

Global NIP Update, Regional Round Table

“National Implementation Plans: Research Needs and Opportunities in Asia”, June 17, 08:00 –11:00 AM CEST, GMT +2

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Introduction

National Implementation Plans (NIPs) are essential tools for the Parties to meet their obligations under the Stockholm Convention and to manage Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in a strategic, informed, and forward-looking way. While NIP development includes technical components, its full potential can only be realized when it is closely connected to the broader national and regional research and technical landscape.

In practice, however, NIP processes are often disconnected from the wealth of scientific knowledge, research capacity, and technical expertise available across countries and regions—and in many cases, countries lack the necessary analytical infrastructure to identify and monitor POPs effectively.

This round table, organized by Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) under the GEF-funded and UNEP-led GEF ID 10785 Global NIP Update project, will bring together Parties of Convention from Asia, leading POPs researchers, Stockholm Convention regional centres, and advanced laboratories with experience working across the region. The event will offer a platform to share perspectives on national research needs, showcase regional and international technical capacities, and identify practical opportunities to foster collaboration across Asia and internationally. The aim is to strengthen the science-policy collaboration in NIP development and implementation—ensuring that existing technical and institutional knowledge effectively informs national planning processes and opportunities to broaden collaboration.

Format

This interactive roundtable will take place virtually via Zoom. The session will feature speakers who will share their work in POPs research and/or reflect on research needs across the region. Following the event, a full recording, presentation slides, and key takeaways will be made available on GGKP's

knowledge platform. Selected highlights may also be featured as blog posts and shared with the broader community via the GEF 10785 project website and the Green Forum platform, ensuring continued access to insights and practices discussed during the round table.

Objectives

- Promote stronger integration between NIP development and the research and technical community, including regional centres and laboratories.
- Showcase relevant POPs-related research and monitoring work carried out in Asia and its value for shaping informed policy responses.
- Identify country-specific research needs and technical gaps that hinder the development and implementation of effective NIPs.
- Encourage partnerships between national authorities, research institutions, SC regional centres, and laboratories to support sustained, evidence-based chemicals management.
- Facilitate regional dialogue and knowledge exchange to advance collaborative approaches for addressing shared POPs challenges.

Target audience

- Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points and National Focal Points particularly from project countries
- National officials and experts involved in the process of reviewing and updating the NIPs
- POPs researchers, academics, think tanks, laboratories etc.
- Practitioners working on POPs inventory and management
- Representatives of regional centers
- Members of NIP National Coordinating Mechanism/ Committees and Project Coordination Units/Thematic Task Groups

Date and time

June 17, 2025, 08:00 – 11:00 AM CEST (GMT +2)*

*Time of the round table can be extended depending on the Q&A and discussion.

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Speakers

- Mr. Victor Hugo Estellano Schulze, Programme Management Analyst, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
- Professor. Jana Klanova, SCRC RECETOX, Czech Republic;
- Dr. Ramesh Kumar; Principal Scientist National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) Nagpur, India
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- Mr. Anton Purnomo, Director, Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre for Southeast Asia, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Researcher, National Indonesia Institute, Indonesia (TBC)
- Dr. Enkhтуул Surenjav, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
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- Ms. Yuyun Ismawati, International Pollutant Elimination Network, (IPEN) and Nexus3 Foundation, London, United Kingdom
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- Professor Tu Binh Minh; Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam
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- Dr. Nudjarin Ramungul; National Metal and Materials Technology Center, Thailand
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- Professor Gan Zhang; Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry (GIG) of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China;
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- Dr. Sun Yang Zhao; Director, Scientific Research Academy of Guangxi Environmental Protection
- Professor Jun Huang; Tsinghua University; China;
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- Dr. Yasuyuki Shibata, Emeritus Researcher, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan

The event will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation to French, Spanish and Russian shall be provided.

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