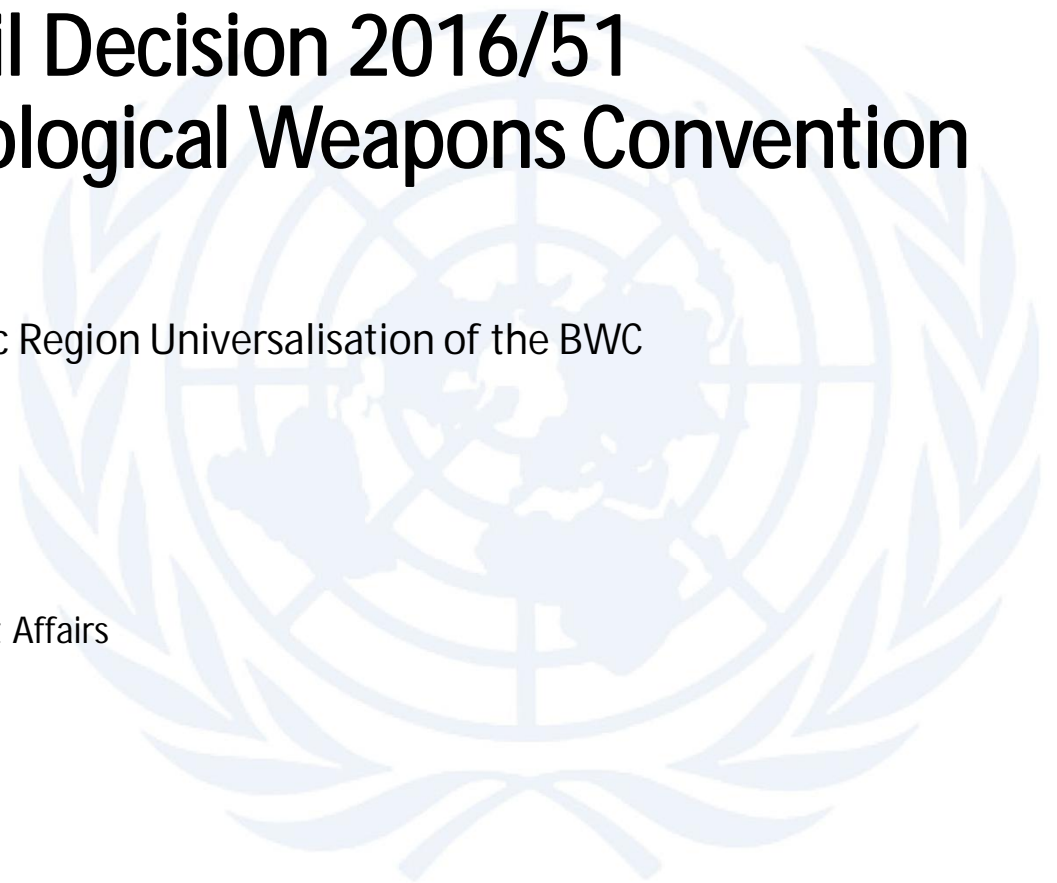




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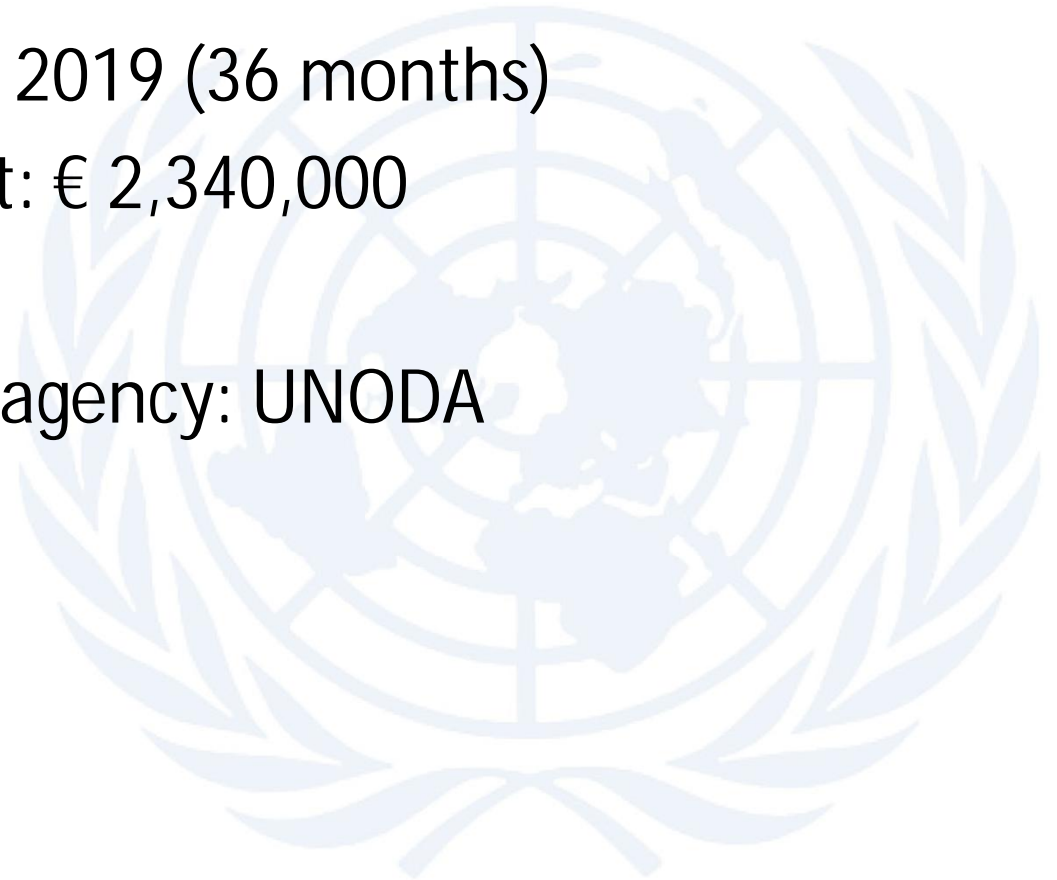
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- Date: 18 January 2016
- Duration: 2016 – 2019 (36 months)
- Financial support: € 2,340,000
- Implementation agency: UNODA





Main areas of activity

- *Promoting universal adherence to the BWC*
 - Targeted activities in coordination with other relevant actors
 - Regional workshops (e.g., for Pacific Islands in Fiji, 27 – 28 July 2017)
 - In-country preparatory workshops and meetings with key stakeholder groups (e.g., Haiti and Tanzania)
 - Other regional and in-country workshops are in initial stages of consideration
- Enhancing interaction with non-governmental stakeholders on science and technology
 - Series of regional workshops on scientific and technological issues and on biosafety and biosecurity
 - To facilitate international cooperation for peaceful purposes
 - To start in 2017
- Developing national capacities for BWC implementation
 - Essentially for developing countries
 - Also Article VII and support for CBM process
- Supporting preparations for the 8th Review Conference
- Strengthening the United Nations Secretary-General's Mechanism
- Enabling tools for awareness-raising, education and engagement



Project 4: *Supporting preparations for the 8th Review Conference (2016)*

- 4 regional and sub-regional workshops
 - *Eastern Europe and Central Asia*
 - Host country: Kazakhstan
 - Astana, 15 – 16 June 2016
 - *Latin America*
 - Host country: Brazil
 - Brasilia , 22 – 23 August 2016
 - *South and South-East Asia*
 - Host country: India
 - New Delhi, 29 – 30 August 2016
 - *African Union Members (initially East and South-East Africa)*
 - Hosting organisation: African Union
 - Addis Ababa, 13 – 14 September 2016
- Among the achievements:
 - Promotion of inter-regional dialogue and cooperation in support of the BWC
 - Yielded valuable insights into regional and national dynamics regarding implementation of the BWC and visions for the future of the convention
 - *These insights inform the conceptual preparation of the universalisation activities (Project 1) under the EU Council Decision*





Principal aims of the Regional Workshop for the Pacific Region

- Engagement of the regional states not yet party to the BWC
 - General information on the BWC, its goals, processes and challenges
 - Information on the process of accession (or succession) to the BWC
 - Introduction to the broader sets of issues of relevance to regional states relevant to the BWC
 - Understanding of national issues that thus far have held back accession to the BWC
- Sharing national experiences from States Parties
 - National implementation
 - Confidence-building measures
 - Bio-security & -safety
 - International cooperation for peaceful purposes
 - Role of national stakeholder communities in joining and implementing the BWC
- Identification and discussion of obligations and rights as a Party to the BWC
 - Assumption of obligations under the BWC
 - Financial and other resource implications of being a party to the BWC
 - Opportunities for assistance requests and learning about assistance offers
 - Support programmes



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