

## **Activity Options for Action Plans on the Reduction of uPOPs and Management of PFASs | Global Webinar**

20 January 2026, 14:00 –16:30 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.

As part of our ongoing knowledge-sharing initiatives, this webinar will introduce to the action plan options for managing unintentional POPs (uPOPs) and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) listed as POPs.

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.

The webinar will introduce the integrated approach for reducing and eliminating uPOPs, including the integrated pollution prevention and control approach of Best Available Technique (BAT) and Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for major Annex C Part II and III sources. It will also provide an overview of activity options for managing and phasing out of POP-PFAS towards an overall control of all PFAS, considering synergies with the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) and related issues of concern.

## 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, and by Professor Harald Schönberger, an expert on BAT/BEP from the University Stuttgart. 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 through GGKP's [knowledge platform](#).

## Objectives

- To introduce aspects of the integrated approach to POPs management, with an emphasis on polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin and dibenzofurans (PCDD/PCDF) and other unintentional POPs.
- To provide an overview of activity options for reducing and eliminating PCDD/PCDF and other unintentional POPs.
- To introduce the integrated pollution prevention and control approach of the European BAT Reference Documents.
- To provide an overview of activity options for managing PFASs listed as POPs and addressing legacies from past PFAS use.
- To introduce broader approaches to substitute the group of PFASs avoiding regrettable alternatives.

## 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.

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## Agenda

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TIME (CET)	Description	Speaker
14:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Moderator: Ms. Janalezza Thuaud (GGKP, UNEP) Opening remarks: Ms. Carla Valle-Klann (BRS Secretariat)
14:05	Some basic considerations on action plan development and integrated approach	Dr. Roland Weber (POPs Environmental Consulting)
14:30	Action Plan Options for Reduction and Elimination of Unintentional POPs (Article 5) and Considerations for an Integrated Approach	
15:15	From BAT/BEP for Unintentional POP Reduction to Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control of Pollutants to Tackle the Triple Planetary Crises	Prof. Harald Schönberger (Stuttgart University)
15:45	Options for Action Plan Activities to Control, Manage and Phase out of PFOS, PFOA, PFHxS and Related Compounds and Synergies with the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC)	Dr. Roland Weber
16:15	Q&A session	All
16:30	Closing remarks	

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

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