare a guideline on information systematisation.
- To produce a diagnosis report and regional action proposal for improving the level of information.

Scope: Latin America and the Caribbean.

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre and Regional Centres.

Term: 24 months.

Budget: USD 15.000.

### **Development and Strengthening of Awareness Programs on Hazardous Wastes Training for NGOs and General Public (Project 2-P2)**

Objectives: Developing a training programme aimed at NGOs and general public on integrated hazardous waste management, hazardous substances management, and the mass communication of associated risks.

### Macro-activities:

- To perform a regional survey to collect information and training requirements, to identify existing initiatives.
- To design a database with information from national and regional NGOs concerned with issues relating to hazardous substances and wastes.
- To prepare a strategy program which deal with the issues of training and materials development for different target's audiences. The materials will consist on a web course and others specifically devised for awareness development and promotion.
- To offer a distance education course for NGOs and one for general public.
- To prepare a proposal for permanent training and awareness development initiatives for the region and a methodological guideline for its national implementation.

Scope: Latin America and the Caribbean.

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre.

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Indicator: Number of media people trained, number of NGO members trained, training evaluation results.

Term: 12 months.

Budget: USD 90.000.

**Training of Municipal Technicians and Technicians from other Institutions (Project 3-P3)**

Objectives: Training municipal technicians and technicians from other key institutions in hazardous waste management.

Description: This activity involves giving continuity to the training service that begun in 2005 with the project, 'Training of municipal technicians in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes'.

Specific tasks:

- Offering the training service and identifying possible strategic partners.
- Securing the resources to finance the courses.
- Realization of the convocations.
- Giving distance education courses.

Indicator: number of courses actually given, number of trained people.

Budget: USD 10,000.

**Minimization of the Generation of Electric and Electronic Wastes (e-waste) (Project 4-P4)**

Objective: Strengthening national capacities in order to implement programmes for the minimization and environmentally sound management of e-waste through the application of the principle of extended responsibility.

Macro-activities:

- Evaluating local problems related to the waste stream in question. Estimating the quantities and types of wastes generated and the main causes for their generation. Identifying critical aspects.
- Preparing a technical guideline for the development of national instruments for minimizing the generation of e-waste and implementing national management plans for post-consumption wastes.
- Holding a training workshop.
- Preparing a distance education course aiming at the implementation of post-consumption management plans.

Scope: Latin America.

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre in cooperation with the Argentinean Centre.

Term: 18 months.

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Budget: USD 30.000.

**Sound Management of Mobile Phones containing Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Hexavalent Chromium, PBB (polybrominated biphenyls), PBDE (polybrominated diphenyl ethers) (Project 5-P5)**

Objective: Contributing to the sound management of the hazardous substances contained in mobile phones in Uruguay.

Macro-activities:

- Generation of national information on hazardous substances contained in mobile phones.
- Life Cycle Assessment.
- Training and information for decision makers, awareness raising and regional diffusion of results in LAC.

Scope: Uruguay.

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre (SAICM).

Term: 14 months.

Budget: USD 85.000.

**Global Monitoring Plan Phase II (included the new POPs) (Project 6-P6)**

Objectives: - Build regional capacity on analysis and data generation for POPs in human and environmental matrixes.

- Identify trends in POPs concentrations over time.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the Stockholm Convention implementation.
- Contribute to the global report to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention.

Macro-activities:

- Standard Operation Procedures for sampling and analysis of POPs in the adequate matrix.
- Adequately equipped laboratories and trained personnel to undertake sampling and analysis.
- Participation in international intercalibration studies.
- Generation and availability of POPs data in the region.
- GRULAC Regional Report for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention.
- Regional Workshops to prepare the monitoring plan and discuss final results.

Scope: 12 Countries of GRULAC.

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre (UNEP-GEF).

Term: 48 months.

Budget: USD 3.500.000.

### **Mercury Inventories and Action Plan (Project 7-P7)**

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of participating GRULAC countries to identify mercury sources and the priority actions to be addressed.

Macro-activities:

- The countries participating in this project will use the UNEP Toolkit for identification and quantification of releases (2011), Level 1 and 2, to estimate mercury released into the environment and develop national mercury inventories.
- Using their mercury inventories, the participating countries will develop national action plans and prioritize actions.

Scope: 7 GRULAC Countries.

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre (UNEP-GEF).

Term: 24 months.

Budget: USD 1.000.000.

### **NIPs' Updating and Revision (Project 8-P8)**

Objective: Assisting Parties to undertake their National Implementation Plan (NIP) update of the Stockholm Convention. The aim is to include new POPs covered by the Convention and the focus is on building national capacity to manage POPs within each country and providing expert services to regional and global level.

Macro-activities:

- To coordinate and assist the NIPs' updating process.

Scope: GRULAC Countries

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre (UNEP-GEF).

Term: 24 months.

Budget: up to USD 250.000 per Country.

### **Responsible Mining Practices in Uruguay (Project 9-P9)**

Objectives: Strengthening of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining (MIEM) and the Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment (MVOTMA) for Responsible Mining Practices in Uruguay.

Macro-activities:

- Design a model of development and a roadmap for responsible mining in the country and its insertion in the productive and natural Uruguay's strategy.
- Strengthening relevant institutions to achieve a responsible and efficient use of mineral resources of the country.

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- To improve the communication capabilities between governmental Agencies.
- Effectively management of the joint activities.

Scope: Uruguay

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre (UNEP- ORPALC).

Term: 12 months.

Budget: up to USD 85.000.

### **Clean Fuels and Vehicles and more Efficient Road Transport in Uruguay (Project 10-P10)**

Objective: To Develop proposals for reducing emissions in transport's sector, through the design of specific regulations and incentives.

Macro-activities:

- Developing national fuel consumption according to the methodology of the Global Initiative to Save Fuel (GFEI) including assessment of the national baseline vehicle efficiency, which includes data collection, analysis and definition of the Bottom Line: participation of experts for the collection and analysis of data from 2005, 2008, 2010 and 2012, creating a national database.
- To Study, develop and propose policy options to promote cleaner fuels, more efficient vehicles and reducing emissions of pollutants from existing car fleet. These policy options, regulations, tools and incentives will be a contribution to the implementation of plans to reduce emissions and develop skills in this area in South America.
- Develop an integrated plan, with a theoretical framework and practical guidance for the implementation of a strategy for cleaner and more efficient vehicles and reducing emissions from existing automotive fleet, including defining requirements for new vehicles, the system control, institutional and technical protocols to meet these requirements. This includes the development of a roadmap for the medium term (5-10 years) agreed with key stakeholders.
- Develop a public awareness campaign to strengthen consumer awareness and generate momentum for the industry to improve the fuel efficiency of cars.

Scope: Uruguay

Executive unit: The Coordinating Centre (UNEP-ORPALC).

Term: 18 months.

Budget: up to USD 80.000.



**Environmental Sound Life – Cycle Management of Mercury Containing Products and their Wastes (Project 11-P11)**

Objective: Definition of technical assistance and infrastructure needs and strategies to strengthen technical capacity and infrastructure for the intermediate storage, pre-treatment and decontamination of Mercury containing wastes.

Macro-activities:

- Developing diffusion materials, teleconferences, brochures, etc., for general public.
- Implementing divulgation process of the results and experiences.
- Developing a public awareness campaign to strengthen consumer awareness.

Scope: Uruguay

Executive unit: UNDP (The Coordinating Centre will play a diffusion role of the Project).

Term: 24 months.

Budget: USD 10.000.

**IV.3.5 Review of projects and activities**

A1	Essential Functions of the Coordinating Centre.
A2	Negotiation with Cooperation Agencies and Contributors.
A3	Implementation of Framework Agreements with other Institutions and Organizations.
A4	Promoting the Coordinating Centre and the Network of Centres.
A5	Participation in Regional and International Events.
A6	Systematic Communication.
P1	Strengthen the Consultation System on Regional Needs aimed at Improving the Management of Hazardous Substances and Wastes
P2	Development and Strengthening of Awareness Programmes on Hazardous Wastes Training for NGOs and General Public.
P3	Training of Municipal Technicians and Technicians from other Institutions
P4	Minimization of the Generation of Electric and Electronic Wastes (e-waste).
P5	Sound Management of Mobile Phones containing Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Hexavalent Chromium, PBB (polybrominated byphenyls), PBDE (polybrominated diphenyl ethers).
P6	Global Monitoring Plan Phase II (included the new POPs).
P7	Mercury Inventories and Action Plan.
P8	NIPs' Updating and Revision.
P 9	Responsible Mining Practices in Uruguay
P 10	Clean Fuels and Vehicles and more Efficient Road Transport in Uruguay
P 11	Environmental Sound Life – Cycle Management of Mercury Containing Products and their Wastes

**IV.3.6 Expected results**

By the end of 2015 the following results are expected to have been accomplished:

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- Strengthening the image of the Coordinating Centre and the network of Centres as strategic actors in the technical assistance and implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.
- Having in place an information system and consultation mechanisms that allow for keeping up to date with regional needs in the management of hazardous substances and wastes.
- Having initiated the process of training for NGOs and general public and having a permanent training, awareness, and divulgation proposal on the integrated management of hazardous substances and wastes and the minimization of associated risks aimed at the audience in question.
- Strengthening the control capacities on transboundary movements of the region and having devised a regional plan for strengthening the legal aspects and other supporting tools that allow for better national implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.
- Counting with a regional evaluation of problems associated to e-waste.
- Training technicians in POP detection in human and environmental matrixes.

### **IV.3.7 Endorsement by member countries**

The member countries of the region are in the process of endorsing the Business Plan.

### **IV.3.8 Assumptions and uncertainties**

The execution of all the projects of the plan is subject to the availability of financial resources and negotiations and agreements with possible donors. The same is true for the activities whose budget is not included in the Coordinating Centre's basic operating budget.

#### **A. MAINTENANCE OF THE CENTRE AND STAFF TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

See activities: A1 and A2.

#### **B. ACTIVITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND THE COUNTRY LED INITIATIVE**

See Activities: A3 to A6 and Projects: 1 to 5.

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**C. SYNERGIES ACTIVITIES**

See Projects: 6, 7 and 8.

**D. OTHER CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES**

See Projects: 9 and 10.

**V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**A. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTRE**

See Chart 1.

**B. MAIN PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

- Government of Uruguay.
- LATU.
- UNEP.
- SAICM.
- GEF.
- UNITAR.
- UNIDO.
- Swiss Government.

**C. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ACTIVITIES**

Activity / Project	Financing	Total Amount USD
A1 – A6	Uruguayan Government + SBC (2014 – 2015)	156.100
P1	Uruguayan Government + SBC (2014 – 2015)	15.000
P2	Uruguayan Government + SBC (2014 – 2015)	90.000
P3	Uruguayan Government + SBC (2014 – 2015)	10.000
P4	(2012 – 2014)	30.000
P5	SAICM (2012 – 2014)	85.000
P6	GEF (2013 – 2015)	3.500.000

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P7	GEF (2013 – 2014)	1.000.000
P8	GEF (2012 – 2014)	250.000
P9	ORPALC (2013-2014)	85.000
P10	ORPALC (2013-2014)	80.000
P11	GEF (2013 – 2014)	10.000
	<b>TOTAL (2014 – 2015)*</b>	<b>5.311.100</b>

**ANNEX I**

**LIST OF LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND FOCAL POINTS**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Competent Authority</b>	<b>Focal Point</b>
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