

NATIONAL DRAWING/PHOTOGRAPHY/SHORT FILM CONTESTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Organise your national art contests and your winners' best entries might get selected to be presented at the Rio +20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012!

The Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention is inviting Parties and NGOs to organize national contests for children and youth. The theme for the competition is **"Stockholm at 10: Chemical Challenges, Sustainable Solutions"** and what it means to young people around the world.

For example, in their entries, children and youth may explore the many ways persistent organic pollutants affect the life of the planet, enter people's bodies, and change ecosystems, the reasons why the planet's "chemical temperature" is rising, and how people can protect themselves and nature from these harmful substances.

For each of the **three possible art media categories (drawing, photography and short films)**, there will be three age categories:

- 5-10 years old
- 11-15 years old
- 16-20 years old

A **global contest** will be held during the first trimester of 2012, for the winners from the national contests. A selection of the **best entries will be presented at the Rio +20 Conference on Sustainable Development** and will also be used to illustrate Stockholm Convention posters, publications, T-shirts and other awareness-raising products.

Activity	Deadline
National art contests for children and youth take place in the countries	End of 2011-beginning 2012
Entries of national winners are sent to the Stockholm Convention Secretariat through Official Contact Points (OCPs)	16 March 2012
Global art contest for children and youth takes place: selection of global winners by Jury	April 2012
Exhibition of global winners' entries at Rio+ 20 Conference on Sustainable Development	4-6 June 2012

More details on the global contest is now available on our website: www.pops.int

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