

Activity Options for Action Plans on Cross-Cutting Issues of Specific Stockholm Convention Articles | Global Webinar

24 February 2026, 14:00 – 16:00 CET, GMT +1

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Introduction

This webinar is part of the training activities delivered by the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) under Component 4 (Knowledge Management and Information Sharing) of the GEF-funded, UNEP-led Project ID 10785, “Global Development, Review and Update of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)”—hereinafter referred to as the Global NIP Update Project.

Developing action plans for POPs is essential for managing and phasing out these substances, avoiding regrettable alternatives, and meeting core obligations under the Stockholm Convention, including Article 15 reporting. Effective action plans provide the basis for sound POPs management by guiding exposure reduction, informing regulatory control, addressing national priorities outlined in the NIP, and supporting the preparation of elimination projects. They should also align with broader national chemical and waste management priorities, contributing to a coherent and integrated approach. For this reason, action plans must be well-developed, technically robust, and reviewed by relevant ministries and stakeholder groups.

This webinar is the fourth and final session in the action plan webinar series. It complements the previous three webinars on individual POP groups¹ by introducing activity options for action plans on cross-cutting issues linked to specific Stockholm Convention articles.

The [Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants](#) includes recommended action plans and strategies. This webinar introduces cross-cutting action plans on institutional and regulatory strengthening, measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use, and the

¹ [Activity Options for Action Plans on the Management and Elimination of PCBs and POP Pesticides](#)
[Activity Options for Action Plans on the Reduction of uPOPs and Management of PFASs](#)
[Activity Options for Action Plans for Brominated, Chlorinated and Other New POPs](#)

identification and management of stockpiles and waste. It also introduces activity options related to the listing of exemptions, public awareness, information and education, and contaminated sites.

The webinar will also provide insight into awareness-raising materials and activities from the International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN), which can support and strengthen national awareness-raising components on POPs.

Finally, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will introduce the new report *"Strengthening Chemicals and Waste Management through Sectoral Approaches: Interlinkages between Stockholm Convention NIPs, Other International Conventions and the Global Framework on Chemicals"*.

Format

The webinar will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. Presentations will be delivered by Dr. Roland Weber, an international expert in the field of POPs inventories and management; Ms. Mihaela Claudia Paun, Programme Management Officer in the Agrifood and Health Unit at UNEP's Chemicals and Health Branch; and Dr. Therese Karlsson and Gohar Khojayan from IPEN. These presentations will be followed by interactive Q&A sessions, providing space for discussion, knowledge-sharing and peer learning. Following the event, the materials and resources presented during the webinar, together with the recorded videos of the webinar will be made available for participants after the event through GGKP's [knowledge platform](#).

Objectives

- To introduce activity options for action plans on cross-cutting issues related to specific Stockholm Convention articles, complementing the previous three action plan webinars on individual POP groups.
- To introduce cross-cutting action plans on institutional and regulatory strengthening; measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use; identification and management of stockpiles and waste; specific exemptions; public awareness, information and education; and contaminated sites.
- To provide insight into IPEN's awareness-raising materials and activities on POPs and other pollutants, which can support NIP action

plans and related efforts, including a case study from Armenia.

- To introduce the report *“Strengthening Chemicals and Waste Management through Sectoral Approaches: Interlinkages between Stockholm Convention NIPs, Other International Conventions and the Global Framework on Chemicals”*.

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
- Members of the National Statistical Office and similar institutions
- Practitioners working on POPs inventory and management
- Members of NIP National Coordinating Mechanism/Committees and Project Coordination Units/Thematic Task Groups
- Representatives of Regional Centers and relevant stakeholders

Date and time

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Registration

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Agenda

(please note that the indicated time is CET)

| TIME (CET) | Description | Speaker |
|---------------|--|---|
| 14:00 | Welcome and opening remarks | Moderator: Dr. Fabienne Pierre (GGKP/UNEP) |
| 14:05 | Activity Options for Action Plans on Cross-Cutting Issues of Specific Stockholm Convention Articles – Part 1 | Dr. Roland Weber (POPs Environmental Consulting) |
| 14:45 | Awareness Raising on POPs and Other Pollutants with a Global Network Supporting NIP Action Plans and Beyond | Dr. Therese Karlsson and Ms. Gohar Khojayan (IPEN) |
| 15:10 | Activity Options for Action Plans on Cross-Cutting Issues of Specific Stockholm Convention Articles – Part 2 | Dr. Roland Weber |

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| 15:25 | Strengthening Chemicals and Waste Management through Sectoral Approaches: Interlinkages between Stockholm Convention NIPs, Other International Conventions and the Global Framework on Chemicals | Ms. Mihaela Paun (UNEP) |
| 15:40 | Q&A session | All |
| 15:55 | Closing remarks | |

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

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