

Kick-off Meeting: Introduction to the Global NIP Update II Project (GEF ID 11945 and 12123)

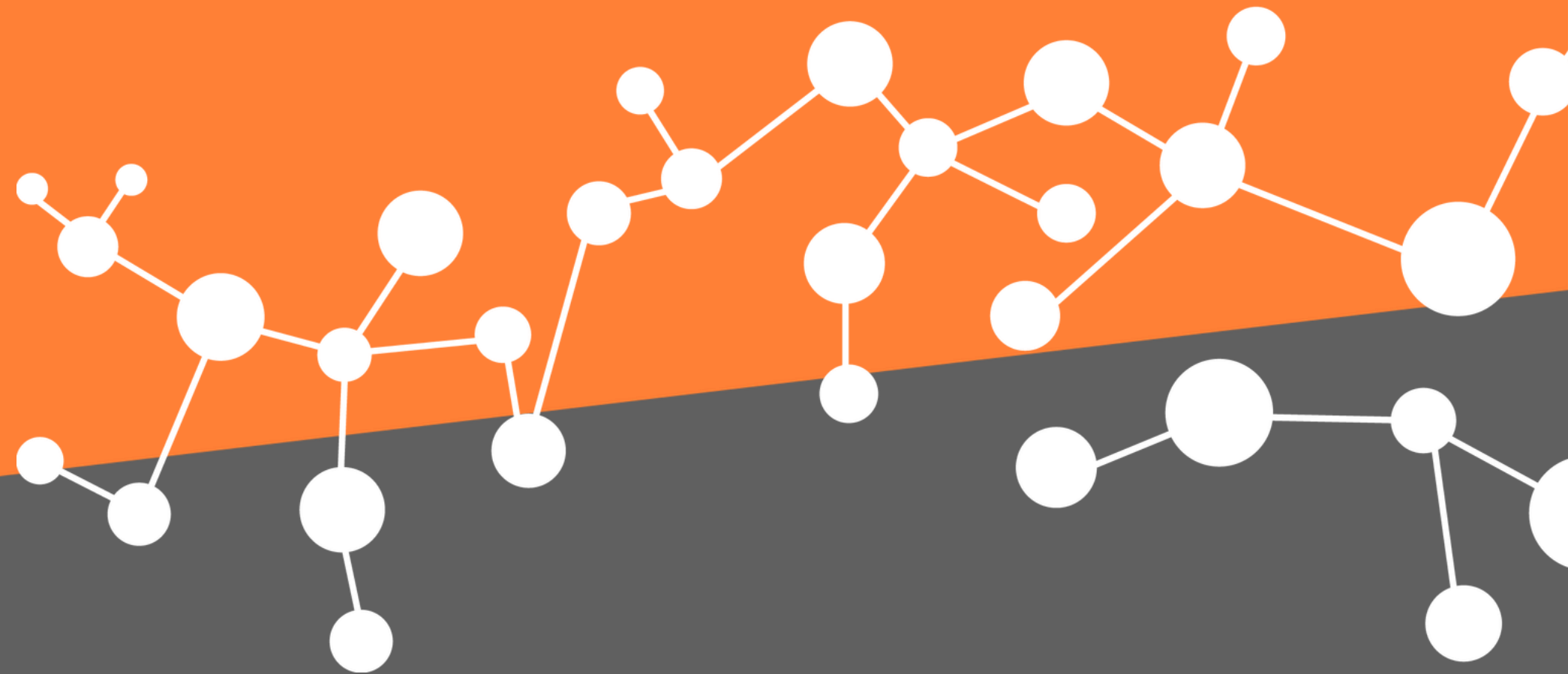
Introduction to BC-SC-RC (Africa Institute) and Lessons Learned from GEF 10785 Project

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Session 1 - 10:00 - 12:00

Session 2 - 16:00 - 18:00



Introduction to BC-SC-RC (Africa Institute)

- **Overview and areas of expertise**
 - The Africa Institute serves as both the Basel Convention and Stockholm Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking countries in the Africa region.
 - Mandate: provide technical assistance, promote the transfer of technology, and build capacity to help Parties in the region implement their obligations under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions.
- **Africa Institute Team**
 - Executive Director: Ms Bianca Dlamini
 - Projects Coordinator: Vincentius Mughongora & Thabo Moraba
 - Assistant Projects Coordinator: Lefulesele Motlomelo
 - Accountant: Daphney Tshipepele
 - Administrator: Neo Masoga
- **Countries covered (for GEF 10785 Project)**
 - Gambia, Kenya, Seychelles, Uganda, Zimbabwe

Experience from the Global NIP Update Project



- **Role of the Regional Centre**
 - Executing Agency for participating African countries under GEF 10785.
 - Continuously Provide technical guidance on NIP review and update processes.
 - Supports national inventories for newly listed POPs.
 - Facilitates national workshops and stakeholder consultations.
 - Reviews and assures quality of draft NIPs before submission Secretariat .
 - Facilitates training, capacity-building and knowledge-sharing activities.
- Acts as a Liaison between national stakeholders and the Implementing Agency (UNEP) to ensure project progress and reporting.

Experience from the Global NIP Update Project



Key achievements

- Strengthened National Capacities: continuously supports countries in the region to review and update their NIPs, moving them closer to compliance with their obligations under Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention.
- Strengthened national capacities for POPs inventories and action planning.
- Improved Stakeholder Engagement
- Promoted Data Management
- Successful NIP Submission

Experience from the Global NIP Update Project



- Main challenges

- Data Collection Difficulties
- Political Support & Endorsement
- Political Instability and Staff Turnover
- Limited Capacity for Implementation
- Delays in stakeholder consultations and government endorsement processes.
- Limited laboratory and analytical capacity.
- Difficulty obtaining information from private sector stakeholders.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations



- One concrete country example from GEF 10785 project

Country Example: Zimbabwe

Challenges Identified

- Incomplete inventories for several newly listed POPs.
- Need for broader PCB sampling and testing.
- Significant amounts of PBDEs contained in electrical and electronic equipment and vehicles.
- Limited laboratory capacity for POPs analysis.

Lessons Learned

- Strong National Coordinating Mechanisms significantly improve project implementation.
- Early stakeholder engagement improves data collection and validation.
- Continuous communication with focal points helps maintain project momentum.
- Regional technical support improves consistency and quality of NIP updates

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

- **Recommendations for the countries**

- Have a dedicated NIPS focal point
- Establish and maintain active national coordination mechanisms.
- Begin data collection activities early.
- Ensure strong involvement of customs, industry, waste management authorities and laboratories.
- Integrate NIP priorities into national development strategies and SDGs.
- Strengthen national chemical data management systems.
- Plan early for NIP implementation and resource mobilization.

- **Opportunities for collaboration or available support**

- Regional Knowledge Sharing
- BRS Secretariat Partnership
- Training on POPs inventories and Stockholm Convention obligations.
- Access to regional expertise and networks.