

Outputs Validation Workshop and third Steering Committee Meeting of the GEF-funded project
“Integrated Stockholm Convention toolkit to improve the transmission of information under Articles 07
and 15”

Concept Note

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Operational Details

- **Subject:** Outputs Validation Workshop and third Steering Committee Meeting of the GEF-funded project “Integrated Stockholm Convention toolkit to improve the transmission of information under Articles 07 and 15”
- **Dates and time:** 25 May 2023
- **Venue:** International Environment House I, Room 2, Chemin des Anémones 15 219 Châtelaine-Geneva, Switzerland
- **Hosting institution:** UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
- **Participants:** Two representatives per project country, BRS Conventions Secretariat, BCCC-SCRC-Uruguay, BCRC-SCRC-South Africa, BCRC-SCRC-China, UNEP for a total of 20-25 participants.
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Objectives

- Conclude and communicate the outputs and outcomes of the GEF-funded project “Integrated Stockholm Convention toolkit to improve the transmission of information under Articles 07 and 15” with partner countries and key stakeholders.
- Discuss on main findings, lessons learnt, experience gained, and recommendations for future improvement and development of the Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit.

Background

In response to the requests in paragraph 8 (e) of decision SC-8/8 on implementation plans¹ and paragraph 3 of decision SC-8/17 on reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention,² as well as paragraph 7 (c) of decision SC-9/9 on implementation plans³ and decision SC-9/16 on reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the

¹ <http://chm.pops.int/Portals/0/download.aspx?d=UNEP-POPS-COP.8-SC-8-8.English.pdf>.

² <http://chm.pops.int/Portals/0/download.aspx?d=UNEP-POPS-COP.8-SC-8-17.English.pdf>.

³ <http://chm.pops.int/Portals/0/download.aspx?d=UNEP-POPS-COP.9-SC-9-9.English.pdf>.

Stockholm Convention,⁴ a medium-sized project⁵ of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) was implemented between 2018 - 2023 by the Chemicals and Health Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to facilitate the development, transmission, access and use of data contained in national implementation plans and national reports.

The project's overall objective is to facilitate the development, transmission, access and use of data contained in national implementation plans (Article 7) and national reports (Article 15).

The project addressed some of the challenges that Parties face in complying with Articles 7 and 15 by providing them with an integrated electronic toolkit, consisting of a series of modules, aimed at assisting them in fulfilling their reporting obligations. The new toolkit would improve the transmission, accessibility and use of data contained in NIPs and national reports following recommendation from the effectiveness evaluation committee. It is expected that consequently, NIP's implementation will increase, leading to reduced emissions of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in the long term.

The following seven Parties were involved in the project for pilot testing the integrated electronic toolkit: Cambodia, Honduras, Kenya, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Moldova and Saint Lucia. Also, in executing the project, Chemicals and Health Branch of UNEP was partnering with the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS) Secretariat, Basel and Stockholm Conventions regional centres in China, South Africa and Uruguay.

The project⁶ concluded its activities delivering on four main outputs aiming at enhancing compliance with the Stockholm Convention through improved transmission, accessibility and use of data contained in NIPs (Article 7) and national reports (Article 15):

- Output 1: Development of a gap analysis – which confirmed the root causes of the problem and explored barriers to be addressed, while also assessing the knowledge management and reporting mechanisms available and identify the gaps and lessons learned from their use;
- Output 2: Development of the integrated Articles 7 and 15 electronic toolkit – which addressed the inconsistency of formats of NIPs and the lack of an explicit link between NIPs and national reports, while developing and test a toolkit, composed of different modules, to assist Parties in collecting inventory information and other relevant data that can be used in NIPs and in national reports.
- Output 3: Demonstration of the integrated electronic toolkit taking also into account gender aspects – which implied training project countries on how to use the toolkit and applying the same concepts to ongoing and recently completed NIP updates;
- Output 4: Development of replication strategy – which is to support the increase the integrated electronic toolkit uptake by other Parties, scaling up the project impacts.

The final meeting aims to share the outputs and outcomes of the GEF-funded project “Integrated Stockholm Convention toolkit to improve the transmission of information under Articles 07 and 15” with partner countries, and stakeholders, discuss on main findings, lessons learnt, experience gained, and recommendations for future improvement and development of the Stockholm Convention Integrated Electronic Toolkit.

⁴ <http://chm.pops.int/Portals/0/download.aspx?d=UNEP-POPS-COP.9-SC-9-16.English.pdf>.

⁵ Project document available at: <https://www.thegef.org/project/integrated-sc-toolkit-improve-transmission-information-under-articles-07-and-15>.

⁶ Project dedicated webpage: [https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/persistent-organic-pollutants/national-implementation-](https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/persistent-organic-pollutants/national-implementation-1)