

Final Meeting of the GEF-funded project "Integrated Stockholm Convention toolkit to improve the transmission of information under Articles 7 and 15"

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Agenda item 6

Future considerations on further improvement of the toolkit structure, features, and functionalities

All participants: Kenya, Honduras, Madagascar, Republic of Moldova, Saint Lucia, Asia and Pacific region, Latin America and Caribbean region

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What did the NGA, NDR show Kenyans

What did we do well

- 1. Done well for Pesticides POPs
- 2. Happy with UPOPs actions
- 3. Happy with effectiveness evaluation
- 4. Happy with Policy and coordination leadership
- 5. Overall Use of NIP and updated NIP by GEF has been encouraging

What did we miss out

- We have not documented alternatives well and its social economic implications
- Lagged behind on Industrial POPs
- Sad about collection and storage of data.
- Could not load the toolkit during project time so that it becomes routine

Concern

- Although the toolkit structure is comprehensive and captures many good aspects of the NIP structure. It takes too much lot time to input data
- 2. Difficulties in engaging and obtaining full political support at the national level
- 3. Its potential in using the NGAs and the NDR NIPs to assist policymakers in taking meaningful and effective decisions
- 4. After the toolkit what?
- 5. COP11 Accepted the outcome of the project?

Improvement

- 1. Weed out repetitive text e.g. financing entities need not to appear in every row/section.
- 2. Enhancing institutional policymakers' understanding of the issues associated with POPs;
- 3. Design reader friendly popular version output for NGA,NDR and the toolkit
- 4. Mainstream results of the NGA, NDR and the toolkit as part of Technical Assistance
- 5. Building stronger cooperation and coordination among relevant stakeholders









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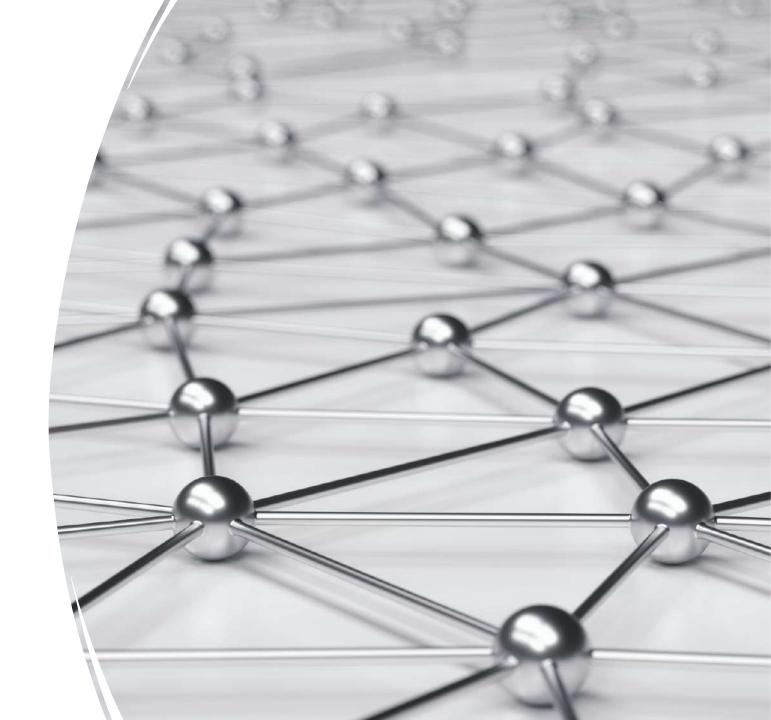




- At the time of completion of the project, the Project info-technology specialist concluded that the Toolkit still
 requires improvements and additional work to improve the operability and fluidity of the data.
- Honduras did not achieve the validation of the beta version due to external situations to the project an the institutional framework.
- Training Honduras in the use of the new version of the toolkit is importante in order to provide feedback on the efficiency and effectiveness of the tool.
- Socialization of the tool.

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- Additional templates for more granular data would be very useful.
- Further links with Basel and Rotterdam reporting processes would support in ensuring coherence and consistency in reporting.
- Periodic training of the country team following future updates and development of the toolkit.



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Proposals on further improvement of the toolkit structure, features, and functionalities – Republic of Moldova

- Organize live demo session on toolkit functionalities during the regional meetings, before put it into production.
- Involve BCRC or SCRS in training activities and sharing experiences within the regions
- Prepare tutorial video for newcomers
- Perform customer satisfaction survey after reporting / NIP submissions
- Secure funds for the toolkit enforcement at national level
- Create the library or link to relevant methodology of the POPs inventories (summary overview)
- Excel sheets for the POPs inventories



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Include ability to upload tables rather than manually input information in tables



Need to reduce the time it takes for information to be saved



Remove the need to save twice for each row in tables where you have the option to add rows

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Need more flexibility in the year column in Table 5, for example if there is no administrative measure, there is no need to include a year, also for each option ticked, you need to include a year as all actions may not have taken place at the same time



Thank you for your attention!

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Proposals on further improvement of the toolkit structure, features, and functionalities - [Asia Pacific Region]

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- 1. <u>Technical issues</u>: The registration and login problems of the module's website are still to be solved.
- 2. <u>Designs</u>: Could the toolkit ensure successful saving after partially filling the module? If there is no information or data available at the hand, can one fill in the later questions first?
- 3. <u>Notification of completeness</u>: Can the toolkit generate a table of contents to list which sections have been filled in and which are not? This would make it easier for users to check their reporting progress.
- 4. <u>Information requirement</u>: Can there be a minimum word count requirement for some of the non-choice questions? This would be helpful in collecting more information from the project countries.

- 5. How do one fill in the Table of Chapter 1.3 if a country has not updated certain POPs substance? Is the question "implementing agency that you received the GEF"s financial assistance from" a single choice or multiple choice question?
- 6. In the section 2.2.3, the concept of "stakeholders" is too broad. Can we suggest changing "role of stakeholders" to "responsibilities of bodies involved in the management of POPs".
- 7. There is no restrictions on import and export for the chemicals listed in Annex B of the Convention according to para 1(b) of Article 3 of the Convention, but the Table in the section 2.2.1.2 of the toolkit includes the aspects of import and export. We suggest deleting the import/export issues, or the import/export issues could be included in accordance with other provisions of the Convention.
- 8. The section "2.3.3.2 Assessment of HBCD" should be numbered 2.3.4, and the numbering should be adjusted in the following context.
- 9. The section "2.3 Assessment of POPs issue in the country" missed the substance of hexabromobiphenyls, while Annex A of the Convention required that "hexabromobiphenyls" be eliminated.

- 10. In the section 2.3.1.2, survey about "Imports" issue in the Table is proposed to be changed to total imports or recorded by year.
- 11. In the section 2.3.1.3, survey about "Exports" issue in the Table is proposed to be changed to total exports or recorded by year.
- 12. In the section 2.3.1.4, survey about "Use" issue in the Table is proposed to be changed to total use or recorded by year.
- 13. The substances of DDT and dicofol are not covered in Annex A of Convention, but in the section "2.3.1 Assessment of POPs pesticides (Annex A, Part I)" of the toolkit, the information about DDT and dicofol is required. Furthermore, the Chapter 2.3.8 is specific to the DDT group of pesticide. This text structure results in information redundancy. It is recommended that DDT and dicofol be removed from 2.3.1 and that if dicofol is to be assessed, it can be added to section 2.3.8.



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Add an extension that allows the translation to different languages.



Improve the response time of the application.



Enable to import structures for Excel, TEXT, JSON files making the provision of information more practical and diversified.



Add an autosave function



Development of a user manual.



Uniform the interface buttons.









Enable the creation of more than three lines in the tables of section 3.

Allow adding images to text using the "paste" function.

Include an option to modify font, font size, and superscript and subscript.



It may be useful to include a space for references that are mentioned in the NIPs as a footer.



The function to copy and paste tables should be refined so that it does not require editing.





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Thank you very much!

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