

Stockholm Convention's 10th anniversary global art youth contest: Frequently Asked Questions



1. Can I participate?

All children and youth which will be between 5-20 years old (included) on 1 January 2012 can participate in the contest. The entries will be organised according to 3 age categories:

- 5-10 years old: born between 2 January 2001 and 1 January 2007
- 11-15 years old: born between 2 January 1996 and 1 January 2001
- 16-20 years old: born between 2 January 1991 and 1 January 1996

2. How do I enter the contest?

There are 2 scenarios: either your country's Official Contact Point (OCP) for the Stockholm Convention organises a national contest, and in that case he will be sending out information regarding the organisation, deadlines, etc.

Either the OCP does not organise a national contest, in which case there are 3 steps to follow:

- First you need to ask your country's OCP for the Stockholm Convention when is the deadline for you to send your entry to her/him. The list of OCPs with their contact details is available [here](#).
- Then you can make your drawing and/or photography and/or short video (each participant can submit an entry in all 3 art categories).
- Finally, you then send your entry/entries to the OCP before the deadline she/he indicated. You will also need to fill out the registration form and attach it to your entry/entries (to download the registration form, click on the grey "Register" button [here](#)).

In both cases, whether in the framework of a national contest or not, the OCP will send the winning national entries to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention before 16 March 2012.

3. How will the final global winners be selected?

A panel of experts set up by the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention will revise all entries received by the Secretariat before 16 March 2012 (a maximum of 27 entries per country) and will make the final selection. There will be 27 final winners: 9 per art category (9 drawings, 9 photography and 9 short videos). For each art category, 3 winners will be selected for each age category.

4. If I am selected as one of the 27 global winners, what prize do I get?

- You will receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate delivered by the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
- Your entry will be displayed at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development taking place in Brazil, on 20-22 June 2012, as well as in the Stockholm Convention Regional Centres spread across the world (look up the list [here](#), there might be one in your country!). An exhibition will also take place during the same period at the United Nations Palais des Nations in Geneva
- Your entry will also feature on the dedicated webpage of the Stockholm Convention Secretariat's website
- Finally, your entry will be used for awareness-raising activities of the Secretariat (posters, coloring-books, publications, t-shirts, etc.) in the future

5. What is the role of the Stockholm Convention's Official Contact Points (OCPs)?

The OCPs are the contact persons for the Stockholm Convention in each of the countries (whether the country is a Party to the Convention or not).

We are asking the OCPs to undertake a first selection at their national level to ensure that there is a broader participation and so that the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention is able to review entries from all over the world.

The steps are the following: each OCP can decide if she/he wants to organise a national contest or not in her/his country (in case they do not, then schools and universities interested in participating could just send their entries directly to the OCP).

In both cases (national contest or direct sending of all entries), it will be the OCP's responsibility to submit the national entries, in order to send a maximum of 27 national entries to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention by 16 March 2012.

We welcome any feedback the OCPs might have on the process and we are asking for their support to help us distribute this information, because our main objective with this contest is to raise awareness about the Convention and the need to protect human health and the environment from POPs.

6. Are the registration forms to be sent to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention or to the Official Contact Point in my country?

They are to be sent to your Official Contact Point, accompanying your entry. He will then forward these to us by 16 March 2012.

7. Is this contest only for Stockholm Convention or is it also open to the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions?

The contest was designed for the 10th anniversary of the Stockholm Convention, which took place in May 2011, but it is possible to cover the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions' issues as well, provided the entries cover the Stockholm Convention's issues.

8. What if a country cannot provide videos but only drawings? Can he send 27 drawings?

No, each country can send a maximum of 27 entries but these must be composed of 9 drawings, 9 photography and 9 videos. If a country only has one art category, it must send those 9 entries only.

9. Has the Stockholm Convention Secretariat already organised this type of activity, directed to children?

No, this is the first activity of the kind.

10. Is there any educational material available to use with children in the context of this contest?

We are currently developing a small package that should be available shortly on our website in English, French and Spanish.