

**GEF Project ID: 5558: Development and Implementation of a Sustainable Management  
Mechanism for POPs in the Caribbean**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**Regional Training Workshop on the Article 15 reporting requirements under the Stockholm  
Convention (SC)**

**Date: January 28th – 30th 2020, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**

**A) Background**

The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Caribbean Region (BCRC-Caribbean) is currently executing the GEF 5558 project entitled “Development and Implementation of a Sustainable Management Mechanism for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in the Caribbean”. The project aims at building capacity in the region to manage POPs and UPOPs, through institutional strengthening, human resource capacity building and with the installation of infrastructure and management systems in the eight (8) participating countries. Activity 1.2.4 of the project includes the conduction of a training needs assessment and provision of the requisite training to project countries on a regional basis. Training on the Article 15 reporting requirements under the SC was identified as a priority area.

**B) Operational Workshop Details**

- **Subject:** Regional Training Workshop on Stockholm Convention Reporting.
- **Dates and time:** 28-30 January 2020.
- **Venue:** Hilton Trinidad & Conference Centre, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Hosting institution:** Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Caribbean (BCRC-Caribbean).
- **Participants :** The OCP and/or NFP representatives per participating country (or their alternates), BRS Conventions Secretariat, UN Environment Programme/Chemicals and Health Branch, and representatives of the BCRC-Caribbean.
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**C) Workshop objectives**

- Improve the understanding on the reporting obligations and the Electronic Reporting System under the Stockholm Convention.
- Provide a platform for the countries to share success stories and challenges on reporting.
- Increase the understanding on the interlinkages between NIP generated information/data and reporting obligations.
- Conduct practical exercise on information/data compilation and completing the latest version of the Art. 15 reporting format.

**D) Workshop expected outcomes**

During the workshop, participating countries will benefit from the training provided by the UN Environment Programme and Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat on the:

- reporting obligations and formats under the Stockholm Convention;
- Electronic Reporting System (ERS) for Art. 15 reporting;
- interlinkages between NIP generated information/data and reporting obligations.

Participating countries will share their success stories and challenges in respect to the reporting under the Stockholm Convention. Moreover, the participants will work in groups to identify within the NIP relevant data (both qualitative and quantitative) to be reported and will initiate the Art. 15 report completion via ERS demo.

Not least, options to streamline the reporting process at the national level, as well as considerations for next reporting cycle and the concept of the integrated electronic toolkit currently under development, would be shared with the participating countries.

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