Global NIP Update Workshop

"Outreach and Engagement with Major Stakeholder groups for Developing National Implementation Plans.", August 16, 2024 at 13:00 -14:05 CEST, GMT+2

Registration: link

This is the first event in the series of workshops held by the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) within the framework of Component 4 (Knowledge management and information sharing) to provide assistance in developing country's strategy on outreach and information dissemination as part of their efforts to update the National Implementation Plans and meeting their obligations under the Stockholm Convention

Introduction

Structure of NIPs provides the need for a detailed POPs inventory, which serves a prerequisite to an action plan and is a compilation of information on past and present production and uses of a chemical listed in the Stockholm Convention on POPs in the country. As many POPs are used in the manufacture of products/articles which may have a long service-life, a comprehensive inventory should also estimate the amount of POP in the products/articles in the country (e.g. in buildings or used by consumers) along the whole life cycle, thus contributing to the provisions of Article 6 of the Convention on management of waste.

Preparing an inventory that gives a full picture of a POP use in a country requires use of various sources and data collection methods, whereas data collection exercise assumes efficient outreach to relevant groups of different stakeholders, their cooperation and involvement in the inventory process, as well as further consistent communication with the government bodies within the framework of Stockholm Convention.

There is a need for tools to support Parties in conducting outreach and consultation with stakeholders, especially the private sector as users of POPs, to ensure their participation in the management of POPs. Provision of specific guidance and assistance for dissemination, outreach, and private sector engagement, as well as a compilation of examples of knowledge management and information–sharing strategies for regional and national priorities, are of great importance. This workshop is aimed at providing inputs to the aforementioned guidance provision.

Format

The workshop will be conducted virtually through an online Zoom platform. It will consist of five short sessions mainly for interactive discussions with prepared list of questions and knowledge-sharing opportunities. The workshop discussion will feed into the strategy document compiled by the GGKP that can be customized by Parties. Workshop materials and resources, together with recorded videos of the webinar will be made available for participants to access and refer to after the event through the knowledge platform and the NIPs community space.

Objectives

- Consultation with the project countries: receive inputs from country's perspectives and gather information relevant to their national context in terms of mapping and facilitating engagement with stakeholders to get involved for accurate data collection and development of NIPs.
- 2. Baseline assessment and improvement: review and assess how the current state of outreach and information dissemination for POPs can be enhanced to help countries and regions comply with their obligations under Stockholm Convention, with a particular focus on innovative and enhanced means of implementation as well as building and enhancing human capacities.
- 3. Knowledge sharing: Facilitate the sharing of lessons learned, challenges encountered, and good practices in outreach and information dissemination acquired by countries and regional executing agencies throughout the project implementation process.

Target audience

- Representatives of Regional Centers and relevant stakeholders.
- Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points and National Focal Points, particularly those from project countries.
- Members of NIP National Coordinating Mechanism/ Committees and Project Coordination Units/Thematic Task Groups.
- National officials and experts involved in the process of reviewing and updating the NIPs.
- This event shall be conducted in the convenient time zone of the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote

d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Malawi, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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Agenda

13:00-13:05	Welcome and Opening Remarks
	Moderator. Ms. Anastasiya Buchok, Component 4, GGKP
13:05-13:10	Introduction to the outreach and stakeholder engagement in NIPs Update
	Presenter. Ms. Stephani Widorini, Component 4, GGKP
13:10-13:20	 Setting the background and context of conducting outreach and consultation with stakeholders (3 questions to be discussed in this session) How important is the stakeholder engagement and outreach strategy to help support NIPs update? What are the common challenges and barriers facing the national governments in their outreach and dissemination efforts for the review and update of NIPs? (Note: This can be explained as a general overview or step-by-step challenges) What are the currently existing or (if currently doesn't exist yet) proposed modalities or methods to communicate and interact with the relevant stakeholders? (Note: This can include the process, specific tools, methodology or approach or can be shared as a narration – including the planning, process, who is in charge (ministry) and who are involved.)
13:20-13:30	 2. Understanding the engagement level of NIP development on national level. Challenges and lessons learned (2 questions to be discussed in this session) 1. What is the current state of the stakeholder engagement or input the process of NIPs inventory, development and implementation? (Note: This can be shared by mentioning if there is any effort to involve stakeholders outside the government and how.) 2. What can be seen by the national government as the drivers for change to get the appropriate level of the stakeholder inputs?
13:30-13:40	3. Who are the stakeholder required in the process (2 questions to be discussed in this session)

	 Who are the stakeholders you would expect to participate in the process? In the sense of addressing public awareness - What is the current state of creating public awareness in POPs; challenges and requirements to implement Article 7?
13:40-13:50	 4. How will we achieve our core objectives in outreach and information dissemination (3 questions to be discussed in this session) 1. What are the required communication and outreach tools that may help support the national government in stakeholder engagement efforts? 2. How can the national government determine that there has been sufficient level of support and inputs from the stakeholders in NIPs update? 3. What is their opinion on using the industry sector-based approach, i.e. transportation, building construction, and electronic in guiding the strategy?
13:50-14:00	5. Sharing good practices: Existing and previous experiences Do you have a good practice example in stakeholder engagement implemented in your country that encourage an active involvement an input for the NIPs update?
14:00-14:05	Q&A session
14:05	Closing remarks

The event will be held in English with consecutive interpretation in French. Records of the workshop shall be made available online in English.

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