Support to service providers and logistical arrangements under EU Council Decision 2016/51

Workshop in Support of the BWC Extended Assistance Programmes
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Project 3: Capacity Development for BTWC implementation

- Purpose -

- “Based on experiences gained through Joint Action 2008/858/CFSP and Council Decision 2012/421/CFSP, extended national BTWC implementation assistance programmes will be provided to a maximum of eight countries.”

- Funds of approx. USD 350,000 available for EAP implementation in 10 beneficiary countries
Expected results

• The adoption of appropriate legislative or administrative measures
• Effective implementation and enforcement to prevent violations of the BWC and to impose sanctions in cases of breaches
• Better coordination and networking among all stakeholders involved in the BWC process in order to promote effective implementation
• Promotion of awareness-raising programmes, codes of conduct and standards for bio-safety and bio-security
• The creation or enhancement of national mechanisms for the compilation of the required information and for the annual submissions of CBMs
• An increased number of States Parties participating regularly in the CBM exchange, increased quality of the information submitted and an increase in the number of CBMs submitted electronically
• An increase in the number of States Parties actively contributing to the review of developments in science and technology in the framework of the BWC
• Increased scientific collaboration among countries in areas relevant to the BWC
• Improved technical competence and understanding by scientists from developing countries participating in such programmes
Project description

- Each programme will run for approximately 12 months, involving participation by EU delegations and CBRN Centres of Excellence in beneficiary countries, and the UN regional disarmament centres:
  - an initial national workshop, to gather all the relevant domestic agencies and stakeholders, to introduce the BWC, to identify motivated and reliable local partners, and to make an initial assessment of needs and priorities
  - use of the existing CBM Guide and appropriate information or e-training for BWC points of contact
  - the development of a structured Action Plan, tailored for the beneficiary country (e.g. visits and/or workshops by various assistance providers over the duration of the programme, as well as training provided in EU Member States or elsewhere)
  - the execution of the Action Plan, with assistance providers conducting the respective assistance activities (e.g. drafting of legislation, bio-safety/bio-security training, dual use export control, CBM preparation and submission, police training, awareness-raising for scientists, emergency response planning etc.)
  - a wrap-up national workshop following the conclusion of the activities, where the threads will be drawn together, agencies will report on their activities and progress, and any needs for further or continuing assistance will be assessed
12 months

Initial national workshop

Development of action plan

Assistance visit by EU experts

Assistance visit by EU experts

Training visit by beneficiary expert(s)

Final wrap-up workshop

Implementation of action plan
Selection of beneficiaries

- Process launched on 16 December 2016
- 27 States Parties applied by 28 February deadline
- Evaluation and recommendation by ISU/UNODA:
  - Status of national implementation, identified needs and requirements
  - Utilization of and results shown from previous EU support
  - Previous and on-going support from other entities
  - Quality of application
  - Date of ratification/accession to the BWC
  - Level of economic development
  - Perceived likelihood of a successful outcome of the assistance programme
  - Proposals to ensure the sustainability of the assistance received
  - Safety and security situation in the country
  - Regional equity
- Recommendations endorsed by EU Member States on 28 March
Beneficiary countries

Cameroon
Colombia
Cote d’Ivoire
Iraq
Malawi
Malaysia
Sierra Leone
Lebanon
Nepal
Yemen
Role of nominated experts

• The active involvement of experts coming from EU Member States is necessary for successful implementation of the Decision
• The UNODA/BWC-ISU will be encouraged to make use of those experts
• Assistance visits by a maximum of three experts for a maximum duration of 5 days will be considered as standard practice
• This workshop for EU experts has been organised to discuss best practices and appropriate preparations for assistance activities and the compilation of a set of assistance materials such as presentations and publications
Roster of nominated experts

- Call for nominations circulated to EU MS by EEAS
- Nominations received by UNODA and added to roster:
  - 57 experts nominated by 13 EU MS (Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and UK)
  - Wide range of expertise represented but mostly focused on biosafety and biosecurity
  - Relatively few French speakers
- Additional call for legislative experts and French speakers circulated by EEAS
Pre-programme preparations

- Preparation of country profiles
- Establishment of roster of experts
- Seek full government commitment
- Establish close collaboration with national points of contact
- Closely collaborate with EU Delegations in beneficiary countries and other relevant assistance provers (EU CBRN COEs, UNSCR 1540, UN Regional Centres etc)
- Establish a repository with documentation and reference material
- Develop standardized format for reporting by experts
Logistical arrangements

• UNODA has funding to cover “mission costs” of EU experts:
  • Flights (+ terminal expenses), economy class
  • Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

• UNODA will make travel arrangements through UN in-house travel agency

• UNODA will liaise with local authorities regarding security, accommodation, and other arrangements

• Visits arranged in liaison with local EUDEL, CBRN Centres of Excellence, UNDSS, UNDP, etc.
Pre-visit preparations

- Define the objective(s) of the visit and frame the questions to be addressed
- Determine the best composition of the team
- Ensure a representative group of State participants is involved
- Determine the most appropriate programme:
  - workshop/seminar
  - Bilateral meetings
  - Training
- Safety and security arrangements for each visit
- Logistical arrangements for each visit
In-country activities

• Liaison with national point of contact to facilitate bilateral meetings and discussions
• EU presence and visibility, particularly in initial and final national workshops
• Ensure flexibility to adapt to new information which may surface during the visit
Resource materials

• Online repository - Resources listed in “BWC Information Resources” handout
• CBM Guide
• Other materials to be developed under Project 6 of the Council Decision
Next steps

• Information to applicant States Parties about outcome of selection process

• Preparation of a tentative schedule for EAPs for 2017 and 2018:
  • Timeframe
  • Activities to be addressed – elements of the draft EAP

• Engagement by UNODA with rostered experts and other relevant assistance providers to support activities
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