

## Where are the nominated Stockholm Convention centres located?

### Africa

- Basel Convention Regional Centre for Francophone Africa, Senegal
- National Centre for Cleaner Technologies Production, Algeria

### Asia and the Pacific

- Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and Pacific, China
- Basel Convention Regional Centre, Iran

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- Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and Pacific, China
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- Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait

### Central and Eastern Europe

- Regional Centre for Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
- Autonomous Non-Profit Organization, Centre for International Projects, Russian Federation

### Latin America and the Caribbean

- Companhia de Tecnologia de Saneamento Ambiental de Brasil, Brazil
- Centro Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación Ambiental, Mexico
- Centro de Investigación e Información de Medicamentos y Tóxicos, Panama
- Basel Convention Regional and Coordination Centre, Uruguay

### Western Europe and Others

- Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production/Mediterranean Action Plan, Spain

## List of available technical guidance relating to the implementation of the Convention

Guidance on BAT/BEP

Standardized Toolkit for identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan releases

Guidance for Developing National Implementation Plan for Stockholm Convention

Guidance on Social and Economic Assessment

Technical Guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes contaminated by POPs (also available for some of the specific POPs contaminants)

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## Guidance on technical assistance and transfer of technology

# Technical Assistance



### Who is eligible for technical assistance?

Developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition

### What are the policies and strategies for technical assistance?

Technical assistance should be:

- ❖ Offered efficiently and appropriately
- ❖ Country driven
- ❖ To support the activities identified in National Implementation Plans of the Party seeking assistance
- ❖ Take into consideration guidance on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices (BAT/BEP)
- ❖ Promote synergies with other relevant multilateral environmental agreements

### What will regional and sub-regional centres do?

Transfer of environmentally sound technologies  
Capacity-building to implement the Convention

## Areas of Technical Assistance

- ❖ Developing, updating and implementing NIP
- ❖ Review of infrastructure, capacity and institution
- ❖ Training for decision-makers, managers and personnel in:
  - POPs identification
  - Technical assistance need identification
  - Project proposal writing
  - Legislative development and enforcement
  - Development of POPs inventory
  - Risk assessment and management of PCB and PCDD/F
  - Evaluation of social and economic impacts
  - Development of pollutant release and transfer registers (PRTR)
- ❖ Develop and strengthen research capacity in:
  - Alternatives to POPs
  - Training of technical personnel
- ❖ Develop and establish laboratory capacity
- ❖ Develop and enforce of regulatory controls and incentives for POPs management
- ❖ Identification and disposal of POPs waste including transfer of technology for such destruction
- ❖ Identification and promotion of BAT and BEP
- ❖ Identification and remediation of contaminated sites
- ❖ Develop and update the list of technologies available for transfer under technical assistance
- ❖ Awareness-raising and information dissemination
- ❖ Identify barriers to transfer of technology and solutions
- ❖ Effectiveness evaluation, including monitoring of POPs levels



## Mandate

Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention recognizes rendering of timely and appropriate technical assistance in response to requests from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition is essential to the successful implementation of the Convention. The article also provisioned to establishing appropriate arrangements such as regional centres for providing technical assistance and transfer of technology. The Article makes the provision of issuing further guidance in this regard by the Conference of the Parties.

## COP Decisions

### COP I

The first Conference of the Parties adopted decision SC-1/15 on guidance on technical assistance and requested to report on progress in application of this guidance in each meeting of the Conference of Parties.

### COP II

The second meeting adopted the terms of reference for regional and sub-regional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology under the Stockholm Convention.

### COP III

The third meeting adopted the terms of reference for the selection of regional and sub-regional centres for capacity-building and transfer of environmentally sound technologies.