

Technical assistance under the Stockholm Convention

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Outline

- Technical assistance
 - Guidance on technical assistance
 - Status of the arrangements for the delivery of technical assistance
- Programme for awareness raising and capacity building

Technical assistance (Art. 12)



- Recognizes that rendering of timely and appropriate technical assistance is **essential** for the implementation of the Convention
- Highlights the need to take into account the **specific needs and special situation** of least developed countries and small island developing states

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Technical assistance (Art. 12)



- identifies who is to receive technical assistance:
 - developing country Parties;
 - Parties with economies in transition
- identifies who is to provide technical assistance:
 - developed country Parties and
 - other Parties in accordance with their capabilities
- identifies the type of technical assistance to be provided:
 - technical assistance for capacity-building relating to implementation of the Convention

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Technical assistance (Art. 12)

- Mandates the establishment, as appropriate, of arrangements for the purpose of providing technical assistance and promoting the transfer of technology
- Identifies the type of arrangements shall include:
 - regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology
- Further guidance in this regard shall be provided by the Conference of the Parties.

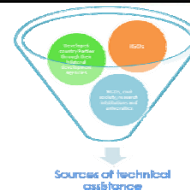
ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

COP Decisions on TA

- **COP 1** in its decision SC-1/15 adopted **Guidance on technical assistance**
- **COP 2** in its decision SC-2/9 on technical assistance adopted :
 - **Terms of reference** for regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology
 - **Criteria for evaluating the performance** of regional and subregional centres
- **COP 3** in its decision SC-3/12 adopted the **process for the selection** of regional and subregional centres

GUIDANCE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Sources of TA:

- IGOs:
 - Member agencies of IOMC, GEF, etc.
- bilateral development agencies:
 - Expected to be actively involved in the provision of technical assistance
- NGOs:
 - Key players and potential source of technical assistance;
 - Potential to mobilize funds and raise awareness;
- Research institutions and universities:
 - Leading role in scientific research, discovery and analysis of technologies: role for developing alternatives to POPs, and remediation programmes;
- Secretariat:
 - Facilitate assistance to the Parties on request

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Eligibility for TA

- Country eligibility: developing or economy in transition country and Party to the Convention
- Eligible activities: technical assistance for capacity building to implement obligations under the Convention

Policy and strategy of TA

- Timely and appropriate to requests of eligible Parties
- Tailored to Parties specific needs and country driven
- Taking into account of NIPs and priorities identified
- Taking into account of BAT&BEP guidelines

SC-1/15: Guidance on TA Identified areas of technical assistance



- a. Development and updating NIPs
- b. Institutional review for capacity assistance
- c. Specific trainings on POPs for different target groups
- d. Strengthening research capacity including development of alternatives to POPs
- e. Strengthening laboratory capacity
- f. Strengthening regulatory capacity
- g. Identification and disposal of POPs contaminated wastes
- h. Remediation of contaminated sites
- i. Promotion of BAT and BEP
- j. Development and updating the potential technologies to be transferred
- k. Identification of barriers of technology transfer and their solutions
- l. Awareness raising and information dissemination
- m. Effectiveness evaluation



Regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology under the Stockholm Convention

This presentation

- Overview of Mandate
- Selection process
- Status of nominated Stockholm Convention centres
- Verification process
- Current status

Mandate

Paragraph 4 of Article 12 of the Convention calls for the **establishment of arrangements, including, regional and subregional centres for capacity –building and transfer of technology** to assist developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to fulfil their obligations under the Convention. Further guidance in this regard shall be provided by the Conference of the Parties.

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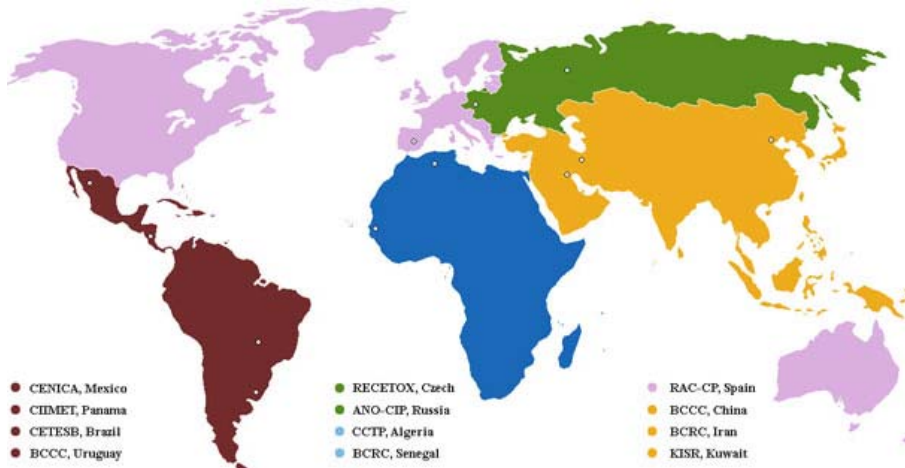
Status of Nominated Stockholm Convention Centres

Nominated Stockholm Convention Centres



Region	Nominated institutions
AFRICA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National centre for cleaner production (<i>Algeria</i>) •Basel Convention Regional Centre for French African Countries (<i>Dakar-Senegal</i>)
ASIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia Pacific (<i>Beijing- China</i>) •Basel Convention regional centre Teheran (<i>Islamic Republic of Iran</i>) •Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (<i>Kuwait</i>)
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RECETOX (<i>Brno – Czech Republic</i>) ANO Centre for International Projects (<i>Moscow – Russian Federation</i>)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CETESB (<i>Brazil</i>) CENICA (<i>Ciudad de Mexico – Mexico</i>) Centro de Investigación e información de medicamentos y tóxicos (<i>Panamá</i>) Basel Convention coordinating centre (<i>Montevideo – Uruguay</i>)
WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner production – MAP (<i>Barcelona –Spain</i>)

Nominated Stockholm Convention Regional Centres



Verification process

Who can be nominated?

- **Institutions from within the region** which are willing to serve as regional and/or subregional centres to provide technical assistance and promote the transfer of technology to developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- **Basel Convention regional centres**
- **Other existing institutions** within the chemicals and wastes cluster

Nominations should take into account:

- Ability of institutions to fulfil the technical assistance and technology transfer needs and priorities identified in the annex to decision SC-1/15
- Compliance with terms of reference for the centres set forth in annex I of decision SC-2/9
- The promotion of efficiency and effective use of resources
- The need for enhanced cooperation and coordination among existing centres in the area of chemicals management

What nominated Stockholm Convention centres need to do



- Develop a work plan through a process of regional or subregional consultations
- Develop project proposals, in consultation with stakeholders, for submission to the financial mechanism and other potential sources of assistance.



Current status

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- 15 September 2008 was the **deadline** for the submission to the Secretariat of nominated Centre **workplans** for the period 1 September 2008 - 31 December 2009
 - To date only 8 nominated centres have submitted their workplans (includes China)

Upcoming activities

- Secretariat prepared a report on the activities of the nominated Stockholm Convention centres to COP 4 for its consideration.
- COP 4 is expected to consider endorsing the nominated Stockholm Conventions centres as Regional and Subregional centres under the Convention

Conclusions

- There is no limit date for submission of nominations of interested institutions
- Nominated institutions will become known as “nominated Stockholm Convention centres” until the COP decides to endorse them at its next meeting in 2009

Programme for Regional Awareness Raising and Capacity-Building Workshops

- A series of regional and subregional awareness raising and training workshops to assist Parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention are planned covering the following issues:
 - Using the revised draft guidelines on best available techniques and best environmental practices:
 - Using the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants
 - Accessing financial resources to implement national implementation plans
 - Using the electronic system for reporting effectively
 - Awareness Raising on new chemicals to be listed,
 - Developing legislation necessary to implement Convention
 - Support for effective participation in the work of the POPRC
 - Reviewing and updating national implementation plans
 - Using the clearing-house mechanism



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