

SC-5/21: Regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the institutions newly nominated in accordance with decision SC-3/12 to become Stockholm Convention centres;
2. *Takes note* of the Secretariat's report on the activities of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology and the nominated Stockholm Convention centres;¹
3. *Welcomes* the joint proposal on the specific areas of expertise of and the network established by the Stockholm Convention regional centres in Latin America and the Caribbean, set out in annexes II and III to the present decision, and encourages those centres to continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination between them;
4. *Takes note* of the workplans and activity reports submitted by the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology and the nominated Stockholm Convention centres² and expresses concern that some nominated centres have reported low levels of activity;
5. *Requests* the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology to submit the following to the Secretariat for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting:
 - (a) Workplans for the biennium 2012–2013 by 30 September 2011;
 - (b) Activity reports for the period January 2011–December 2012 by 31 December 2012;
6. *Reminds* the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology listed in annex I to decision SC-4/23 that the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting will evaluate the performance and sustainability of those centres as part of the reconsideration of their status as regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology, in accordance with the criteria set out in annex II to decision SC-2/9;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to develop a methodology for evaluating the regional centres based on the criteria set out in annex II to decision SC-2/9, which should include a quantitative analysis to be used in the evaluation of the performance and sustainability of each centre to be undertaken every four years;
8. *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, in accordance with the annex to decision SC-3/12, for a period of four years;
9. *Decides* to evaluate, in accordance with the criteria set out in annex II to decision SC-2/9, the performance and sustainability of the centres listed in annex I to the present decision and to reconsider their status as regional or subregional centres under the Convention at its seventh meeting;
10. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a report on the activities of the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology and the nominated Stockholm Convention centres for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/21.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/37 and on the Stockholm Convention website.

Annex I to decision SC-5/21

List of Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres endorsed at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

<i>Region</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Location</i>
Africa	National Centre for Cleaner Technologies Production (NCCTP)	Algiers, Algeria
	Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa (BCRC Senegal)	Dakar, Senegal
	International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE)	Nairobi, Kenya
	Africa Institute for the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous and Other Wastes (AIMHW)	Pretoria, South Africa
Asia and the Pacific	Basel Convention Regional Centre	Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
	National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)	Nagpur, India
Central and Eastern Europe	Autonomous Non-Profit Organization – Centre for International Projects (ANO-CIP) ³	Moscow, Russian Federation

³ The endorsement of this centre will enter into effect upon the deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by the Russian Federation.

Annex II to decision SC-5/21

Joint proposal on the specific areas of expertise submitted by the Stockholm Convention regional centres in Latin America and the Caribbean

Areas of expertise	Stockholm Convention regional centres			
	CETESB Brazil	CIIMET Panama	CENICA Mexico	SCRC Uruguay
Training for decision makers, managers and responsible personnel in:				
Persistent organic pollutant identification	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Technical assistance needs identification	No	Yes	Yes	No
Project proposal writing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Legislation development and enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Development of inventories of persistent organic pollutants	No	Yes	Yes	No
Risk assessment and management in respect of polychlorinated biphenyls and PCDD/PCDF	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and material safety data sheets	No	No	No	Yes
Evaluation of social and economic impacts	Yes	No	Yes	No
Development of pollutant release and transfer registers	No	No	Yes	No
Development and establishment of laboratory capacity, including the promotion of standard sampling and analysis procedures for validation of inventories	Yes (solid waste)	No	Yes	Yes
Identification and remediation of sites contaminated by persistent organic pollutants	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Effectiveness evaluation, including monitoring of levels of persistent organic pollutants	Yes (environmental and milk samples)	No	Yes	Yes
Identification and disposal of persistent organic pollutant wastes, including transfer of environmentally sound technologies for the destruction of such wastes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Development and updating of a list of technologies that are available to be transferred to eligible parties through regional and subregional centres	Yes	No	No	No
Development, implementation and enforcement of regulatory controls and incentives for the sound management of persistent organic pollutants	No	Yes	No	No
Identification and promotion of best available techniques and best environmental practices	No	No	No	Yes
Identification of obstacles and barriers to the transfer of technology and their solutions	No	No	No	No
Development and strengthening of research capacity at the national, subregional and regional levels, including:				
· Development and introduction of alternatives to persistent organic pollutants, with special emphasis on reducing the need for specific exemptions;	No	No	Yes	No
· Training of technical personnel	No	Yes	Yes	No
Review of available infrastructure, capacity and institutions at the national and local levels and the potential to strengthen them	No	Yes	No	No
Promotion of awareness-raising and information dissemination	No	Yes	No	No

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	<i>CETESB Brazil</i>	<i>CIIMET Panama</i>	<i>CENICA Mexico</i>	<i>SCRC Uruguay</i>
programmes, including awareness-raising among the general public, of issues related to the Convention				
Development, updating and implementation of national implementation plans	No	Yes	No	No

This table reflects the knowledge that could be transferred to parties at the present time and will be updated continuously.

Annex III to decision SC-5/21⁴

Network established by the Stockholm Convention regional centres in Latin America and the Caribbean

Representatives of the regional centers of the Stockholm Convention of Brazil, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay and their host Countries, agree on the following:

1. Regional Centers, in line with the objectives of their creation, will make every effort to work in a coordinated, transparent, clear and objective manner in assisting the countries of the region, taking into account their needs and providing them with the necessary services for the implementation of the Convention.
2. To establish a network of Stockholm Convention Regional Centers with the aim of developing a coordinated joint action to strengthen and enhance the implementation of the Convention in the countries of the Latin American and Caribbean region. In addition, this network considers the overall process of cooperation and coordination established by the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions.
3. The Network of the Stockholm Convention Regional Centers for Latin America and the Caribbean is the coordinated and cooperative method in which the centers:
 - (a) Undertake work in a systematic and organized manner, in a spirit of communication and mutual support among members;
 - (b) Establish the role of a Coordinator of the Network and designate the regional center in Brazil to assume the coordination at this moment. This function will be exercised on a rotating basis, with a year duration;
 - (c) Work together in a coordinated manner on issues of common interest in order to assist all countries of the region within the network's framework;
 - (d) Endeavour to hold regular meetings face-to-face or through forums among the centers and the countries that they serve. It is the role of the Coordinator to convene these meetings;
 - (e) Identify "friends and partners" of the Centers and strive to seek closer ties with them, including regional centers of other Conventions located in Latin America and the Caribbean.

⁴ The annex has been reproduced without formal editing.