

Table of projects funded by the Quick Start Programme (QSP) trust fund of the Strategic Approach to international Chemicals Management (SAICM)

Introduction

The International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) decided in resolution I/4 to invite UNEP to establish a voluntary, time-limited trust fund to provide seed money in support of the objective and strategic priorities of the QSP. The objective of the QSP is to “support initial capacity building and implementation activities in developing countries, least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition.” The strategic priorities defined by the ICCM highlight that the QSP should mobilize resources for national priority, initial enabling activities in keeping with the work areas set out in the strategic objectives of section IV of the Overarching Policy Strategy, in particular:

- (a) Development or updating of national chemical profiles and the identification of capacity needs for sound chemicals management;
- (b) Development and strengthening of national chemicals management institutions, plans, programmes and activities to implement SAICM, building upon work conducted to implement international chemicals-related agreements and initiatives;
- (c) Undertaking analysis, interagency coordination, and public participation activities directed at enabling the implementation of SAICM by integrating – i.e., mainstreaming – the sound management of chemicals in national strategies, and thereby informing development assistance cooperation priorities.

Developing countries and countries with economies in transition are eligible for support from the trust fund. Proposals may be presented by SAICM participating Governments that have given appropriate formal recognition to SAICM, at a minimum by having designated an official SAICM national focal point. On an exceptional basis, and having regard to resources and administrative capacity available, representatives of civil society networks participating in SAICM may also present project proposals.

Summary of application rounds

Over eight rounds of applications to the Quick Start Programme (QSP) trust fund, held between May 2006 and February 2010, the secretariat received 234 project proposals. The QSP Trust Fund Implementation Committee* approved 100 projects for a total funding of US\$ 20,265,064. The projects will be implemented by 90 Governments and ten civil society organizations and involve activities in 89 countries, including 42 Least Developed Countries and/or Small Island Developing States.

The approved projects are listed in the following tables.

* The ICCM invited representatives of the participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme on the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) and the United Nations Development Programme to form a Trust Fund Implementation Committee. This Committee is responsible for appraising and approving projects to be financed by the QSP trust fund and meets twice a year.

Table A: Summary of QSP trust fund approved projects from round 1 to 8

	Total	Rounds							
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Total project approved	100	8	21	11	17	17	8	10	9
Civil society project	10	1	1	2	2	1	1	-	7
Government project	90	7	20	9	15	16	7	10	2
<i>Individual</i>	78	4	29	9	12	15	6	6	8
<i>Multi-country</i>	15	3	0	0	3	1	2	4	1
Countries involved	89								
<i>Africa</i>	34								
<i>Asia-Pacific</i>	24								
<i>Central & Eastern Europe</i>	7								
<i>Latin America & Caribbean</i>	24								
LDC	42								
Total funding granted (US\$)	\$ 20,265,064	\$1,966,262	\$1,861,841	\$2,232,155	\$3,888,505	\$4,071,489	\$1,999,734	\$2,476,478	\$1,768,600

Table B: Government (individual) projects (31) supported through the QSP trust fund in Africa

Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Burundi	LDC	Updating the National Chemicals Management Profile and developing a national chemicals database in Burundi	UNITAR	\$99,250	2nd	individual
Chad	LDC	Strengthening integrated chemicals management for effective SAICM implementation in Chad	UNITAR	\$119,900	2nd	individual
Comoros	LDC-SIDS	Developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, Holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop and Updating a National Chemicals Management Profile in Comoros	UNITAR	\$52,900	2nd	individual
Congo (Republic of)*		Strengthening Capacities for SAICM Implementation and Supporting Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) Capacity Building in the Republic of Congo	UNITAR	\$250,000	8th	individual
Côte d'Ivoire		Strengthening the capacity of Côte d'Ivoire to control the trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes and chemicals in the context of the Basel Convention, the International Health Regulations (WHO, 2005) and other relevant MEAs as per necessary, and ensure their environmentally sound management	Basel Convention Secretariat	\$249,930	4th	individual
Djibouti	LDC	Strengthening the capacity of Djibouti to control the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and chemicals in the context of the Basel Convention, the International Health Regulations (WHO, 2005) and other relevant MEAs as per necessary, and ensure their environmentally sound management	Basel Convention Regional Centre	\$249,930	6th	individual

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Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Egypt		Assessment and Capacity Building in Chemicals and Chemicals Waste Management in Egypt	UNIDO	\$250,000	5th	individual
Eritrea	LDC	Developing a national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding of a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Eritrea	UNITAR	\$70,150	2nd/8th ¹	individual
Gabon		Strengthening Capacities for National SAICM Implementation in Gabon*	UNITAR	\$250,000	8th	individual
Gambia	LDC	Strengthening Capacities for SAICM Implementation and supporting Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) Capacity Building in the Gambia	UNITAR	\$250,000	6th	individual
Ghana		Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop in Ghana	UNITAR	\$50,750	2nd	individual
Guinea (Republic of)		Developing an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and SAICM Implementation in the Republic of Guinea	UNITAR	\$250,000	7th	individual
Kenya		Strengthening Capacities in Kenya for National SAICM Implementation	UNITAR	\$249,900	3rd	individual
Lesotho	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding of a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Lesotho	UNITAR	\$54,950	2nd	individual
Liberia	LDC	Developing a National Chemicals Management Profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Liberia	UNITAR	\$71,050	3rd	individual
		Liberia, UNDP, and UNEP Partnership Initiative for the Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals Considerations into Development Plans and Processes	UNDP & UNEP	\$250,000	5th	individual
Madagascar	LDC	Recycling/disposal of Insecticide-Treated Nets, exploratory project	WHO	\$250,000	5th	individual
Malawi	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding of a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Malawi	UNITAR	\$50,576	2nd	individual
Mali	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM Capacity assessment, and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Mali	UNITAR	\$58,400	3rd	individual
Mauritania	LDC	Mauritania, UNDP and UNEP Partnership Initiative for the Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals Considerations into Development Plans and Processes	UNDP & UNEP	\$250,000	5th	individual
Mauritius	SIDS	Mauritius/UNDP/UNEP Partnership Initiative for SAICM Implementation	UNDP	\$249,519	7th	individual

¹ The project in Eritrea was suspended in February 2010 due to the failure to finalize legal arrangements between the Government of Eritrea and UNITAR as the executing agency for the project and recommended for resubmission. The project was re-approved in the eight application round.

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Morocco		Strengthening national capacity in safe management of public health pesticides in Morocco	WHO	\$175,000	5th	individual
Niger	LDC	Enabling Activities for the Development of a SAICM Implementation Plan within an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals in the Republic of Niger	UNITAR	\$215,000	8th	individual
Nigeria		Establishing an Institutional Framework and Strengthening National Capacity within an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and implementation of the strategic approach in Nigeria	-	\$230,000	1st	individual
Senegal	LDC	Strengthening National Capacities in Senegal for SAICM Implementation	UNITAR	\$250,000	5th	individual
Seychelles	SIDS	Developing an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and SAICM Implementation in Seychelles	UNITAR	\$250,000	5th	individual
Sudan	LDC	Development of a Sustainable Integrated National Programme for Sound Management of Chemicals	UNIDO	\$144,072	3rd	individual
Swaziland		Developing an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and SAICM Implementation in Swaziland	UNITAR	\$250,000	7th	individual
Tanzania	LDC	Capacity Enhancement for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention in the United Republic of Tanzania	-	\$248,819	4th	individual
Uganda	LDC	Uganda, UNEP & UNDP Partnership initiative for the implementation of SAICM	UNDP & UNEP	\$250,000	1st	individual
Zambia	LDC	Strengthening Capacities for SAICM Implementation and Supporting GHS Capacity Building in Zambia	UNITAR	\$250,000	5th	individual

Table C: Government (multi-country) projects (7) supported through the QSP trust fund in Africa

Countries	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Madagascar, Rwanda and São Tomé & Príncipe	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop	UNITAR	\$249,731	1st	multi-country
Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of Congo (together with Haiti, Mongolia, and Syria)	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop	UNITAR	\$248,296	1st	multi-country
Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Mauritania and Niger	Strengthening pesticide management in CILSS Member States	CILSS	\$247,066	7th	multi-country
Burundi and Rwanda	Institutional capacity building for implementing of the Stockholm Convention on POPs and awareness raising on POPs issues	-	\$249,900	7th	multi-country
Gabon and Kenya	Country support for the Implementation of the Libreville Declaration on Health and Environment in Africa: Development of guidelines and capacity building for Situation Analysis and Needs Assessment in view of developing country plans for joint action	UNEP-WHO	\$248,400	6th	multi-country

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Countries	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Ghana (together with Armenia and Chile)	Training on risk assessment of chemicals at national level at a global context	IPCP	\$250,000	7th	multi-country
Mali and Senegal	Chemical Accident Prevention Programme for West Africa (CAPP-WA)	-	\$250,000	6th	multi-country

Table D: QSP trust fund civil society projects in Africa (5)

Organization	Project title	Country (ies)	Funding	Round	Project type
AGENDA, iLima-Kenya & NAPE	SAICM implementation in East Africa: Law reform and capacity building for sound chemicals management in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda	Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda	\$250,000	5th	civil society
Research and Education Centre for Development (CREPD)	Evaluation of lead concentrations in domestic and imported paints, and the development and distribution of educational materials on lead hazards for SAICM implementation in Cameroon*	Cameroon	\$166,990	8th	civil society
Day Hospital Institute for Development and Rehabilitation	National awareness campaign for all stakeholders on the safe use and management of pesticides according to the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides	Egypt	\$199,000	2nd	civil society
Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union	Strengthening the capacity of agricultural workers and workers' organisation in the implementation of SAICM (cancelled)	Tanzania (LDC)	\$241,800	1st	civil society
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry	Scientific Capacity Building in Support of SAICM in Africa	Africa	\$250,000	4th	civil society

Table E: Government (individual) projects (18) supported through the QSP trust fund in Asia and the Pacific

Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Bahrain	SIDS	Capacity Building for Integrated and Sustainable Chemicals and Hazardous Waste Management	UNITAR	\$250,000	4th	individual
Cambodia	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Cambodia	UNITAR	\$50,570	2nd	individual
		Cambodia/UNEP partnership on development of a coherent legal and institutional framework in Cambodia for the sound management of chemicals	-	\$250,000	8th	individual
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		Strengthening Capacities for National SAICM Implementation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	UNITAR	\$244,750	5th	individual
Kazakhstan		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Kazakhstan	UNITAR	\$50,300	2nd	individual

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Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Kiribati	LDC-SIDS	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Kiribati	UNITAR	\$64,800	2nd	individual
Kyrgyzstan		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Kyrgyzstan	UNITAR	\$50,950	2nd	individual
		Kyrgyzstan, UNDP and UNEP Partnership Initiative for the Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals Considerations into Development Plans and Processes	UNDP-UNEP	\$250,000	6th	individual
Laos	LDC	Laos, UNDP, and UNEP Partnership Initiative for the Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals Considerations into Development Plans and Processes	UNDP	\$250,000	7th	individual
Nepal	LDC	Developing a national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding of a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Nepal	UNITAR	\$70,501	2nd	individual
Palau	SIDS	Establishing an institutional framework and strengthening national capacity for the sound chemicals management and implementation of the Strategic Approach in the Republic of Palau		\$250,000	4th	individual
Palestine		Development of a national chemicals management profile and a national chemicals management database in Palestine (suspended)	UNITAR	\$82,250	2nd	individual
Philippines		Development of an effective national chemical safety program towards chemical poisoning prevention and control	-	\$250,000	4th	individual
Samoa	LDC-SIDS	Establishing an Institutional Framework and strengthening National Capacity within an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and implementation of the Strategic Approach in Samoa	-	\$250,000	4th	individual
Sri Lanka		Strengthening National Capacities for Sound Management of Priority Industrial Carcinogens and Updating National Chemicals Profile in Sri Lanka	WHO	\$232,539	5th	individual
Thailand		Capacity Building and Awareness Raising Programmes on the Implementation of the Rotterdam Convention in Thailand	-	\$250,000	5th	individual
Uzbekistan		Developing an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and SAICM Implementation in Uzbekistan	UNITAR	\$250,000	5th	individual
Yemen	LDC	Integrated national program for the sound management of chemicals and implementation of the Strategic Approach in Yemen	UNITAR	\$249,500	3rd	individual

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Table F: Government (multi-country) projects (5) supported through the QSP trust fund in Asia and the Pacific

Countries	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Mongolia, Republic of Congo and Syria	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop	UNITAR	\$248,296	1st	multi-country
Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka*	Capacity Strengthening and Information Exchange on PCBs Management in Selected Asia Countries	BCRC China	\$248,900	8th	multi-country
Cook Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tonga	Poison information network for the Pacific	WHO	\$249,994	7th	multi-country
Cambodia and Philippines	Protecting human health and the environment from mercury in artisanal and small scale gold mining (ASGM) in Asia	UNEP	\$250,000	4th	multi-country
Indonesia and Thailand	Technical Support to Strengthening National Capacities for Sound Management of Priority Industrial Carcinogens in Indonesia and Thailand	WHO	\$109,728	4th	multi-country

Table G: Government (individual) projects (6) supported through the QSP trust fund in Central and Eastern Europe

Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Albania		Strengthening Capacities for SAICM Implementation in Albania	UNITAR	\$250,000	6th	individual
Armenia		Armenia and UNEP Partnership Initiative for Sound Management of Chemicals and Implementation of SAICM in Armenia	-	\$245,680	3rd	individual
Belarus		Belarus, UNDP and UNEP Partnership Initiative for the Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals Considerations into Development Plans and Processes	UNDP & UNEP	\$250,000	3rd	individual
Georgia		Strengthening Capacities for Developing a National Pollutant and Release Transfer Register and Supporting SAICM Implementation in Georgia	UNITAR	\$170,500	4th	individual
Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic)		Development and mainstreaming of the National Plan on SAICM implementation for the Republic of Macedonia	UNDP	\$248,400	1st	individual
Moldova		Moldova and UNEP partnership on capacity building for improving the environmentally sound management of chemicals in the Republic of Moldova and the implementation of SAICM	-	\$249,950	2nd	individual

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Table H: Government (multi-country) projects (2) supported through the QSP trust fund in Central and Eastern Europe

Countries	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Armenia, Georgia and Serbia (together with Chile and Costa Rica)	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop	UNITAR	\$248,035	1st	multi-country
Armenia (together with Ghana and Chile)	Training on risk assessment of chemicals at national level at a global context	IPCP	\$250,000	7th	multi-country

Table I: QSP trust fund civil society projects in Asia and the Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe (3)

Organization	Project title	Country (ies)	Funding	Round	Project type
Chulabhorn Research Institute(CRI)	Development of course materials and a distance learning tool for the assessment of risk from the use of chemicals support SAICM's capacity building efforts in developing countries	Thailand and Asia-Pacific countries	\$249,804	6 th	civil society
Network for Protection of Public Environmental Interests in the Kyrgyz Republic, Green Partnership & Local Self-Government Development Centre	Strengthening Capacities of Civil Society Organizations for National and Regional SAICM Implementation in the Eastern Europe, Caucuses and Central Asia region	Belarus, Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan	\$160,000	4th	civil society
Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)	Reducing the use of hazardous chemicals in developing countries: potential of implementing safer chemicals including non-chemical alternatives - tools for Georgia and the EECCA region*	Georgia	\$172,710	8th	civil society

*Conditional approval to be confirmed.

Table J: Government (individual) projects (21) supported through the QSP trust fund in Latin America and the Caribbean

Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Barbados	SIDS	Updating a national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding of a national SAICM priority setting workshop in Barbados	UNITAR	\$55,450	2nd	individual
		Strengthening Capacities for SAICM Implementation and Supporting GHS Capacity Building in Barbados	UNITAR	\$250,000	7th	individual
Belize	SIDS	Mainstreaming into Developing Plans Sound Management of Chemicals (SMC) Priorities for Key Development Sectors in Belize and Associated SMC Governance	UNDP & UNEP	\$250,000	4th	individual
Bolivia		Strengthening national governance for SAICM implementation: updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding a national SAICM forum in Bolivia	UNITAR	\$69,550	2nd	individual
Colombia		Strengthening National Governance for SAICM Implementation in Colombia	UNIDO	\$249,800	5th	individual
Costa Rica		Design and implementation of National Information System for the Integral Management of Chemical Substances in Costa Rica	-	\$250,000	6th	individual
Cuba	SIDS	Capacity building for POPs laboratories in Cuba under multilateral environmental agreements	UNEP	\$250,000	4th	individual
Dominican Republic	SIDS	Enabling Activities for the Development of a SAICM Implementation Plan within an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals in the Dominican Republic*	UNITAR	\$215,000	8th	individual
Ecuador		Ecuador, UNEP and UNDP Partnership initiative for the implementation of SAICM	UNDP & UNEP	\$250,000	1st	individual
El Salvador		Life cycle Analysis of Chemical Substances	UNIDO	\$246,700	3rd	individual
Guatemala		Strengthening national governance for SAICM implementation: developing the national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding a national SAICM forum in Guatemala	UNITAR	\$85,750	2nd	individual
Guyana		Developing an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and SAICM Implementation in Guyana	UNITAR	\$90,000	4th	individual
Honduras		Strengthening national governance for SAICM implementation: updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding a national SAICM forum in Honduras	UNITAR	\$85,000	2nd	individual
		Honduras, UNDP, and UNEP Partnership Initiative for the Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals Considerations into Development Plans and Processes	UNDP & UNEP	\$250,000	5th	individual

*Conditional approval to be confirmed.

Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Nicaragua		Strengthening national governance for SAICM implementation: updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national SAICM capacity assessment, and holding a national SAICM forum in Nicaragua	UNITAR	\$70,500	2nd	individual
Panama		Strengthening Capacities for Developing a National Pollutant and Release Transfer Register and Supporting SAICM Implementation in Panama	UNITAR	\$170,000	5th	individual
Paraguay		Developing an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and SAICM Implementation in Paraguay	UNITAR	\$250,000	4th	individual
Peru		Safe chemicals	UNIDO	\$249,004	3rd	individual
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	SIDS	Establishing an Institutional Framework and Strengthening National Capacity within an integrated process for the Sound Management of Chemicals and the implementation of the strategic approach in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*	Caribbean Environmental Health Institute	\$229,999	7th	individual
Trinidad and Tobago	SIDS	Strengthening the legislative, regulatory and enforcement capacity of SIDS in the Caribbean	Basel Convention Secretariat	\$178,794	2nd	individual
Uruguay		Sound Management for Mercury Products	UNIDO	\$249,800	4th	individual

Table K: Government (multi-country) projects (4) supported through the QSP trust fund in Latin America and the Caribbean

Countries	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Armenia, Chile, Costa Rica, Georgia and Serbia	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national SAICM capacity assessment and holding a national SAICM priority setting workshop	UNITAR	\$248,035	1st	multi-country
Bahamas, Barbados and Haiti	Capacity building for POPs analysis to support the Global Monitoring Plan of POPs for effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention	UNEP	\$250,000	4th	multi-country
Bolivia and Peru	Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining Regional Project in South America	UNEP	\$249,400	5th	multi-country
Chile (together with Armenia and Ghana)	Training on risk assessment of chemicals at national level at a global context	IPCP	\$250,000	7th	multi-country

Table L: QSP trust fund civil society projects in Latin America and the Caribbean (2)

Organization	Project title	Country (ies)	Funding	Round	Project type
Argentine Society of Doctors for the Environment (AAMMA)	Integrated regional campaign on minimisation of mercury domestic sources with actions of intervention in the community to protect children and women's health	Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay	\$240,625	3rd	civil society
Sustainlabour	Enabling workers and workplaces for SAICM implementation	Brazil, Chile and Uruguay	\$227,224	3rd	civil society

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