

Mandate

Paragraph 4 of Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention calls for "Parties to establish, as appropriate, arrangements for the purpose of providing technical assistance and promoting the transfer of technology to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition relating to the implementation of the Convention. These arrangements are to include 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 this Convention. Further guidance in this regard shall be provided by the Conference of the Parties".

At its first meeting the Conference of the Parties adopted decision SC-1/15 on guidance on **technical assistance** and at its second meeting, pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article 12, the Conference of the Parties in its decision SC-2/9 adopted **the terms of reference for regional and subregional centres** for capacity-building and transfer of technology under the Stockholm Convention as well as **criteria for evaluating their performance**. In accordance with the above-mentioned terms for reference, each centre, when establishing its objectives

At its third meeting the Conference of the Parties in its decision SC 3/12 adopted **the terms of reference for the selection of regional and subregional centres** and requested that each nominated Stockholm Convention centre submit a report which explains the status and components set forth in decision SC-2/9 and the annex to that decision, using the relevant format developed by the Secretariat and which is available for viewing and downloading at the Convention's home page.

Technical Assistance

Selection Process for Regional and subregional Centres

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Selection process for the regional and subregional centres under the Stockholm Convention

What UN regions are used by Stockholm Convention?

There are five UN regions and each region is represented by two member in the bureau, they are:

- Africa
- Asia and the Pacific
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Western Europe and others

What is the deadline for submission of nominations to a become a “nominated Stockholm Convention centre”?

There is no deadline for Regions to nominate institutions from within the region willing to serve as regional and/or subregional centres to provide technical assistance and promote the transfer of technology to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition

Is there a limitation in the number of institutions that can be nominated to serve as regional and/or subregional centres under the Convention?

- There is no limitation in the number of institutions that can be nominated by each region to server as regional and /or subregional centres
- Similarly there is no restriction in the number of regional and subregional centres that the COP may wish to endorse.



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

What should nominations take into account?

- Ability of such 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 is a nominated centre required 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.