

***Round table event: “National Coordination Mechanisms for Robust NIP Implementation”***

Organized under the GEF 10785 Global NIP Update Project

November 13, 2025| 11:00 –12:20 CET, GMT+1

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**Introduction**

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) seeks to safeguard human health and the environment from the adverse effects of POPs. Under the Convention, Parties are required to take measures to eliminate or reduce the release of POPs into the environment. To this end, each Party must develop a National Implementation Plan (NIP) outlining how it will meet its obligations. The Convention further calls on Parties to periodically review and update their NIPs, particularly when new chemicals are listed or when national circumstances evolve.

In addition, Parties are required to report to the Conference of the Parties (COP) on the measures taken to implement the Convention and on their effectiveness in achieving its objectives.

The objective of this round table is to discuss the role of National Coordination Mechanisms (NCMs) in the NIP review and update process. The session will provide guidance on establishing or strengthening a national coordination mechanism that supports the NIP throughout its full cycle—from preparation and consultation, through review and endorsement, to submission and reporting. This round table will also discuss how NCMs can be leveraged to boost NIP update and implementation.

In sharing national experiences, countries are invited to briefly describe how their National Coordination Mechanism (NCM) was established and operationalized throughout the NIP review and update process. This includes outlining the modality through which the mechanism was formed. Countries are further encouraged to identify the institutions represented within the mechanism and to share how roles and responsibilities were distributed. This helps to illustrate how the mechanism ensured cross-sectoral collaboration and facilitated access to data and expertise.

We also invite countries to reflect on how the NCM was leveraged during the

different phases of the NIP review and update, including inventory development, stakeholder consultations, decision-making, drafting, national validation, and endorsement processes. Highlighting where the mechanism proved particularly useful—whether in fostering ownership, ensuring technical accuracy, or accelerating administrative procedures—can provide valuable insights for others.

Finally, during this round table countries are encouraged to share lessons learned and recommendations, including both challenges faced and good practices that strengthened coordination. These reflections will support other Parties in identifying practical approaches to institutionalize effective coordination and ensure sustained capacity for ongoing NIP implementation and reporting under the Convention.

This event is organized by the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) under Output 4.3 of the GEF-funded and UNEP-led Global NIP Update project (GEF ID 10785).

### **Format**

The virtual round table will comprise of two parts (i) introduction of new knowledge resources (ii) knowledge and experience sharing by project countries.

Questions will be addressed in the end of the sessions, and those not addressed during the event will be followed up afterwards, including through the NIP group on the Green Forum.

The event will be conducted in English, with simultaneous interpretation into French, and Russian provided.

### **Objectives**

The round table will:

1. Present project's guidance on for "Setting a National Mechanism for NIP Review and Update, and Reporting"
2. To strengthen Parties' capacity to establish and sustain effective National Coordination Mechanisms (NCMs) for the review, update, endorsement, and reporting of National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

under the Stockholm Convention

3. Facilitate the exchange of practical experiences on setting and leveraging NCMs for NIP update and implementation, identifying good practices, and drawing lessons learned from diverse national contexts.

### **Target audience**

The round table is intended for:

- National Focal Points and technical experts involved in NIP development and implementation.
- Representatives of Stockholm and Basel Convention Regional Centres.
- Members of National Coordination Mechanisms.
- UNEP, BRS Secretariat, and other GEF-supported project teams working on chemicals and waste.

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### **Speakers**

- Ms. Mihaela Claudia Paun (Officer-in-Charge, Head of Knowledge and Risk Unit, UNEP)
- Open for nominations from the project countries and regional centers

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