

SC-4/23: Regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report prepared by the Secretariat on how the nominated Stockholm Convention centres meet the criteria contained in decisions SC-1/15 and SC-2/9;¹
2. *Welcomes* the workplans and reports submitted by the nominated Stockholm Convention centres in accordance with decision SC-2/9;²
3. *Endorses* the nominated Stockholm Convention centres listed in annex I to the present decision as Stockholm Convention regional or subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology for a period of four years;
4. *Invites* those nominated Stockholm Convention centres listed in annex II to the present decision to continue their activities and to seek support to comply with the criteria set out in decision SC-2/9 so as to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;
5. *Requests* the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology, within their respective regions, to cooperate and coordinate among themselves and present to the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, a joint proposal on the specific areas of expertise in which they wish to provide assistance pursuant to decision SC-2/9;
6. *Invites* the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology to consider, among their other tasks, undertaking work on monitoring, diagnosis, technical analysis, information gathering and identification of techniques for the elimination and disposal of persistent organic pollutants;
7. *Invites* the nomination by regions, in accordance with decision SC-3/12, through their regional representatives on the Bureau, of institutions wishing to serve as Stockholm Convention regional or subregional centres, in particular from those regions or subregions that are not covered by existing centres;
8. *Requests* the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology and the nominated Stockholm Convention centres to submit to the Secretariat their work programmes for the biennium 2010–2011 by 30 September 2009;
9. *Also requests* the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology and the nominated Stockholm Convention centres to submit to the Secretariat their activity reports for the period January 2009–December 2010 by 31 December 2010, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;
10. *Decides* to evaluate, in accordance with the criteria set out in annex II to decision SC-2/9, the performance and sustainability of the regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology listed in annex I to the present decision and to reconsider pursuant to decision SC-3/12 their status as regional or subregional centres under the Stockholm Convention at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
11. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a report on the activities of the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres and the nominated Stockholm Convention centres for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, in 2011.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/22.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/INF/14.

Annex I to decision SC-4/23

Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology

Region	Institution	Location
Asia and the Pacific	Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific	Beijing, China
	Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research	Kuwait City, Kuwait
Central and Eastern Europe	Research Centre for Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology (RECETOX)	Brno, Czech Republic
Latin America and the Caribbean	Centro CETESB – Companhia de Tecnologia de Saneamento Ambiental de Brasil	São Paulo, Brazil
	Centro Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación Ambiental (CENICA)	Mexico City, Mexico
	Centro de Investigación e Información de Medicamentos y Tóxicos	Panama City, Panama
	Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centre	Montevideo, Uruguay
Western Europe and others	Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production, Mediterranean Action Plan, United Nations Environment Programme	Barcelona, Spain

Annex II to decision SC-4/23

Nominated Stockholm Convention centres

Region	Institution	Location
Africa	National Centre for Cleaner Technologies Production	Algiers, Algeria
	Basel Convention Regional Centre for French African countries	Dakar, Senegal
Asia and the Pacific	Basel Convention Regional Centre	Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran
Central and Eastern Europe	ANO “Centre for International Projects”	Moscow, Russian Federation