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Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
International Environment House 1
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Subject: Participation in a synergies publication

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the synergies process among the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in international trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

In preparation for the three Conferences of the Parties to the three conventions in 2011, the Secretariats are preparing a publication on "synergies success stories". The publication will also be presented to the nineteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19) in May 2011.

The aim of the publication is to provide ideas and support countries on how to implement synergies at the national and regional levels. The success stories should describe national or regional activities or projects and showcase practical means of implementing the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in a coordinated manner. The target audience of this presentation will be CSD-19 participants, Parties to the three conventions and the broader public.

Your participation in the preparation of this publication would be very much appreciated. As a first step, the Secretariats invite you to kindly send a summary of your success story (4-5 lines). Based on this description, the three secretariats will choose suitable case studies taking into account the need for regional balance as well as for diversity among the topics covered. Following your possible selection, you will be invited to draft your success story on the basis of the terms of reference attached to this letter.

Please send your summary proposals by **8 December 2010** to Ms. Andrea Warmuth (email: awarmuth@pops.int, Tel: +41 22 917 8853, Fax: +41 22 917 8098). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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to: Parties and signatories to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
Regional Centres of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions
UNEP and FAO Regional Offices
Nongovernmental and Intergovernmental Organizations

Terms of reference for the synergies success stories

1. Possible subjects

The success stories should describe national or regional activities or projects and showcase practical means of implementing the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in a coordinated manner. The aim of the publication is to provide ideas and support countries on how to implement synergies at the national and regional levels.

The case studies should furthermore demonstrate a clear methodological or practical breakthrough that has been implemented successfully. The output of the project/activity should be significant and measurable.

Potential subjects include for example institutional arrangements for interministerial and intersectoral cooperation, legal frameworks, preventing and combating illegal trade/traffic, technical assistance activities, information generation and access, mainstreaming conventions on chemicals and waste into national development plans, prevention of accidents and emergency response in case of accidents, coordinated use of regional centres, national reporting, public awareness or outreach.

2. Outline of the success stories

The success story should cover all the elements listed below.

Content	Explanation
Introduction	Catch attention of reader by summing up the main elements of the case study
Problem statement	Present the issue in a broad context and briefly describe the issue that was faced
How the issue was addressed	Outline the overall objectives of the initiative and methodology used to address it
Implementation of the approach	What happened (who, what, why, when, how, etc.), scale of the project (e.g. number of people / area affected) and financing of the project (costs and how it was financed)
Outcomes / impacts	Benefits obtained and situation after implementation of the “solution”, financial and technical sustainability of the project
Lessons learned / conclusions	Positive and negative experiences: how to improve and what went especially well; conclusions; how the activities could be replicated;

3. Modalities of contributing a success story

Due to time restrictions, the success stories need to be submitted in **English**. The length should be approximately 800 words (2 pages in A4). Please provide pictures, graphs and/or illustrations to accompany the article. The time schedule for developing the publications will be as follows:

Activity	To be completed by
Submit summary (few lines describing the activities) of the success story	08/12/2010
Secretariat to inform authors if their case study was chosen	13/12/2010
Drafting of success stories	16/01/2011
Internal review of articles	31/01/2011
Compilation of the full publication	06/02/2011
Revision of the full publication by all authors (peer review)	20/02/2011
Final editing	27/02/2011
Conference call to endorse the publication	25/02/2011
Layout and printing	01/04/2011
Distribution	29/04/2011