

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**اتفاقية استكهولم بشأن الملوثات العضوية الثابتة · 关于持久性有机污染物的斯德哥尔摩公约 · Convention de Stockholm sur les polluants organiques persistants
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Your Reference:**File:** Regional Centres**Our Reference:** SCRC 01/07**Date:** Geneva, 26 July 2007**Subject:** **Nomination of an institution to serve as Stockholm Convention regional or subregional centres for capacity building and transfer of environmentally sound technology****To:** Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points

Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva

Members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention

CC: Stockholm Convention national focal points for information exchange in accordance with Article 9

UNEP Official Points of Contact of Parties to the Stockholm Convention that have not yet designated official contact points for the Convention

Dear Colleague,

At its third meeting held in Dakar from 30 April to 4 May 2007, the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants established the process of selecting Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity building and transfer of environmentally sound technology set forth in decision SC-3/12, annex I of the report of the meeting, UNEP/POPS/COP.3/30.

Paragraph 4 of decision SC-3/12 requested regional representatives on the bureau of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention (see attached list) to submit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible, nominations for institutions to become Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres. Paragraph 5 of the decision decided that institutions so nominated would be formally recognized as “nominated Stockholm Convention centres” until the Conference of the Parties considers whether to confirm their endorsement at its next meeting. Paragraph 6 of the decision requested each nominated Stockholm Convention centre to submit a report that explains the status and components set forth in decision SC-2/9 in a format to be provided by the Secretariat by 31 July 2007. The terms of reference for the centres is in the annex to decision SC-2/9 which is attached for ease of reference.

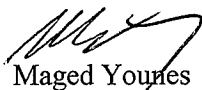
In accordance with the above, the Secretariat has prepared the attached format to be used by nominated Stockholm Convention centres. The form is available in English only which is consistent with paragraph 19 of the terms of reference that all centres must be capable of communicating in English. The centres are requested to complete the form and submit them along with any relevant information as soon as possible to:

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It would be preferred to receive the initial set of reports by 30 November 2007. If you have any queries on the process, please inform Suman Sharma of the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention. He can be contacted at tel.: +41-22-917-8210, fax: +41-22-917-8098, or E-mail: ssharma@pops.int.

We look forward to the establishment of regional and subregional centres.

Yours sincerely,



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