

Performance evaluation of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre located in China

(a) Overview of the Centre

	BCRC China	SCRC China
Location	Beijing, China	Beijing, China
Establishment	Hosted by the Government of China. Located in the School of Environment at Tsinghua University in Beijing. The centre has been operational since 1997.	The centre started operating as a Nominated Stockholm Convention Centre in 2008 and was subsequently endorsed in May 2009 by Decision SC-4/23 for a period of 4 years. Re-endorsed for a second period of 2 years by decision SC-6/16. Hosted by the BCRC- China and the university of Tsinghua in Beijing
Director / coordinator and contact person	Mr. Zao Yingme Prof. Jinhui Li (executive Director)	Prof. Gang Yu Prof. Jinhui Li (Executive Director)
Framework agreement	Signed on 20 May 2011	No mandate to have a Framework Agreement under the Stockholm Convention
Coverage of Parties	People's Republic of China DPR Korea Republic of Korea Mongolia Sri Lanka	Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Nepal, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Review	First review will take place at COP 12	Reviewed by COP 6 and re-endorsed for 2 years. Will be reviewed again by COP 7
Workplan/ business plan	The business plans available on line for the following periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012-2013 • 2014-2015 	The work plans available on line for the following periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008- 2009 • 2010-2011 • 2012-2013 • 2014-2015
Activity Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011-2012 • 2013-2014 	Reports covering the following periods are available on line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 • 2009-2010 • 2011-2012 • 2013-2014
Expertise	Hazardous waste management, especially electric and electronic waste For more information: www.bcrc.cn	In addition to the expertise of the BCRC on hazardous waste management, especially electric and electronic waste, the centres has high level expertise on POPs as well as a top class infrastructure for dealing with POPs. For more information: http://sc.bcrc.cn

(b) Summary of the feedback received from the parties on the Centre through questionnaire survey

No. of parties served: 20; No. of parties responding: 4

	BCRC China	SCRC China
A. Priorities Identified	Consulted for business plan: 0 Consulted for Technical assistance 2/4	Consulted for workplan: 0 Consulted for Technical assistance 1/4
B. Service Received	Participated in more than 1 activity/project: 2/4 Assistance requested: 1/4 (training and capacity building) Satisfaction level: Excellent 0; fair to good 2/4	Participated in more than 1 activity/project: 2/4
C. Strengthening of the Centre	The centre can improve its performance: 3/4 Most indicated reason for improvement: the Centre lacks visibility Most indicated areas for improvement: - Equipment and facilities; communication, involvement of parties in decision making	
D. Challenges Experienced:	Challenges in requesting or receiving assistance from the centre: 0 Most indicated difficulties: the Centre did not have required expertise	
E. Gap Identified:	Gaps observed that needed to be addressed by the Centre: 0 Most indicated gap: N/A	

(c) Performance evaluation of Basel Convention regional centre located in China

Table 1: Methodology for evaluating the performance and sustainability of the regional and subregional centres based on the criteria¹ for evaluating the performance of the regional centres

<i>Criteria²</i>	<i>Instructions</i>	<i>Indicators and rankings</i>	<i>Sources of information</i>	<i>Evaluator's summary comments³</i>	<i>Total Score (Maximum possible 33)</i>
a. The centre demonstrates the capacity to identify, document and implement project activities aimed at assisting parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention	Based on <u>factual evidence</u> , the evaluator should search for examples which demonstrate that the centre has the capacity in all counts to: (a) identify; (b) document; and (c) implement projects/activities.	Number of examples for which the centre has identified, documented and implemented project activities: 0: no example found in any of the three areas; 1: at least one example observed in one of the three areas; 2: at least one example in two of the three areas; 4: at least one example in all three areas.	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Business plans for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015. - Other relevant information sources (e.g. feedback from parties).	Examples provided for 3 areas as follows: <u>Identify:</u> The Centre, recognizing the need for promoting environmentally sound technologies in the region, organized a regional trade symposium for the developing county parties with the private sectors enterprises willing to transfer such technologies (see page 20 and 60 of Activity Report) <u>Document:</u> The Centre demonstrated the capability of documenting the technical assistance need of the parties in the form of project proposals based on the feedback received from parties. The Centre prepared and submitted all the documentations as required by the donors during their implementation. (see page 62 of Activity Report) <u>Implement:</u> The Centre has implemented several projects/activities. The details on these can be found in the activity report. (see page 5 to 56 and 63 of Activity Report)	(Maximum possible score: 4) 4
b. Achieves concrete and/or measurable results in terms of capacity-building in its technical assistance and technology transfer	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should look into the number of completed capacity-building activities or projects relevant to the implementation of the	Number of capacity-building activities implemented by the centre: 0: no proven example; 1: from 1 to 5 examples; 2: from 6 to 10 examples; 4: From 11 to 15 examples; 8: From 16 or more examples; Number of parties that benefited from these	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Other relevant information sources (<i>name it...</i>)	Total number of capacity building activities implemented during <i>last 2 years</i> :42 projects/activities listed as implemented in Activity Report 2013-2014 (see pages 5,7-16, 18-29,31,32,36- 38,44-50,52-54) and More than 5 Parties have benefitted. One of the project activities reported in page 21 lists 7 Parties as direct	(Maximum possible score: 10) 10 (8+2)

¹ Annex I to decision BC-11/13 on the criteria for evaluating the performance of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centre.

² Ibid.

³ Lists the information and data collected that provide evidence for the scoring given as well as references of the sources.

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activities	Convention undertaken by the centre and the number of parties that benefited from such activities or projects.	activities: 1: up to 5 parties; 2: more than 5 parties.		beneficiaries (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam (page12 Activity Report 2013-2014)	
c. Identifies, undertakes and promotes cooperation, collaboration and synergies in efforts to assist parties in meeting Convention obligations	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should look for proven examples of coordination and collaboration with other relevant partners (such as other regional centres, the Secretariat, UNEP, FAO and other United Nations organizations) to assist parties in meeting Convention obligations.	Number of coordination and collaborative activities undertaken by the centre with other relevant partners: 0: no proven example; 1: at least one example; 2: more than one example.	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Other information provided by parties or observers.	Number examples on coordination and collaboration with partners: 2 1.Organize the 8th and 9th International Conference on Waste Management and Technology (ICWMT) (A large number of public and private sector institutions were mobilized in organizing above international conference. Project "Promotion of technical assistance and technology transfer in Asia and the Pacific" (A large number of IGOs, regional centres, government representatives and private companies were involved in the project)	(Maximum possible score: 2) 2
d. Identifies additional financial resources and other donors to fund activities to assist parties in meeting Convention obligations	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should look into a number of examples of donors or funds mobilized to implement the centre's activities, or what proportion of its workplan has been implemented (funding for the day to day operation of the centre shall not be counted).	Number of donors or funding sources mobilized or the percentage of the workplan implemented: 0: no example of additional funding mobilized to implement any of the activities of the workplan; 1: one or two examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its activities, or up to 25% of the workplan implemented. 2: Three or Four examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its activities, or up to 50% of the workplan implemented. 4: Five to seven examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its activities, or up to 75% of the workplan implemented. 8: Eight or more examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Workplans for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015.	Number of additional funds/donors mobilized:16 - Samsung Electronics (Beijing) Technology Co. LTD, UNEP, - Ministry of Environmental Protection China, Dongjiang Environmental Company Limited, Environmental Protection Bureau of Macao, China, Toyota Technical Center (China) Co., LTD - Foshan Environmental Protection Bureau, UNEP/BRS - Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences - Shanghai Jinqiao (Group) Co. Ltd, - Shanghai Second Polytechnic University, - US EPA, - Sino-Japan Centre for Environment Protection, - Suzhou Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau - UNEP/ROAP Centre of Solid-waste and Chemical Management Technology. (See page5,6,7,8,9,18,19,20,24,27,40,51 and 67-68 of Activity Report 2013-2014)	(Maximum possible score: 8) 8

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		activities, or more than 75% of the workplan is implemented.			
e. Manages and conducts all activities efficiently, effectively and transparently	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should search for proven examples which demonstrate that the centre conducts its activities: (a) Efficiently; (b) Effectively; (c) Transparently; and (d) Submitted the required workplans and activity reports within the given deadlines.	Number of examples for which the centre has conducted its activities: (a) Efficiently; (b) Effectively; and (c) Transparently: 0: no example was found in any of the three areas; 1: at least one example observed in one of the three areas; 2: at least one example observed in two of the three areas; 4: at least one example observed in each of three areas. Number of workplans or activity reports submitted within the deadline: 0: none of the workplans and activity reports have been submitted within the given deadlines; 1: up to two out of four documents (workplans and activity reports) submitted within the given deadlines; 2: three out of four documents are submitted within given deadlines; 4: all four documents are submitted within the given deadlines.	- Activity reports for 2013-2014. - Workplans for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015. - Other relevant information sources (e.g. feedback from parties or information available on the centre's website). - Information available in the Secretariat on the submission of workplans and activity reports.	Examples provided in 3 areas as follows: <u>Efficiently:</u> The Centre implemented the project "National Training Workshop for Frontline Customs Officers on Green Customs Initiative" in accordance with the workplan with no wastage of time and money. (page 68 Activity Report 2013-2014) <u>Effectively:</u> The Centre had been effective in organizing the workshop successfully such that challenges and difficulties for customs on combating illegal trade in waste and chemicals were discussed, and suggestions were put forward with respect to promoting intelligence and information exchange, enhancing on-site inspection and establishing take-back procedures of illegal shipments. (page 69 Activity Report 2013-2014) <u>Transparently:</u> In the project "technical research on treatment and utilization of hazardous waste," to ensure the transparency, a feedback mechanism including organizing of quarterly meetings, accepting the inquiry from expert of both parties; (page69 Activity Report 2013-2014) and Number of workplans/activity reports submitted within the deadlines: 3/3	<i>(Maximum possible score: 8)</i> 8 (4+4)
f. Demonstrates the capacity to meet the various language requirements of the region or subregion and conduct business in English as required	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should search for proven examples which demonstrate that the centre does have such capacity.	Number of examples showing that the centre meets the language requirements of the region: 0: no example 1: one or more examples showing such capacity exists	- Activity reports for Activity Report 2013-2014. - Other relevant information sources (e.g. feedback from parties).	Examples to have met the language requirement of the region The Centre provides training and capacity building activities in English and Chinese as necessary. (see Activity Report 2013-2014 page 70)	<i>(Maximum possible score: 1)</i> 1
<i>Total scores</i>					33

Table 2: Status of the core set of elements for inclusion in the framework agreement to be signed between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (on behalf of the Conference of the Parties) and the representatives of the Governments of the host countries, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision VI/3: the Basel Convention regional centre located in China

<i>Core set of elements</i>	<i>Status at the time of concluding the relevant framework agreement</i>	<i>Status at the time of the evaluation</i>
(a) Identification of the parties entering into the agreement.	Yes	Yes
(b) Overall purpose for entering into the agreement.	To set forth the terms and conditions under which an institution in the People's Republic of China shall act as a BCRC.	In addition, a national agreement on the operation of the centre was signed by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China and Tsinghua University in August 2012.
(c) Legislative authority on which the agreement is based.	Decision VI/3 on the Establishment and functioning of the Basel Convention Regional Centres for Training and Technology Transfer.	Same
(d) Official name and address of the regional centre.	Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Asia and Pacific Region School of Environment, Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, China	Same
(e) Legal status of the centre	Separate national institution with a regional role.	Same
(f) Countries consenting to be served by the centre.	China; Korea DPR; Korea Rep; Mongolia; Sri Lanka	Cambodia, China, Korea DPR, Lao DPR, Korea (Republic of), Mongolia, Sri Lanka
(g) Management/governance arrangements	Yes (A Steering Committee to advise the Centre on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre)	Yes (The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the BCRC-China was held on 28 October 2014)
(h) The possible involvement of donors with respect to financial and technical assistance to support the centre.	Yes (Contribution from the Trust Funds of Basel Convention; voluntary contributions from the Parties, non parties, industries, research institution, IGOs; contribution from the Government of China)	Yes Government of China; UNEP; UNIDO; local authorities(e.g., Environmental Protection Bureau of Macao etc); and private sector e.g., (Samsung Electronics; Dongjiang Environmental Company; etc;
(i) Effective cooperation and coordination with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and among the regional centres.	Yes	Yes The Centre cooperates in large number of activities with the Secretariat.
(j) Reporting channels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre shall keep the Focal Points of the Parties to the Basel Convention from the Asia and Pacific Region, the Secretariat, NGOs and other relevant entities • Centre shall submit a report on implementation of the Business plan to the Secretariat annually 	The Centre submitted to the Secretariat its activity reports for 2011-2012 and 2013-2014.
(k) Contributions of host countries in kind, cash and services towards the operation of the centre and, if possible, contributions of the countries served by the centre.	The Government of China shall provide its contributions as stipulated in Annex II of the framework agreement.	The BCRC-China is supported by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China. The financial support amounts to USD250, 000.
(l) Contributions from the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to assist developing countries and other countries in need of technical assistance in the implementation of the Basel Convention and other voluntary contributions towards the financing of the core functions of the centre and operational and other associated costs related to the core functions of the centre.	Contributions from the Trust Fund for projects under the Strategic Plan.	USD30,000 Received

<i>Core set of elements</i>	<i>Status at the time of concluding the relevant framework agreement</i>	<i>Status at the time of the evaluation</i>
(m) Matching funds (contributions in cash, kind or services) to be raised by the centre.	Yes In cash and kind contributions by the Government of China and the Tsinghua University on various projects	Yes USD1,231,364 raised by the Centre
(n) Working language(s) of the centre.	Yes English and Chinese.	Yes English and Chinese.
(o) Exemption by the host country from taxation and other levies on the resources (including equipment) provided from the funds under the control of the contracting parties according to its national legislation, whenever possible.	Yes (according to Article XIV of the Framework Agreement)	Same
(p) In the case of an intergovernmental institution, the terms and conditions of the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations shall apply as appropriate.	Yes (According to Article XIV of the Framework)	Same
(q) Reporting on substantive activities undertaken by the centre and financial reporting on the funds raised by the centre and the expenditures of the centre to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention.	The BCRC-China reported on substantive activities and on project expenditures on the funds provided by the Basel Convention Technical Cooperation Trust Fund.	The substantive reporting is available in the Activity report for 2013-2014 as well as on the website of the BCRC-China.
(r) Arrangements to settle any disputes between the signatories of the agreement.	According to Article XV on Settlement of Disputes of the Framework Agreement signed on 20 May 2011.	Same.
(s) Duration of the agreement.	5 years ⁴	Same
(t) Provisions for the periodic external review, extension, termination or amendment of the agreement.	According to Article XVII on Entry into Force, Duration, Amendment and Termination of the Agreement	Same.
(u) A business plan for the period 2003–2004 for the regional centre, approved by the countries served by the centre, shall be prepared before the signature of the framework agreement.	Done	The BCRC-China has provided its biannual Business Plan since then. The last Business Plan was the one for 2014-2015.
Observations: No substantial changes observed that may affect the ability of the centre to perform its functions		

⁴ In accordance with Article XVII of the agreement signed in 2011, the agreement is automatically extended for another period of 5 years, unless either Party wishes to terminate it, and provides the other Party with written notice.

(d) Performance evaluation of the Stockholm Convention regional centre located in China

Table 1: Methodology for evaluating the performance and sustainability of the regional and subregional centres based on the criteria⁵ for evaluating the performance of the regional centres

<i>Criteria⁶</i>	<i>Instructions</i>	<i>Indicators and rankings</i>	<i>Sources of information</i>	<i>Evaluator's summary comments⁷</i>	<i>Total Score (Maximum possible 33)</i>
a. The centre demonstrates the capacity to identify, document and implement project activities aimed at assisting parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention	Based on <u>factual evidence</u> , the evaluator should search for examples which demonstrate that the centre has the capacity in all counts to: (a) identify; (b) document; and (c) implement projects/activities.	Number of examples for which the centre has identified, documented and implemented project activities: 0: no example found in any of the three areas; 1: at least one example observed in one of the three areas; 2: at least one example in two of the three areas; 4: at least one example in all three areas.	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Workplans for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015. - Other relevant information sources (e.g. feedback from parties).	Examples provided for 3 areas as follows: <u>Identify:</u> The Centre, recognizing the need for promoting environmentally sound technologies in the region, organized a regional trade symposium for the developing county parties with the private sectors enterprises willing to transfer such technologies (see page 22-23 and 53 of Activity Report) <u>Document:</u> The Centre demonstrated the capability of documenting the technical assistance need of the parties in the form of project proposals. The Centre has prepared and submitted all the documentation as required by the donors during and after the implementation of projects including those listed in the current report. (see page 55 of Activity Report) <u>Implement:</u> The Centre has been implementing large number of projects every year and has reported to have implemented 45 projects/activities during the current reporting period. (see page 56 Activity Report)	(Maximum possible score: 4) 4
b. Achieves concrete and/or measurable results in terms of capacity-building in its technical	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should look into the number of completed capacity-building	Number of capacity-building activities implemented by the centre: 0: no proven example; 1: from 1 to 5 examples;	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Other relevant information sources	Total number of capacity building activities implemented during <i>last 2 years</i> :22 22 projects/activities listed as implemented in Activity Report 2013-2014 (see pages:	(Maximum possible score: 10)

⁵ Annex II to decision SC-2/9 on the criteria for evaluating the performance of regional or subregional centres for capacity-building and technology transfer.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Lists the information and data collected that provide evidence for the score given as well as references of the sources.

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assistance and technology transfer activities	activities or projects relevant to the implementation of the Convention undertaken by the centre and the number of parties that benefited from such activities or projects.	2: from 6 to 10 examples; 4: From 11 to 15 examples; 8: From 16 or more examples; Number of parties that benefited from these activities: 1: up to 5 parties; 2: more than 5 parties.	(name it...)	7,6,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,24,26,27,30; supplemental report pages: 5,11,13) and More than 5 Parties reported to have directly benefitted (For example, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Korea Republic of, Nepal (page17 and 21 Activity Report 2013-2014)	10 (8+2)
c. Identifies, undertakes and promotes cooperation, collaboration and synergies in efforts to assist parties in meeting Convention obligations	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should look for proven examples of coordination and collaboration with other relevant partners (such as other regional centres, the Secretariat, UNEP, FAO and other United Nations organizations) to assist parties in meeting Convention obligations.	Number of coordination and collaborative activities undertaken by the centre with other relevant partners: 0: no proven example; 1: at least one example; 2: more than one example.	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Other information provided by parties or observers.	Number examples on coordination and collaboration with partners: more than one. Example 1: In the 8th and 9th International Conference on Waste Management and Technology (ICWMT) a large number of public and private sector institutions were mobilized. Example 2: In the project "Promotion of technical assistance and technology transfer in Asia and the Pacific" a large number of IGOs, regional centres, government representatives and private companies were involved. (see page 58-59 for the list of public and private sector collaborating)	(Maximum possible score: 2) 2
d. Identifies additional financial resources and other donors to fund activities to assist parties in meeting Convention obligations	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should look into a number of examples of donors or funds mobilized to implement the centre's activities, or what proportion of its workplan has been implemented (funding for the day to day operation of the centre shall not be counted).	Number of donors or funding sources mobilized or the percentage of the workplan implemented: 0: no example of additional funding mobilized to implement any of the activities of the workplan; 1: one or two examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its activities, or up to 25% of the workplan implemented. 2: Three or Four examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its activities, or up to 50% of the workplan implemented. 4: Five to seven examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its activities, or up to 75% of the workplan implemented.	- Activity report for 2013-2014. - Workplans for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015.	<u>Number of additional funds/donors</u> mobilized: 14 UNEP/SSC, UNIDO, Ministry of Environmental Protection China, State Key Joint Laboratory of Environment Simulation and Pollution Control-Tsinghua University, National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), Korea Science and Engineering Foundation (KOSEF), Rockwool (Denmark) Ltd, US EPA, Ministry of Science and Technology China, Environmental Protection Bureau Macao SAR, Dongjiang Environmental Company Limited, Huizhou Dongjiang Veolia Environmental Company Limited, China International Engineering Consulting Corporation, Toyota Technical Center (China) Co., Foshan Environmental Protection Bureau, Samsung Electronics (Beijing) Technology Service Co. LTD	(Maximum possible score: 8) 8

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		8: Eight or more examples of additional donors or funding sources mobilized to implement its activities, or more than 75% of the workplan is implemented.		(See page 6, 7, 11, 14, 21, 22, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 Activity Report 2013-2014)	
e. Manages and conducts all activities efficiently, effectively and transparently	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should search for proven examples which demonstrate that the centre conducts its activities: (a) Efficiently; (b) Effectively; (c) Transparently; and (d) Submitted the required workplans and activity reports within the given deadlines.	Number of examples for which the centre has conducted its activities: (a) Efficiently; (b) Effectively; and (c) Transparently: 0: no example was found in any of the three areas; 1: at least one example observed in one of the three areas; 2: at least one example observed in two of the three areas; 4: at least one example observed in each of three areas. Number of workplans or activity reports submitted within the deadline: 0: none of the workplans and activity reports have been submitted within the given deadlines; 1: up to two out of four documents (workplans and activity reports) submitted within the given deadlines; 2: three out of four documents are submitted within given deadlines; 4: all four documents are submitted within the given deadlines.	- Activity reports for 2013-2014. - Workplans for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015. - Other relevant information sources (e.g. feedback from parties or information available on the centre's website). - Information available in the Secretariat on the submission of workplans and activity reports.	Examples provided in 3 areas as follows: <u>Efficiently</u> : The centre has always maintained its efficiency in implementing and documenting of the task with the Secretariat. In addition to this the centre has provided following example on its efficient conduct: The Centre implemented the tasks of the project "Promotion of Environmental Education Support for Capacity Building and Research" in accordance with the workplan. Internal discussions on the implementation and progress of the project were done frequently. The centre evaluated the effectiveness of progress regularly. (page 61 Activity Report 2013-2014) <u>Effectively</u> : The Centre makes effective technical as well as technological interventions by identifying their accurate needs and offering practical and effective solutions. (page 62-63 Activity Report 2013-2014) <u>Transparently</u> : The centre had made provision for progress monitoring of the implementation of project and has prepared Interim and Final Report, delivered in English and in electronic copies to ensure transparency (page 63 Activity Report 2013-2014) and Number of workplans/activity reports submitted within the deadlines: 3/3	(Maximum possible score: 8) 8
f. Demonstrates the capacity to meet the various language requirements of the region or subregion and conduct business in English as required	Based on factual evidence, the evaluator should search for proven examples which demonstrate that the centre does have such capacity.	Number of examples showing that the centre meets the language requirements of the region: 0: no example 1: one or more examples showing such capacity exists	- Activity reports for Activity Report 2013-2014. - Other relevant information sources (e.g. feedback from parties).	Examples to have met the language requirement of the region The Centre provides training and capacity building activities in English and Chinese as necessary. (see Activity Report 2013-2014 page 50)	(Maximum possible score: 1) 1
<i>Total scores</i>					33

Table 2: Meeting the terms of reference for regional centres under the Stockholm Convention, as set out in annex I to decision SC-2/9: the Stockholm Convention centre located in China

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Status at the time of endorsement (yes or no)⁸</i>	<i>Status at the time of evaluation (yes or no)</i>
(a) Taking into account the work done under other MEAs Basel/CP centres (UNEP/UNIDO)	Yes (a regional centre under the Basel Convention)	Yes (a regional centre under the Basel Convention)
(b) Expertise of centre meets TA requirement of the region	Yes	Yes
(c) Location of the institution provides easy access to Parties	Yes	Yes
(d) Eligible to receive financial support from financial mechanism	Yes	Yes
(e) Highly qualified technical personnel with recognized competence in technical assistance and technology transfer	Yes (4)	Yes (28)
(f) Equipped with		
i. Adequate number of PCs with up-to-date software	Yes (13)	Yes (50)
ii. Good communication facilities with telephone and fax	Yes	Yes
iii. Reliable internet connection	Yes	Yes
iv. Adequate meeting facilities and access thereto	Yes	Yes
(g) Serve a definite group of Parties in the region or subregion	Yes	Yes
(h) Possibility to serve beyond the region	Yes	Yes
(i) Working language of the centre defined	Yes	Yes
(j) Legal status: It is an independent legal entity operating as a separate legal entity	Yes (academic institution)	Yes (other, national institution with regional role)
(k) Liaison staff member designated to communicate with the Secretariat as contact person	Yes	Yes
(l) Coordinator of the centre has:		
i. Technical background	Yes	Yes
ii. Project management competency	Yes	Yes
iii. Experience in technical assistance and capacity-building	Yes	Yes
Observations: No substantial change that could have an impact on the ability of the centre to meet the criteria is observed.		

⁸ See table 2 set out in the annex to document UNEP/POPS/COP.4//22.