

Round table event: *“Embedding POPs Data Management: Information Systems at National and Regional Levels”*

Organized under the GEF 10785 Global NIP Update Project

October 28, 2025 | 15:00 –16:30 CET, GMT+1

Register here: <https://bit.ly/POPsDATA>

Introduction

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are hazardous chemicals that remain in the environment for long periods, accumulate in living organisms, and pose risks to human health and ecosystems. Under the Stockholm Convention, countries are required to take measures to reduce and eliminate the production, use, and release of POPs. Reliable, accessible, and interoperable data systems are essential to track progress, strengthen evidence-based policymaking, and inform the development and update of National Implementation Plans (NIPs).

In support of this goal, under GEF 10785 Global NIP Update project, UNEP’s Knowledge and Risk Unit (KRU) has developed the [Guidance on Key Features for Establishing a Data Management Hub at Stockholm Convention Regional Centres](#), which outlines the foundational elements of an effective POPs data management infrastructure. The guidance promotes the creation of regional hubs capable of storing, analyzing, and sharing POPs-related data across countries to enhance transparency, comparability, and collaboration. This guidance will be presented during the round table together with the [Strategy for National Adoption on Medium- and Long-term Strengthening of the Data Management Systems on Persistent Organic Pollutants](#) developed by UNEP’s Knowledge and Risk Unit (KRU) for the same project.

Several Regional Centres have already made solid steps in developing such systems. During this round table event, BCRC–Caribbean will demonstrate the established the POPs–RIS platform — a regional information system for POPs — while the RECETOX Centre in the Czech Republic will showcase the Global Monitoring Plan (GMP) Data Warehouse for POPs monitoring as a global repository. In addition, RECETOX will showcase its Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) and demonstrate both databases through the GENASIS system, showcasing their functionalities and potential applications for national and regional use in POPs data management and reporting.

This round table aims to bring together these experiences to discuss how data management systems can be further embedded at national and regional levels—what data should be collected, how it can be shared, and how it can inform both NIP development and policy decision-making in the future.

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 three parts: (i) introduction of new knowledge resources (ii) Presentations of existing solutions by regional centers (iii) Q&A and time for country interventions.

Questions 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, Spanish, and Russian provided.

Objectives

The round table will:

1. Present project's guidance on key features for establishing regional POPs data management hubs. Present project's strategy for national adoption on medium- and long-term strengthening of the data management systems on POPs.
2. Exchange progress and experiences among regional centres and countries on existing POPs data systems, including demonstrations of current platforms such as POPs-RIS (BCRC-Caribbean) and RECETOX databases.
3. Discuss the nature of POPs data—what types of data are collected, which can be disclosed publicly, and how confidentiality concerns, including those linked to third-party industrial data, can be addressed.
4. Discuss the importance of data in supporting future NIP updates, regional reporting, and evidence-based policymaking for POPs management.

5. Identify opportunities for collaboration among regional centres, UNEP, and countries to enhance the interoperability and long-term sustainability of POPs data management systems.

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.
- Policymakers and data managers from relevant ministries and environmental agencies.
- Researchers and partners engaged in POPs monitoring, reporting, and information management.
- UNEP, BRS Secretariat, and other GEF-supported project teams working on chemicals and waste data systems.

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Speakers

- Ms. Carla Valle-Klan (Programme Management Officer, BRS Secretariat/UNEP)
 - Ms. Mihaela Claudia Paun (Programme Management Officer, UNEP, KRU)
 - Ms. Kateřina Šebková (Director, RECETOX)
 - Ms. Dana Lewis (Project Execution Officer II, BCRC Caribbean)
- Moderator: Ms. Anastasiya Buchok (GGKP)

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