

Global NIP Update Workshop “Article 15 in Practice: National Reporting and ERS Guidance”

2 October 2025, 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM CEST, GMT +2

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Introduction

National reporting under Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention is a fundamental obligation for Parties to demonstrate their progress in implementation and to facilitate the evaluation of the Convention’s overall effectiveness. Parties are required to submit national reports every four years through the [Electronic Reporting System \(ERS\)](#). The deadline for the fifth reporting cycle was 31 August 2022, and the next reporting cycle is approaching in 2026. All [national reports](#) submitted by Parties are publicly available on the Stockholm Convention website.

With the 2026 reporting cycle drawing near, it is timely to refresh Parties’ knowledge of the obligations under Article 15 and of the practical steps for preparing and submitting reports in the ERS. Importantly, some data required for Article 15 reporting overlaps with the data used to develop and update National Implementation Plans (NIPs) under Article 7. Leveraging this overlap allows countries to streamline their reporting processes, reduce administrative burdens and enhance data consistency across their Stockholm Convention obligations.

For countries participating in the GEF 10785 Global NIP Update project continue to develop their persistent organic pollutants (POPs) inventories and updating their NIPs, this workshop provides an opportunity to strengthen capacities, prepare for upcoming reporting cycle, better utilize data from NIPs into national reports, and contribute to efficient implementation of the Convention.

This workshop, organised by Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) under the GEF-funded and UNEP-led GEF ID 10785 Global NIP Update project, aims to:

- Refresh Parties’ knowledge of obligations under Article 15, including requirements for national reporting and the use of the ERS system.

- Highlight synergies between Articles 7 and 15, emphasizing how data collected for NIPs can be utilized in Article 15 national reports to streamline processes.
- Provide a space for peer exchange, enabling countries to share practical experiences, lessons learned, and suggestions related to the preparation and submission of national reports under Article 15.

Format

The workshop will begin with a refresher on Parties' obligations for national reporting under the Stockholm Convention, including the structure and functionalities of the Electronic Reporting System (ERS) and the practical steps for preparing and submitting reports. Building on this, the discussion will highlight the data overlaps between NIP updates and national reporting, exploring opportunities to streamline processes, reduce duplication, and ensure consistency, as well as guidance on integrating reporting and NIP workflows.

The workshop will then provide space for country representatives to share their practical experiences in preparing and submitting Article 15 reports, reflect on challenges and lessons learned, and engage in an open exchange of perspectives, questions, and suggestions for future improvements.

Participants are encouraged to review their former NIP data and upcoming Article 15 submissions in advance to enable constructive discussion.

Target audience

- Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points, National Focal Points, National Assistants particularly from project countries
- National officials and experts involved in NIP development and national reporting
- Practitioners and experts supporting NIP updates and national reporting processes in the country
- Representatives of regional centres
- 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. Lina Fortelius, Program Officer, The Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions
- Ms. Mihaela Claudia Paun, Program Officer, Chemicals and Health Branch, Knowledge and Risk Unit, UNEP

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

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