

Small-Scale Funding Agreement

THIS SMALL-SCALE FUNDING AGREEMENT (SSFA), including its annexes, (hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement"), is made on 12 September 2025

BETWEEN:

The Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions, respectively on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, and on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), three Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), the part which is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), an international inter-governmental organisation established by the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN), having their offices at the International Environment House I (IEH I), 09-15, chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland, and their postal address at the Palais des Nations, 08-14, avenue de la Paix, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

(hereinafter referred to as "BRS/UNEP");

AND:

The Basel Convention Regional Center for South American Region, Argentina (BCRC-Argentina), a non-profit making organization, represented by its Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Industrial (INTI) of Argentina, and having its offices at Leandro N. Alem Avenue, 1067, 7th Floor, City of Buenos Aires, Argentina

(hereinafter referred to as the "Partner").

The Partner and BRS/UNEP may hereinafter be referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

BRS/UNEP and the Partner agree to co-operate with respect to the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions' Programmes of Work (POW), in particular Activity No. 16 on 'Training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention, to support Parties on the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)'. In this regard, the Parties will implement the project entitled "Assessment of Capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs in the Latin American countries"

(hereinafter referred to as the "Project").

Annexes to this Agreement, including the attached Project Document/Implementation Plan (Annex A), the Budget (Annex B), the template for final financial report (Annex C), and the template for the final progress report (Annex D), form entirely part of this Agreement.

1. Objectives, to which the small-scale funding contributes:

The Project is implemented by BRS/UNEP to assess the progress on PCB elimination and support Parties on meeting their obligations in view of meeting the 2025 and 2028 goals on PCBs environmentally sound management under the Stockholm Convention.

Internal Reference Information (for use by the BRS/UNEP Administration)

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POW Activity No.: 16 (SC).

Total Cost to BRS/UNEP: USD 35,000.

Parties' initials: A O

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2. Activities to be carried out with the support of the small-scale funding:

2.1. Activities to be carried out by the Partner, in close consultation with BRS/UNEP:

The Partner shall implement, in close cooperation with BRS/UNEP a project to develop a report on the assessment of capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs in the Latin American countries (17 countries) through a desk study and a survey. The information obtained will be included in the PCB database that BRS/UNEP administers and will be shared with the region through an online webinar:

Activity 1. Develop an assessment of regional capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs in Latin America

- (1) Develop a desk study to review available information on PCB capacities and progress on PCB elimination in the Latin American countries (17 countries) under their national implementation plans and project reports and complete the PCB database with the available information;
- (2) Implement a survey in the Latin American countries to validate information on the capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs;
- (3) Develop a short report summarizing the findings and outcomes of the assessment;
- (4) Organize a regional webinar to share the outcomes and conclusions of the assessment.
- (5) Develop the final substantive report.

2.2. Activities to be carried out by BRS/UNEP under this Agreement:

- (1) Provide available PCB guidance documents, national implementation plans and project reports under the Stockholm Convention;
- (2) Revise and validate PCB information collected and integrate it into the PCB database;
- (3) Support and participate in the regional webinar;
- (4) Provide feedback on the draft reports and outcomes;
- (5) Make payments to the Partner in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the clauses of this Agreement and the applicable United Nations financial rules and regulations as well as consistent with the respective BRS Conventions' financial rules and decisions of the Conferences of the Parties related thereto.

3. Expected results/outputs to be achieved:

- Output No.1: Desk study and survey to review available information on PCB capacities and progress on PCB elimination in Latin American countries (17 countries) conducted and PCB database updated with information from these countries;
- Output No. 2: Short report developed on the findings of the desk study and the survey;
- Output No. 3: Regional webinar organized to share the findings of the desk study and survey;
- Output No. 4: Final substantive report submitted.

4. Start and end dates for the implementation of the activities:

- Start date: upon signature of the Agreement by both Parties.
- End date: 30 November 2025.

5. Cost:

Under this Agreement and as per the budget further detailed in Annex B, BRS/UNEP shall provide the Partner with funds up to a maximum amount of **USD 35,000 (Thirty-five thousand United States Dollars)**. The resources provided by BRS/UNEP will only be used by the Partner in pursuit of the project objectives and for the activities to achieve the results as agreed to in Clauses No. 1 to 3 above¹. Funds will be made available in 2 (two) instalments, as indicated in the following schedule of payments:

Schedule of payments:

Instalment No.	Amounts (In USD)	Dates
1	26,250 (Twenty-six thousand two hundred and fifty USD)	On signature of the present Agreement by both Parties.
2	8,750 (Eight thousand seven hundred fifty USD)	The remaining balance will be paid upon completion of all activities to the full satisfaction of BRS/UNEP and after receipt, by BRS/UNEP, of the final reports set out in Clause No. 7, as well as, upon receipt and approval by BRS/UNEP of a final certified statement of expenditures in accordance with Clause No. 8 below.

The funds shall be deposited in the following bank account:

Bank Name and Address: Bank Name: Banco de la Nación Argentina Branch office: N° 019 Avenida de los Constituyentes Bank address: Avenida de los Constituyentes, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires – República Argentina N° 5451 Postal code: 1431	Wire Instructions: Swift code: Swift Code: NAC NAR BA XXX IBAN: 0110093820000310160911
Account Name/Title and Number: Account Holder's Name/Title: INTI-CENTROS DE INVESTIGACION - 34- 54668706-8 Account currency: USD Beneficiary: INTI-CENTROS DE INVESTIGACION Account Number: 310.160/91	Signatories: Mr. Miguel Angel Romero President at National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI) of Argentina

6. Within 3 (three) months upon expiry of this Agreement, the Partner shall refund to BRS/UNEP any unspent balance of the above funds.

7. BRS/UNEP and the Partner will cooperate to monitor the progress of this Project. The Partner shall submit to BRS/UNEP, the following interim and final progress and financial reports, at or near the given dates below:

¹ Subject to the respective decisions of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions on budgets and programmes of work, in particular concerning arrears, as applicable.

Reports:	Dates:
Final certified financial report	30 November 2025
Final progress report	30 November 2025

8.a.-The Partner shall submit financial statements on the use of funds provided, as per UNEP's required format and within the agreed timeframe. The following official is authorized to certify the Partner's financial statements:

Name	Title
Mr. Alberto Santos Capra	Director Basel Convention Regional Centre for South American Region, Argentina (BCRC Argentina)

8.b. The Partner shall keep accurate and up-to-date records and documents in respect of all expenditures incurred with the funds made available by BRS/UNEP under this Agreement, to ensure that all expenditures are in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement, including its annexes thereto.

8.c. Upon completion of the Project or termination of this Agreement, the Partner shall maintain the records for a period of at least 5 (five) years unless otherwise agreed upon between the Parties.

8.d. BRS/UNEP has the right, at its own expense, to have the records of the Partner related to this Agreement reviewed and audited.

9.a. The Partner shall consult with BRS/UNEP regarding Intellectual Property Rights as appropriate.

9.b. The Partner shall only use the Basel Convention's and/or the Rotterdam Convention's and/or the Stockholm Convention's and/or UNEP's respective name(s), logo(s) or emblem(s) in connection with the Project with the respective prior written consent(s) of the Secretariat(s) of the Basel, Rotterdam and/or Stockholm (BRS) Convention(s) and/or of UNEP or as may otherwise have been approved by the Secretariats of the BRS Conventions and/or by UNEP, within the context of the Partner's activities.

9.c. In no event will authorisation to use the UNEP's and/or the Basel Convention's and/or the Rotterdam Convention's and/or the Stockholm Convention's respective name(s), logo(s) or emblem(s), or any abbreviations thereof, be granted for commercial purposes.

10. This Agreement, including its Annexes, can only be changed through prior written amendment as agreed by both Parties.

11. Either Party may terminate this Agreement upon serving a written notice to the other Party at least 1 (one) month prior to such termination.

12. The Partner shall comply with all the above-mentioned provisions and agrees that BRS/UNEP reserves the right to withhold any payment due to the Partner's non-compliance with any of the provisions mentioned herein above.

13. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be settled amicably between BRS/UNEP and the Partner. Should attempts at amicable negotiation fail, any such dispute shall, upon request by either Party, be referred to arbitration in accordance with the United Nations Commission International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) arbitration rules. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

14. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties, being effective from the date of the latest signature, and it shall remain valid until 31 March 2026, unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause No. 11 above.

15. The Parties shall carry out their respective responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. The Parties shall determine and communicate to each other their respective focal points, having the responsibility for the Project implementation on its behalf.

16.a The Partner shall be solely and completely responsible and accountable for all services performed by its personnel, agents, employees, or contractors (hereinafter referred to as "Personnel").

16.b. The Partner shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor. Personnel of the Partner, its contractors or anyone else working for the Partner in the execution of the Project or otherwise, are not employees of the BRS Conventions' Secretariats, UNEP or the UN and are not covered by the privileges and immunities applying to the Secretariats of the BRS Conventions, UNEP, the UN, and their staff pursuant to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. The Secretariats of the BRS Conventions, UNEP, and the UN shall not accept any liability for claims arising out of the activities performed under the Agreement, or any claims for death, bodily injury, disability, damage to property or other hazards that may be suffered by the Partner's Personnel as a result of their work pertaining to the activities under this Agreement.

16.c. The Partner shall ensure that its Personnel meet the highest standards of qualification and technical and professional competence necessary for the achievement of the objectives and results of the Project, and that decisions on employment related to the Project shall be free of discrimination of any nature. The Partner shall ensure that all Personnel are free from any conflicts of interest relating to the Project activities.

17.a. The Partner shall not seek nor accept instructions regarding the activities under the present Agreement from any Government or other authority external to the Secretariats of the BRS Conventions.

17.b. The Partner shall refrain from any conduct that would adversely reflect on the Secretariats of the BRS Conventions, UNEP or the UN and shall not engage in any activity which is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the UN or the respective mandates of UNEP and of the Secretariats of the BRS Conventions.

18. Nothing in or relating to this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, of UNEP and of the Secretariats of the BRS Conventions.

19. The focal points for the implementation of this Agreement are as follows:

For BRS/UNEP:		For the Partner:	
Name:	Mr. Agustin Harte	Name:	Alberto Santos Capra
Title:	Programme Management Officer	Title:	Director of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for the South American Region (BCRC Argentina)
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized there to, have signed the present Agreement in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic, and 2 (two) copies of each.

For BRS/UNEP:

For the Partner:

By:


Mr. Rolph Payet
Executive Secretary

By:


Mr. Miguel Angel Romero
President at National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI) of Argentina

Date: 12 September 2025

Date: 17 NOVEMBER 2025

Annexes:

- Project Document/ Implementation Plan (Annex A)
- Budget (Annex B)
- Final Financial Report Template (Annex C)
- Final Progress Report Template (Annex D)

Annex A: Project Document/ Implementation Plan

Background

The Stockholm Convention requires each Party to take action towards the elimination of the use of PCB in equipment (e.g. transformers, capacitors or other receptacles containing liquid stocks) by 2025, subject to review by the Conference of the Parties. Equipment containing PCB greater than 0.005% (50 mg/kg) and volumes greater than 0.05 L need to be identified and removed from use. It also further requires each Party to make determined efforts designed to lead to environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing PCB and equipment contaminated with PCB having a PCB content above 0.005% (50 mg/kg), in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 6, as soon as possible but no later than 2028, subject to review by the Conference of the Parties (COP).

The project titled: "Global clean-up in view of meeting the 2025 and 2028 goals regarding PCB under the Stockholm Convention" aims to support parties to accelerate actions toward PCBs elimination.

The present SSFA aims to develop a regional assessment on the capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs in the Latin American countries.

Implementation table:

Activities	Deliverables	Delivery dates
Activity 1. Develop an assessment of regional capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs in Latin America countries		
Develop a desk study to review available information on PCB capacities and progress on PCB elimination in the Latin American countries (17 countries) under their national implementation plans and other relevant sources of information;	PCB database updated	By 31 October 2025
Implement a survey in the Latin American countries to validate information on the capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs;	Questionnaire responses	By 15 November 2025
Develop a short draft report summarizing the findings and outcomes of the assessment;	Draft Report	By 15 November 2025
Organize a regional webinar to share the outcomes and conclusions of the assessment;	Webinar	By 25 November 2025
Present the final substantive report.	Report	By 30 November 2025

Socio-economic aspects

Sustainable Development Goals: The sound management of chemicals and waste underpins all of the SDGs, therefore all activities highlighting the interlinkages between the Basel, Stockholm conventions, climate change and biodiversity loss contribute to their achievement, in particular progress in achieving Goals 3 (target 3.9), 6 (target 6.3), 11 (target 11.6), 12 (target 12.4), 13 (target 13.2), 14 (target 14.1), and 15 (targets 15.1 and 15.3) of the SDGs.

Gender mainstreaming: The activities will contribute towards raising awareness on the interlinkages between the Stockholm and Basel Conventions and pollution prevention, thereby contributing to improve the health of vulnerable groups, such as women and children. The activity is in line with the BRS Gender Action Plan. The report will contribute towards raising awareness on the objectives of Stockholm Convention, especially on the PCB elimination goals for 2025 and 2028.

Annex B: Budget (in USD)

Description of budget items	Budget Class Code ¹	Quantity	Unit Description	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
Activity 1 - Assessment of regional capacities for the environmentally sound management of PCBs					
	FT30_010	3	Months	2,800	8,400
Senior consultant - PCB expert	FT30_010	2	Months	2,200	4,400
Consultant - Desk study	FT30_010	2	Months	2,200	4,400
Consultant - Desk study	FT30_010	2	Months	2,000	4,000
Consultant - Survey design and analysis	FT30_010	2	Months	2,000	4,000
Consultant - Survey design and analysis	FT30_010			Sub-total	25,200
Project Manager	FT30_010	3	Month	3,000	9,000
Operating costs (Fluctuations and bank fees, taxes and other costs)	FT30_125	1	Lump sum	800	800
				Total	35,000

¹Budget Classes: Personnel and Consultants (FT30_010); Operating Costs (FT30_125);

Notes:

- Any deviation from the budget must be approved by BRS/UNEP in writing and please note that any significant deviations will require a written amendment of the Agreement as priority agreed by both Parties in accordance with the above Clause No. 10.
- For the selection of suppliers or service providers, please bear in mind and adhere to the provisions under the Agreement on procurement, in particular as stipulated in the above Clause No. 8; and please document the selection process.

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Budget Class	Amount (USD)
Personnel and Consultants (FT30_010)	34,200
Operating Costs (FT30_125)	800
Total Budget	35,000



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Annex C: Final Financial Report Template

Financial Report

Agreement Reference No.:	BRS-SSFA-2519	Report Type:	Final Report
Name of Organisation:		Reporting Period:	From: dd-mmm-yyyy to dd-mmm-yyyy

1. Instalments received

No.	Date Received	Amount (in USD)
1.		

2. Expenditures

Description of Activities	Budget Class Code ¹	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	Comments on: (i) on expenditures (if necessary) or (ii) budget variances
Activity 1 description (should correspond to Activities listed in clause 2)					
Activity 1, Item 1 description					
Activity 1, Item 2 description					
Activity 1, Item 3 description					
Sub-total					
Activity 2 description (should correspond to Activities listed in clause 2)					
Sub-total					
Total Cost					

¹Budget Classes: Personnel and Consultants (FT30_010); Contractual Services (FT30_120); Operating Costs (FT30_125); Supplies (FT30_130); Equipment and Furniture (FT30_135); Grants to Partners (FT30_140); Travel (FT30_160)

3. Unspent Balance: xxxxxx


I hereby certify that this financial report has been produced from our official financial records and accurately reflects only expenditures incurred in connection with the aboveresferred Agreement.

Signature of a duly authorised officer:

Name:

Title:

Date:



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Annex D: Final Progress Report Template

Final Progress Report

Agreement Reference No.:	BRS-SSFA-2519	SSFA Start Date:	dd-mmm-yyyy
Name of Organisation:		Reporting Period:	From: dd-mmm-yyyy to dd-mmm-yyyy

Expected Result(s):

[please complete]

Output(s):

[please complete]

Summary of Status:

[Brief description of the status of implementation of the SSFA at the time of reporting and progress towards achieving SSFA's objective]

Activity delivery status:

Activity	Description of work undertaken during reporting period	Deliverables	Delivery dates	Status (complete / ongoing / delayed)	Comments - brief description of implementing challenges, strategy/actions which have been adopted to address these challenges and planned actions to mitigate any identified risks.
Activity 1 - name of activity					

List of attached documents:

[for example, publications, meeting reports, participants list, reports of workshops, etc.]

Signature of a duly authorised officer:

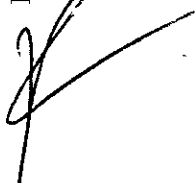
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Referencia: EX-2025-110226650- -APN-DA#INTI - "BRS/PNUMA Y CRBAS- Proyecto "Evaluación de capacidades para la gestión ambientalmente racional de los PCBs en los países de América Latina" (BRS-SSFA-2519)

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