Global Workshop “From NIPs to Implementation” of the UN Environment/GEF Projects “Global project on the updating of National Implementation Plans for POPs” and “Global project on the updating of National Implementation Plans for POPs – add on to umbrella FSP project”

23-24 October 2018
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Concept Note

A) Operational Details

- **Subject:** Global Workshop “From NIPs to Implementation” of the UN Environment/GEF Projects “Global project on the updating of National Implementation Plans for POPs” and “Global project on the updating of National Implementation Plans for POPs – add on to umbrella FSP project”.
- **Dates and time:** Tuesday, 23 October 2018 – Wednesday, 24 October 2018.
- **Venue:** Palladium Business Hotel, Tomás de Tezanos 1146, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- **Hosting institution:** Basel Convention Coordinating Centre and Stockholm Convention Regional Centre, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- **Participants:** one representative per participating country, BRS Secretariat, UN Environment, Chemicals and Health Branch, representatives from the global network of Basel/Stockholm Regional Centres.
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B) Workshop objectives

- Disseminate lessons learned and good practices identified within the NIP development, update and implementation processes at national level;
- Sharing of information on main findings;
- Identify national and regional opportunities to implement Stockholm Convention.

C) Background

The overall objective of the two projects is to assist 36 countries¹ from all UN regions to review and update the National Implementation Plan (NIP) in order to comply with reporting obligations (Article 15) and updating of National Implementation Plans (Article 7) under the Stockholm Convention.

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¹ Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Gambia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Afghanistan, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Albania, Croatia, Montenegro, Argentina, Chile,
These projects not only assist countries to comply with Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention by updating the NIPs on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), but also to build capacity to update NIPs.

The projects also include a regional/global support component to provide technical expertise and tools to facilitate the updating of the NIPs and information exchange. The Global/regional support component of these projects enhances communication and sharing information among Parties to compare and harmonize data and identifies lessons learned and good practices.

In order to collect the lessons learned and good practices within the NIP development, update and implementation processes at national level, the UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch have developed a questionnaire which was circulated for project participating countries for providing input. Based on the questionnaire replies, a report have been compiled and is to be disseminated at the upcoming Global Workshop “From NIPs to Implementation”.

D) Workshop expected outcomes

During the workshop participants will benefit from the lessons learned and good practices and are expected to provide feedback and discuss main findings, constrains and help shape the future implementations steps. The discussions will be conducted in contact groups, as well as in plenary and are expected to identify highlights and provide recommendations on main findings and needs.

The results of this Workshop, and in particular the lessons learned and good practices on NIP development, update and implementation, will be disseminated with the stakeholders of the UN Environment/GEF Project “Integrated SC toolkit to improve the transmission of information under Articles 07 and 15”. 

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