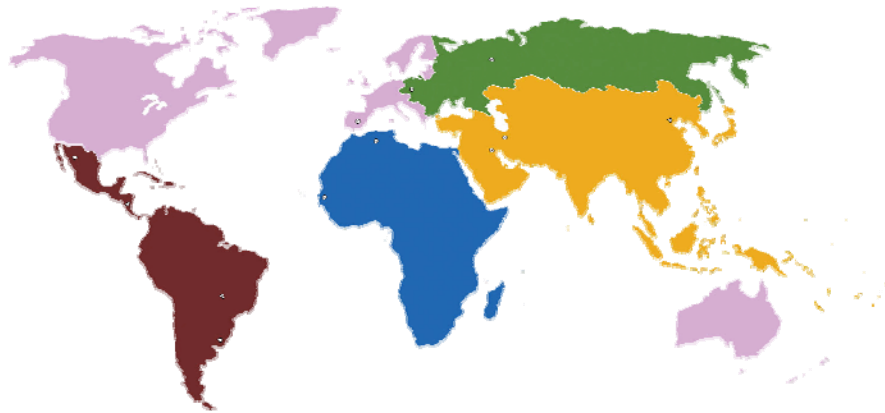










Deadline for submission of applications for 2010: 30 July 2010

Application should be submitted to [ssc@pops.int](mailto:ssc@pops.int)  
The project [application templates](#) can be downloaded from the Conventions' home page ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int))

### Stockholm Convention Regional and Subregional Centres



#### Regional and Subregional Centres

 CENICA, Mexico	 RECETOX, Czech	 BCCC, China
 CIIMT, Panama	 RAC-CP, Spain	 KISR, Kuwait
 CETESB, Brazil		
 BCCC, Uruguay		

#### Nominated Stockholm Convention Centres

 AI-ESMHW, South Africa	 CCTP, Algeria	 BCRC, Iran
	 BCRC, Senegal	 ANO-CIP, Russia

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Small Grant Programme to implement the Convention  
through the Stockholm Convention regional and  
subregional centres  
2010

# Technical Assistance



#### Overview

The Small Grant Programme is designed to channel bilateral donor funds for implementing the Convention to the developing country Parties and Parties with their economies in transition through Stockholm Convention regional and sub-regional centres for capacity building and transfer of technology. In order to achieve high impact with relatively low resources, the Programme will provide the regional and subregional centres the opportunity to implement discrete activities to assist eligible Parties to meet their obligation under the Stockholm Convention. By having a selection process to identify the most suitable projects from proposals submitted by the centres in a competitive basis, it will enhance the quality of the projects proposed for funding.

The initial funding was made available by the government of Norway for the year 2009 under this Programme. Two projects proposals submitted by CETESB, Brazil and NCCTP, Algeria were selected for funding on competitive basis. The government of Norway has given continuation to the programme by providing funding for the year 2010 also. Interested Centres are therefore invited to submit their project proposals to the Secretariat before **30<sup>th</sup> July 2010**. The relevant templates for the project proposal are available for download at: [www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)

Stockholm Convention

## Small Grant Programme through Regional Centre under Stockholm Convention

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### Background

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 12 of the Convention, technical assistance to be provided by developed country Parties, and other Parties in accordance with their capabilities, shall include, as appropriate and as mutually agreed technical assistance for capacity-building relating to implementation of the obligations under this Convention. Further paragraph 4 of the same Article provides the provision to establish regional and subregional centres for capacity building and transfer of technology to assist developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to fulfill their obligations under this Convention.

Paragraph 31 of the terms of reference for Regional and Subregional Centres set out in Annex I to the decision SC-2/9 states "activities in the area of capacity-building and the promotion of transfer of technology undertaken by Regional and Subregional Centres to assist developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the implementation of the Convention according to Article 12 of the Convention may be funded as appropriate and as mutually agreed through the financial mechanism of the Convention which was established under Article 13 and consequently must be consistent with the guidance to the financial mechanism adopted by the Conference of the Parties in its decision SC-1/9 and set forth in the annex to that decision."

Paragraph 5 (e ) of the TOR for the selection of Regional and Subregional Centres as set out in the annex of the decision SC-3/12 states "each of the nominated Stockholm Convention Centres will, in consultation with stakeholders, develop project proposals for submission to the financial mechanism and other potential sources of assistance.

### Programme objective

The programme aims at providing technical assistance for capacity building of the eligible Parties in implementing their obligations under the Stockholm Convention through Regional Centres by allocating funds to the selected project proposals on a competitive basis.

Further the projects under this programme are expected from the Stockholm Convention Regional Centres resulting to:

- Leverage larger projects (e.g. Medium- or Full-Sized GEF projects)
- Serve as a multiplier effect (process outcome over the product outcome) and are reproducible
- Identify synergies among MEAs within the chemicals cluster
- Promoting partnership with relevant IGOs

### Implementation modality

Stockholm Convention Regional and Subregional Centres are invited to submit to the Secretariat by July 31 2010, concise project proposals in the format provided by the Secretariat for such purpose available for download at [www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int). Eligible project proposals received before the deadline will be assessed by an internal evaluation committee of the Stockholm Convention Secretariat. The funds will be allocated to the best two project proposals.

Selected projects will be implemented by the Regional Centres directly with a general supervision of the Secretariat. The projects can be prepared and implemented either by one or more than one Centres.

In addition to the obligation to provide financial and activity reports to the Conference of the Parties, the Centres, as set out in the TOR, will also report to donors on the progress of implementation of the projects funded under these arrangements, which includes inception, progress and project completion reports.

### Funding Criteria

When reviewing the project proposals the evaluating committee mentioned above will take into account the following:

- a) Identified priorities in the national implementation plan (NIP) of the Parties included in the project
- b) The expertise of the centre
- c) Reflection of the Centre's agreed work plan
- d) Activities focused to capacity building for the implementation of the Convention among the Parties of the sub-Saharan Africa, LDCs and SIDS.
- e) Project milestones and success indicators are clearly defined and tangible
- f) Projects having high impact with relatively low investment
- g) Projects to be completed within 9 months
- h) Project proposals are consistent with the guidance to the financial mechanism set out in the annex to decision SC-1/9

### Budget:

US\$50,000 (maximum for a project and up to two projects will receive funding)  
Co-financing: 20% is expected to be mobilized in-kind by interested Stockholm Convention Regional and Subregional Centres