

Global NIP Update, Regional Workshop – Latin America and Caribbean “Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit. NIP Harmonized Template and Online Submission”

July 24, 15:00 –17:00 PM CEST, GMT +2

[Register here](#)

Introduction

National Implementation Plans (NIPs) are critical instruments for Parties to the Stockholm Convention to fulfil their obligations and manage Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in a strategic, coordinated, and forward-looking manner. As countries participating in the GEF 10785 project actively develop their POPs inventories and draft NIP chapters, the project encourages the use of the [Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit](#) for NIP preparation and submission. The Toolkit was developed by UNEP in response to decisions SC-8/8, SC-8/17, SC-9/9, and SC-9/16 of the Conference of the Parties, with support from a GEF medium-sized project ([GEF ID 9884](#)). It is currently administered and updated by the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to facilitate the development, transmission, and use of data contained in NIPs and national reports.

Previously and currently, Parties are developing and updating their NIPs using their own formats following the same structure. The Toolkit now provides a harmonized, tabular template to support consistency and comparability across submissions by a Party. While its use is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended, as it offers functionalities to store and access previous NIP versions. One NIP is submitted via the toolkit, it enables countries to update only relevant sections in subsequent cycles—enhancing efficiency, data continuity and comparability.

This workshop, organized by Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) under the GEF-funded and UNEP-led GEF ID 10785 Global NIP Update project, is intended to bring project countries from Latin America and Caribbean and will be repeated for countries in Africa, Europe and Asia. However, participation is still open to other countries that would like to learn more about the toolkit.

While the Stockholm Convention encourages Parties to use the online format for submitting their National Implementation Plans (NIPs) via the integrated electronic toolkit, this shift can pose significant challenges for some countries. Countries that treat the NIP as a formal national policy document—requiring multiple signatures, formal endorsement, and submission through government protocols—may face legal or procedural barriers to adopting an online-only approach.

In such cases, the lack of a signed physical document may prevent the formal recognition or approval of the updated NIP at the national level. As a result, some countries may refrain from making use of the integrated electronic toolkit.

To address this, the workshop could also:

- *Encourage hybrid approaches (upload and formal cover letter);*
- *Facilitate dialogue on how digital and legal workflows can be harmonized.*

Format

This virtual workshop will provide Parties with a hands-on introduction to the Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit. The session will begin with a live demonstration, showcasing key features and practical steps for using the toolkit to develop, revise, and submit National Implementation Plans (NIPs).

After the demonstration, participants will be invited to engage in an interactive discussion. The floor will be open for Parties to:

1. Share their current NIP formats or templates in use.
2. Provide feedback on the standardized tabular template introduced within the Toolkit.
3. Raise any questions or technical concerns regarding access, use, or customization of the toolkit.

Participants are kindly requested to review (1) the NIP template available in the Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit, and (2) the toolkit's backend interface, in preparation for a more constructive and interactive engagement during the workshop.

It is kindly required that Parties check their credentials to access the toolkit. For questions please kindly contact Ms. Carla Valle-Klann at carla.valle@un.org

Objectives

- To familiarize Parties with the functionality of the Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit, including navigation, user interface, and available features for NIP development and submission.
- To introduce the standardized National Implementation Plan (NIP) template embedded within the toolkit, highlighting its structure, tabular format, and harmonization purpose with Article 15 reporting.
- To gather practical feedback from Parties on their experiences using the toolkit and new template, and identify challenges, usability concerns, or gaps that could inform future improvements.

Target audience

- Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points, National Focal Points, National Assistants particularly from project countries
- National officials and experts involved in the process of reviewing, updating and drafting the NIPs
- Practitioners and experts supporting NIP Update process in the country
- Representatives of regional centers
- Members of NIP National Coordinating Mechanism/ Committees and Project Coordination Units/Thematic Task Groups

Date and time

June 24, 2025, 15:00 – 17:00 PM CEST (GMT +2) *

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

[Register here](#)

Speakers

- Ms. Mihaela Claudia Paun, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Knowledge and Risk Unit (KRU).

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

Contacts

Ms. Anastasiya Buchok

Senior Project Associate, GGKP, Global NIP Update

email: anastasiya.buchok@ggkp.org