

Global NIP Update, Regional Workshop – Europe, Asia and Africa “Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit. NIP Harmonized Template and Online Submission”

October 1, 11:00AM -12:30 PM CEST, GMT +2

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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 Parties were 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. Once 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 Europe, Asia and Africa. However, participation is still open to other countries that would like to learn more about the toolkit.

While the Stockholm Convention encourages Parties to submit their National Implementation Plans (NIPs) online through the integrated electronic toolkit, this approach is not yet mandatory. For some countries, where the NIP is regarded as a formal national policy document requiring signatures, endorsement, and submission through government protocols, reliance on the online format alone may pose challenges. As Parties begin to use and test the toolkit, there is a clear need for practical guidance and an introduction on how the NIP process—often involving multiple stakeholders in development, drafting, and endorsement—can be effectively reflected and accommodated within the toolkit.

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

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

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Speakers

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

Technical support

- Representatives of the BRS Secretariat

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

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