

Global NIP Update Webinar

“What is National Implementation Plan (NIP)?” – Part 1

This is the first webinar in the series of training activities to be held by the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) within the framework of Component 4 (Knowledge management and information sharing) to share the knowledge developed under Components 1 and 2 of the GEF project ID 10875 entitled “Global Development, Review and Update of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) under the Stockholm Convention (SC) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)” – hereinafter Global NIP Update Project.

Introduction

The Stockholm Convention (SC) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from chemicals that remain intact in the environment for long periods, become widely distributed geographically, and have harmful impacts on human health and on the environment.

In accordance with Article 7, Parties to the SC are required to prepare a National Implementation Plan (NIP) explaining how they are going to implement the obligations under the Convention and make efforts to put such a plan into operation. NIP is a dynamic document to be reviewed periodically and updated to address the newly listed chemicals following the successive SC meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP). The NIP together with the National Reports submitted by the Parties to the Stockholm Convention are key data sources for evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention and for informing policy and decision-makers at the national level to strengthen the actions towards a POPs-free planet.

Following the addition of new chemicals to Annexes of the SC, Parties have expressed the need for assistance in the process of review and update, particularly in addressing newly listed POPs that are widely used for industrial purposes and are contained in products and articles.

The Global NIP Update project aims to reduce dependency on external expertise and resources to develop NIP and NIP updates by strengthening the political environment and technical capacities of participating countries. While UNEP Knowledge and Risk Unit is working towards developing the necessary knowledge under Components 1 and 2, the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership is executing Component 4 of the project on knowledge management and information sharing. Knowledge sharing shall be conducive to improvement in NIP development, update, and implementation processes. In addition to Global Components, 1, 2, and 4; Component 3 of the project

led by Stockholm and Basel Convention Regional Centers is focusing on the review and update of NIP and related national activities.

As a part of knowledge-sharing activities, this webinar will provide Parties with the opportunity to share ideas on the importance of NIP, its role on the national level, the structure of the plan and the types of information to be reflected.

Objectives

- To foster participants' understanding of the scope of the obligations to update and review their NIPs under Article 7 of the Convention considering new POPs;
- To increase participants' awareness of the role of NIP on the national level;
- To increase participants' understanding of the structure of NIP and the scope/types of information to be reflected in its chapters.

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 NIP National Coordinating Mechanism/ Committees and Project Coordination Units/Thematic Task Groups;
- Representatives of Regional Centers and relevant stakeholders.

Date and time

A webinar shall be conducted once on April 26th, 2023, at 12:00 PM CEST. The event will be recorded and shared throughout the knowledge hub and NIP Update Group on Green Forum.

Considering various time zones, webinars shall be organized in different time zones in turns, whereas one webinar shall cover the majority of the countries in one time zone, the following webinar shall be conducted in that time zone to cover the remaining countries.

Tentative agenda (April 26, 12:00 CEST, GMT 2) – 90 minutes

Link: [Please register here](#)

12:00 – 13:30 CEST	1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
	<i>Moderator, Ms. Anastasiya Buchok, GGKP</i>
	<i>Speaker, Ms. Melanie Ashton, Component 4 Coordinator, GGKP</i>
	2. Stockholm Convention obligations on NIPs and reporting <i>Speaker, Mr. Suman Sharma, Programme Management Officer, BRS Secretariat</i>
	3. Snapshot of existing knowledge
	<i>Executing Agency</i>
	4. The BASICS of the National Implementation Plan (NIP)
	4.1. Role of the NIP at the national level and different uses of POPs data compiled
	Q&A session
	4.2 NIP structure and information to be reflected in its chapters (both qualitative and quantitative), including inventories to be conducted
	Q&A session
	<i>Speaker, Ms. Mihaela Claudia Paun, Programme Management Officer, UNEP, Chemicals and Health Branch, Components 1 and 2</i>
	5. Experience and lessons learned from previous NIP update
	<i>Discussant. Project country</i>
	Q&A session
	<i>Closing remarks</i>

Interpretation into French, Spanish, and Russian shall be provided. Webinar shall be recorded and made available on the [knowledge platform](#) and [Green Forum](#).

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