

UNEP Accreditation Process

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What is accreditation?

- UNEP Accreditation is an **observer status** granted to civil society organizations that are active in the field of environment.
- It provides a chance for Non-Governmental Organizations to:
 - bring experiences, solutions, important issues faced by the people to the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) Member States;
 - influence policy making process;
 - work with the Major Groups in bringing the voices of civil society to policymakers.
- Organizations are required to pick one of the 9 major groups, that is most related to their work.

Privileges of accredited organizations



- Can participate in meetings as observers and can provide both oral and written contributions
- Can access UNEP documents and related materials
- Can also attend preparatory stakeholder meetings and can apply to organize side events during UNEA

Criteria for becoming a UNEP-accredited organization

- Be a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization, with an international scope of work
- Be a legal entity in at least one country
- Have a major focus in the field of environment and/or sustainable development
- Be in existence for at least two years at the time of the application

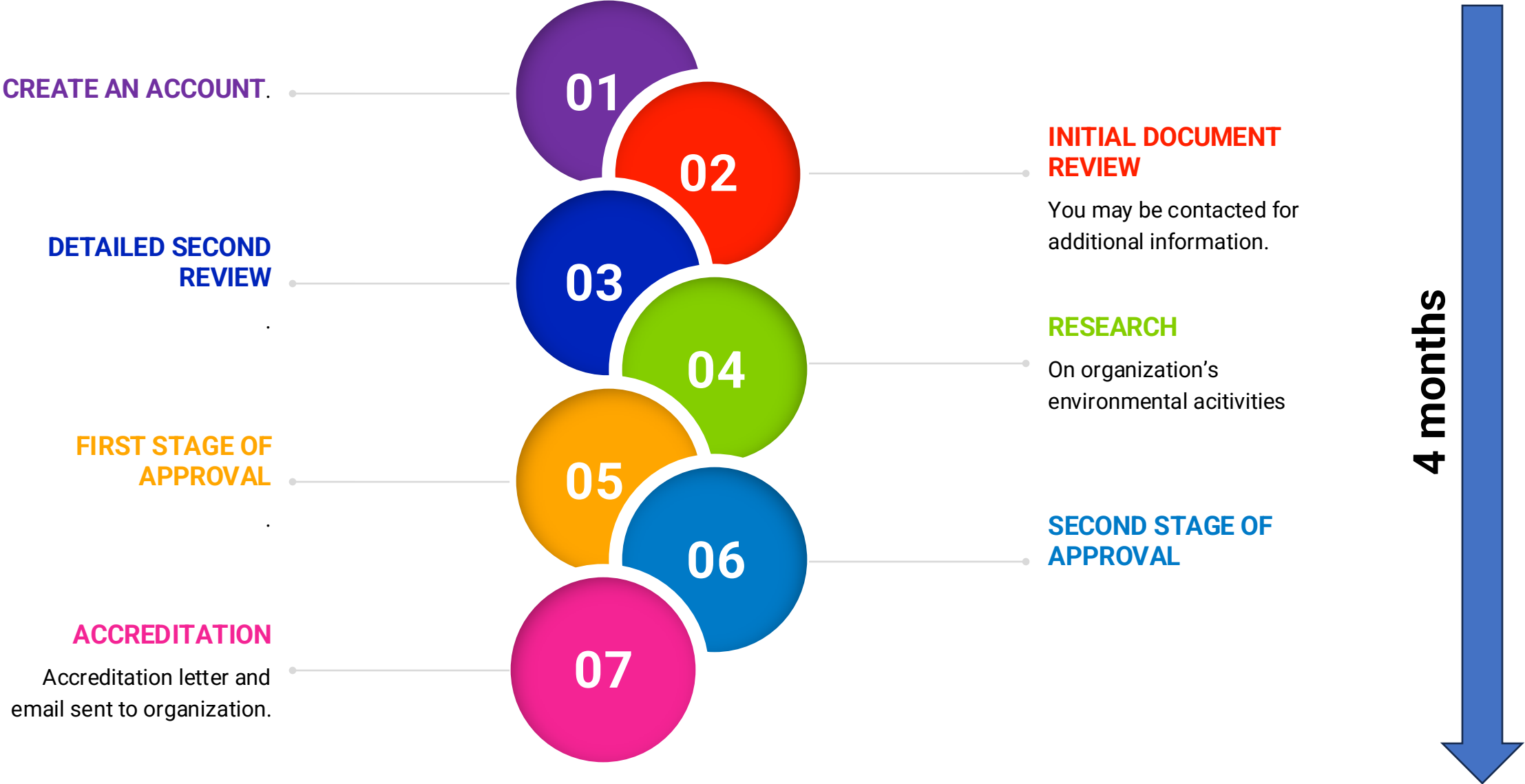
How to send an accreditation application

Go to <https://accreditation.unep.org/Register>

Create an account, and submit the following documents:

- a cover letter
- a certified copy of constitution/charter and/or statutes/by-laws
- an official registration document showing non-governmental status
- a proof of non-profit status
- a proof of engagement in the field of environment
- an account of the international scope of your activities

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More information about UNEP accreditation

- Visit <https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation>
- Or contact us at unep-accreditation@un.org

Thank you



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