

Global NIP Update Round table

“Developing and updating National Implementation Plans. Challenges and good practices”, June 5, 2024, 14:00 –15:00 CEST, GMT 2

This is the fourth event in the series of webinars to be held by Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) within the framework of Component 4 (Knowledge management and information sharing) to share challenges, lessons learned and good practices during development, review and update of National Implementation Plans by Executing Agencies under GEF project ID 10875 – hereinafter Global NIP Update Project.

Introduction

The Stockholm Convention (SC) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from chemicals that remain intact in the environment for long periods, become widely distributed geographically, and have harmful impacts on human health and environment.

In accordance with Article 7, Parties to the SC are required to prepare a National Implementation Plan (NIP) explaining how they are going to implement the obligations under the Convention and make efforts to put such a plan into operation. NIP is a dynamic document to be reviewed periodically and updated to address the newly listed chemicals following the successive SC meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP). The NIP and the National Reports submitted by the Parties to the Stockholm Convention are key data sources for evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention and for informing policy and decision-makers at the national level to strengthen the actions towards a POPs-free planet.

Following the addition of new chemicals to Annexes of the Convention, Parties have expressed the need for assistance in the review and update process, particularly in addressing newly listed POPs that are widely used for industrial purposes and are contained in products and articles.

The Global NIP Update project aims to reduce dependency on external expertise and resources to develop and update NIPs by strengthening participating countries' political environments and technical capacities. While UNEP Knowledge and Risk Unit is working towards developing the necessary knowledge under Components 1 and 2, the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership executes Component 4 of the project on Knowledge management and information sharing. Knowledge sharing shall be conducive to improvement in NIP development, update, and implementation processes. In addition to Global Components 1, 2, and 4, Component 3 of the project led by Stockholm and Basel Convention Regional Centers focuses on the reviewing and updating of NIPs and related national activities.

As a part of knowledge-sharing activities, this capacity-building round table aims to convene the six regional executing agencies of the project, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. Executing agencies play a vital role in implementing Component 3 of the project, which focus on assisting parties of the Stockholm Convention in developing and updating their National Implementation Plans (NIPs) on national level. The session will provide a platform for agencies and national experts to share insights, challenges, and innovative approaches gleaned from their experiences both on regional and country levels. Discussions will highlight using of the integrated electronic toolkit developed under GEF 9884 to improve the NIP update process.

Format

GGKP will host the event virtually through an online Zoom platform. It will feature presentations from executing agencies of the project and international experts followed by Q&A. Presentation materials and resources, together with recorded video of the event, will be made available for participants through the [knowledge platform](#) and [community of practice](#) on Green Forum.

Objectives

- 1. *Knowledge Sharing:*** Facilitate the sharing of lessons learned, challenges encountered, and new knowledge acquired by regional executing agencies throughout the project implementation process. Introduce the benefits of the Integrated Electronic Toolkit.
- 2. *Collaborative Problem-Solving:*** Foster collaboration among agencies to address common challenges and identify best practices for effective NIP development and implementation.
- 3. *Alignment with Current and Future Initiatives:*** Discuss upcoming events organized by regional agencies and GGKP to advance the goals of the Stockholm Convention.

Target audience

- Representatives of Regional Executing Agencies and relevant stakeholders.
- Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points and National Focal Points, including those from project countries.
- Members of NIP National Coordinating Mechanism/ Committees and Project Coordination Units/Thematic Task Groups.
- National officials and experts involved in the process of reviewing and updating the NIPs.

Date and time:

5 June 2024, 14:00 – 15:00 CEST (GMT +2)

Registration link :

<https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/ZQK>

Agenda

14:00	1. Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Ms. Anastasiya Buchok, Senior Project Assistant, GGKP</i>
14:05	2. Understanding the process of NIP development on a national level. Challenges and lessons learned. <i>Ms. Gabriela Medina, Director of the BCCC–SCRC Uruguay</i> <i>Mr. Vincentius Mughongora, Assistant Project Coordinator, Africa Institute</i>
14:15	3. Sharing good practices. Existing and former experience. <i>Ms. Maurissa Charles, Project Coordinator, BCRC Caribbean</i>
14:30	4. Process-oriented approach to review, development, and update of National Implementation Plans. The perspective of international experts. <i>Mr. Roland Weber – POPs Environmental Consulting</i>
14:45	5. Introduction to the Integrated Electronic Toolkit <i>Ms. Mihaela Claudia Paun, Programme Management Officer, UNEP</i>
15:00	Q&A session and closing remarks

The event will be held in English. Records of the event will be made available online in English. Summaries of the event will be communicated to a broader audience in English, French, Spanish and Russian languages.

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