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**Stockholm Convention Regional Capacity
Building Workshop on New POP's and
the Process of Reviewing and Updating
NIP's for the French-speaking African**

WORKSHOP REPORT



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**Report of the Stockholm Convention Regional Capacity Building Workshop on
New POP's and the Process of Reviewing and Updating NIP's
For French-speaking North African regions
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Background:

Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) stipulates that each party «develops and endeavours to implement a plan in order to fulfil its obligations under the Convention and submit the plan to the Conference of Parties within two years starting from the entry into force of the Convention. In addition, parties should also review and update their National Implementation Plans in accordance with the guidelines adopted at the first and second meetings of the Conference of Parties». (See annexes of decisions SC-1 / 12 and SC-2 / 7).

The said guidelines are an external factor triggering the process of reviewing and updating any changes to the obligations following an amendment to the Convention. At the fourth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Stockholm Convention, held in Geneva, from 4 to 8 May 2009, it was decided to amend the Convention by adding nine chemicals in Annexes A, B and C. Pursuant to Article 22 of the Convention, amendments to Annexes A, B and C will enter into force on 26 August, 2010, that is to say, a year after the trustee has notified the adoption of the said amendments to the parties.

The aim of the workshop organized by the CNTPP, in his capacity as Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention, is to educate and sensitize the countries of the region covered by the regional centre of Algeria on the measures to be taken in order to review and update national implementation plans, so that the parties are able to meet their new obligations. Throughout the Workshop, participants will read guidance documents on the review and updating process of the NIP developed by the Secretariat, together with the Regional Centre of Algeria (CNTPP), and they will have the opportunity to put them into practice through group work where implementation plans will be updated.

Introduction

The Small Grant Programme is designed to channel bilateral donor funds for implementing the convention to the developing country parties and parties with economies in transition through Stockholm convention regional centres for capacity building and transfer of technologies. This funding was made available by the government of Norway for the year of 2009. The Interested regional centres are therefore invited to submit their project to the secretariat before the deadline of 31 th October will be assessed by internal evaluation committee secretariat.

The workshop, organized and funded by the Secretariat of the Convention as part of the Small Grand Programme "SGP", from 10 to 13 May 2010, in Algiers, together with the National Centre for Cleaner Production Technologies, and entitled "Capacity building on the nine new POP's and the process of reviewing and updating the NIP" is the first activity in the Action Programme of the Regional Centre in Algeria (CNTPP) directed towards those countries in the region covered by the CNTPP namely, Morocco, Tunisia , Libya, Mauritania, Algeria, Niger and Mali.

Several Mediterranean countries of Francophone Africa were present, such as Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Mauritania Mali and Niger. Were also present other participants such as the GEF and the Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention for the Western Asia region represented by the Scientific Research Institute of Kuwait.

The working languages of the workshop were English and French.

Workshop Objectives:

- Raising awareness on the nine new chemicals added, during the recent COP4, to Annexes A, B and C of the Stockholm Convention, on their properties and their uses.
- A good understanding by the participants of the importance of the obligation to update and review the national implementation plans in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention and following the recent amendments to Annexes A, B and C of that Convention.
- Improving participants' knowledge on the use of the directives and training tools given to them in order to help them comply with their new obligations and evaluate adequately their needs to update the NIP.
- Exchange of experience among participants on the use of the various guiding and training tools so as to develop and update their NIP.
- Information to members on the requirement that each party should report to the COP on the measures taken to implement the provisions of the Convention and on their effectiveness in achieving the objective of the Convention (Articles 15 and 16 of the Convention). The Secretariat informed the participants about the existence of an electronic system for submission of this report.

It is recalled that 04 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention, each party shall submit a report to the COP on the status of implementation of the NIP. The first reporting date has been set for December 31, 2006 and the second reporting date is set for October 31, 2010.

Workshop Proceedings

Session1: Introduction to the new POP's and the process of review and updating of NIP

The workshop was inaugurated by Mrs BOUDJEMAA Dalila, Director-General of Environment in Ministry of Territory Planning and the Environment and Mr. Mokhtar BOUOUDINA, Director General of the National Centre for Cleaner Production Technologies (CNTPP) and Coordinator of the Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention in Algeria. Then, the representative of the Executive Secretariat of the Convention, Mr. Suman SHARMA, recalled the objective of the Convention and underlined the role of the Stockholm Convention Regional Centres which are partners of the secretariat in assisting countries in all regions of the world to meet their obligations under the Convention. Mr SHARMA stressed the role of the Regional Centre in Algeria which will support the Secretariat of the Convention in strengthening the capacities of African French-speaking countries.

Mr. Hulmut KRIST, Director of the Environment Programme / GTZ congratulated the CNTPP on his appointment by the Fourth Conference of the Parties to the Convention as a Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention for the countries of the North Africa region, and took this opportunity to express the availability of the German technical cooperation agency (GTZ) to fully provide its expertise in the field of environmentally sound management of POP's in order to assist the Regional Centre in Algeria to carry out the activities its work plan for the years 2010 - 2011 to the benefit of the countries of the region covered by the CNTPP. Several presentations were made by experts of the Regional Centre (experts having already participated in the development of the NIP Algeria), namely:

- 1. Overview of the Amendments to Annexes A, B and C of the Stockholm Convention and their impact on its implementation at the national level: "Mrs. S. ABDEREZZAK, SCRC Expert"**

The following items were discussed:

- Brief presentation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Products (POP's).
- Amendment of Appendices A, B and C in connection with the addition of nine new POP's.
- Impact of the amendments to Annexes A, B and C on the implementation of the Convention at the national level.

- 2. Presentation of the 2010-2011 work plan of the North Africa Regional Centre-Algeria. "Miss DAHLAB Fazia, Contact Person SCRC / Algeria"**

Miss Fazia DAHLAB, representative of SCRC of Algeria presented the work plan of the Centre for the period 2010-2011 and the problems encountered in the region.

3. What are the new POP's? Identify the general knowledge and the situation in the economic sectors: "Ms B. ALAMIR, SCRC Expert / Algeria and Director General of the National Centre of Toxicology".

In her presentation, the expert described the properties of the POP's and the introduction of the 09 chemicals into the Convention. The expert stated the adverse effects of these 09 chemicals on human health and on the environment and their toxicity levels.

4. Building Capacities for the updating and reviewing of the NIP: "Mr. S. BOUDAH, SCRC Expert"

Mr. BOUDAH introduced the following topics to facilitate the updating of the NIP:

- Knowledge of chemicals covered by the Stockholm Convention
 - Methods of protection of human health and the environment and prevention against the effects of POP's.
- 5. Introduction to the use of existing guidelines on the development and implementation of the PNM, "Miss DAHLAB Fazia, Contact Person SCRC / Algeria"**

Miss DAHLAB introduced the following:

- Guidelines for developing a NIP under the Stockholm Convention
- Guidelines on the development of National Implementation Plans
- Guideline for reviewing and updating the NIPs
- Development of a process of reviewing and updating national implementation plans
- Directive on the social and economic assessment for the development and implementation of NIPs
- Additional guidance on the costs of NIPs and on incremental costs.
- Other available relevant guidelines

The material presented has also been circulated to all participants.

- 6. Presentations by the representatives of Libya and Niger:** respectively represented by Mr. **ALI MUSTAFA Ali**, Environment General Authority and Mr **AMINOU JADI**, Director General of Plant Protection (DEPV / MAG / EL)
- 7. The process of reviewing and updating the National Implementation Plans, "Miss DAHLAB Fazia, Contact Person SCRC / Algeria"**

Ms Fazia DAHLAB presented the seven stages of the reviewing and updating process of the NIP:

- Step 1: Determination of the need to review and update the NIP.
- Step 2: Launching of the process of reviewing and updating the NIP.
- Step 3: Mechanism of coordination and organization of processes.
- Step 4: Assessment of the effects of internal / external factors mentioned in step 1 of the NIP.
- Step 5: Formulation of a revised and updated NIP.
- Step 6: Adoption of the NIP.
- Step 7: Presentation to the Conference of the Parties

8. Presentation of the Website of the Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention for the region of North Africa-Algeria-"Miss Latifa ANGAR Engineer at the POPs Office , SCRC/Algeria"

The setting up of the website on the POP's is a second activity of the work plan of the Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention in the region of North Africa-Algeria-in order to facilitate contact between the countries of the region and inform them of all information and amendments to the Stockholm Convention. In this connection, Miss Latifa ANGAR introduced the main sections of the site and their contents, stating that it will be available in three languages (Arabic, French and English).

Session 2: Reviewing and updating Process of the NIP

The second session of the workshop began with a brief summary of the previous day, presented by Ms Fazia DAHLAB, SCRC/Algeria. Subsequently, several presentations were made during the session:

1. Alternatives for replacing the new Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): "Mr. S. SEBIH, SCRC Expert / Algeria"

M. S. SEBIH introduced new alternatives to POP's and explained the meaning of the acceptable purpose and also that of the specific exemption for certain substances. He concluded his presentation with two (2) case studies.

2. Lessons learned during the development process on NIPs concerning POPs inventories and assessment of infrastructure and national capacities.

Tunisia, represented by **Mr Taoufik ZITOUNI** and Mauritania represented by **Mr Mohamed Lamine Vally Abdelkader** presented their cases in the management of POP's and in technical and financial assistance for the implementation of their national inventories. The first country was Tunisia, presented by

Simulation Exercise:

After this series of presentations, participants were divided into two groups each consisting of 4 to 5 participants for the simulation exercise in relation to the review and updating of a NIP:

The groups were divided as follows:

Group 1: Tunisia, Libya and Algeria assisted by the coordinator of SCRC /Kuwait (Ms Lulwa Nasser Ali) and two experts from the SCRC/ Algeria, the rapporteur was Mr Toufik ZITOUNI (Tunisia).

Group 2: Mauritania, Niger and Mali, assisted by the contact person of the SCRC /Algeria (Ms Fazia DAHLAB) and two experts from the SCRC /Algeria, the rapporteur was Ms Fazia DAHLAB.

The working groups were asked to identify the different roles within the group so they can represent the different sectors which should participate in the review and updating of the NIP (agriculture, industry, health, etc.). Then, participants were guided in this exercise by the documents prepared by the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and presented by Ms Fazia DAHLAB (SCRC Contact Person / Algeria) during her presentation **"Introduction to**

the use of existing guidelines relating to the development and implementation of NIPs

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The aim of this exercise is to familiarize all participants with the different stages that could be considered in the review and updating of the NIP, and to promote exchange of experiences among participants.

Throughout the workshop, participants were invited to work on a practical exercise of reviewing and updating the National Implementation Plan (NIP). They were asked to:

- Review of the EDENIA NIP, taking into account the guidelines for reviewing and updating the National Implementation Plan of the Stockholm Convention (SC Decision 1 / 7) and the guidelines developed to review and update the NIP (listed in the Annex to decision SC 2 / 7).
- For each step of the process, provide a summary of actions to be undertaken for the review and updating of the NIP.

Once the exercise was completed, the results were presented by the rapporteur of each group.

Both groups identified the need to update and review the NIP and discussed about the mechanism of coordination and assessment of factors that brings the country to review and update the NIP. The coordination mechanism already in place during the development of the NIP must be adapted to a new structure and involve all stakeholders. Both groups have recommended the strengthening of the legislation on POPs.

Session 3: Formulation and sent a revised NIP

The third day of the workshop started with a presentation of the results of the exercise conducted by the working groups. Then, several papers were presented:

1. The nine new POP's: general properties, analysis and disposal methods: Mr GHERMOUCHE, expert at the Regional Centre in Algeria.

The expert introduced:

- The common criteria explaining the properties of POP's.
- The persistence, bioaccumulation, long-term potential, adverse effects and methods of determination of each POP.
- The disposal methods.

2. Presentation of Mali. Mr. Balla Sissoko, DNACNP / MEA:

Mr Balla Sissoko made a presentation about the management of POPs in his country and introduced the following topics:

- The POPs in Mali.
- The legislative framework for POP's in Mali.
- The experience of the country in implementing the Convention and the strategy developed after the addition of new POP's.

3. The Algerian National Implementation Plan of the Stockholm Convention presented by Miss I. OURAMDANE, responsible for implementing the Stockholm Convention, Ministry of Land Planning and Environment.

Miss I. OURAMDANE gave an overview of the NIP/Algeria and discussed the following topics:

- A brief introduction in which she recalled the date of ratification of the Stockholm Convention by Algeria and the promulgation of the Presidential Decree No. 06-206, dated 7 June 2006, bearing ratification of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, adopted in Stockholm May 22, 2001.
- Stages of development of the NIP
- The inventories of POP's (PCB's, pesticides, and emissions of Dioxins/Furans and contaminated sites)
- The NIP's intervention fields
- The activities, strategies and action plans
- Operations carried out in Algeria as part of the implementation of the NIP:
 - ✓ **The National Integrated Waste Management Programme (PROGDEM) 2008.**
 - ✓ **The National Plan for the Management of Special Hazardous Wastes.**
 - ✓ **Strengthening the legislative and regulatory framework.**
 - ✓ **First disposal operation of PCB's.**

4. Continuation of the simulation exercise: The process of reviewing and updating a NIP

The working groups were invited to continue the simulation exercise.

A presentation of the results of the working groups was conducted in plenary by the rapporteur of each group, followed by a general discussion on the process of reviewing and updating of the NIP. All participants summarized the steps discussed during the workshop, including lessons learned from the group exercises.

Session 4: The reporting obligations under the Stockholm Convention

The fourth session of the workshop started with a brief summary of the previous day, presented by Miss Fazia DAHLAB, Contact Person SCRC/ Algeria. Subsequently, several presentations were made during this session:

1. Overview of the Global Environment Fund (GEF): Mr. Djamel ICHIRK, GEF Board member.

Mr. Djamel ICHIRK made a short presentation about the GEF, the partners who managed all projects (World Bank, UNDP, UNEP), the partner of the implementation agency, the members, the board of directors, the dates of the four general assemblies which are meant to assess and review the FEM general policies, operational strategies and programs, and all other measures related to its operation.

It is to be noted that Algeria is one of the main initiators and founding member of the GEF and that it has been very active during the pilot phase and during the Rio meeting.

2. The reporting obligations under the Stockholm Convention: Mr. Suman SHARMA, Representative of the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention.

Mr. Suman SHARMA introduced:

- ✓ -The steps for preparing the report: the content, the need for this report, the objectives and the deadline for its presentation (October 31, 2010).
- ✓ The use of the electronic reporting system.]

3. Simulation exercise on the report:

The Representative of the Secretariat of the Convention, Mr. SHARMA, gave the participants the PASSWORD for two accounts (administrator and technical) in order for them to download the necessary documents for the implementation of the report.

Mr. Suman SHARMA asked the two working groups to fill in the report using the electronic system.

As concerns the assessment of the workshop, participants filled out assessment sheets on the content of the training, facilitation, duration of the workshop, location, atmosphere, quality of organization and expectations.

The majority of participants were very satisfied with the course and content of the workshop, their expectations of the workshop have been met overall, but they negatively assessed the duration of the workshop.

Workshop Recommendations

➤ Tunisia asked the following:

1. Support for carrying out inventories of the nine new POP's. In this context, the representative of the Secretariat of the Convention said that the Secretariat is about to develop a guide for the realization of the inventory of the 09 new POP's.
2. Strengthen regional technical capacities for research and development on these nine new POP's through:
 - The training of specialized staff in the realization of inventories of the 09 new POP's that have been added at COP 4, in Annexes A, B and C of the Convention.
 - The setting up of analysis and research laboratories so as to identify the characteristics of the new POP's and the alternative solutions.

The representatives of the countries expressed their satisfaction to the Laboratory of the Toxicology National Centre managed by Ms. ALAMIR, Director General of the CNT and Expert at the Regional Centre in Algeria. The participants suggested that this laboratory be used as a reference laboratory in the analysis of POP's for the countries of the region covered by the Regional Centre in Algeria.

The laboratory was visited by the representative of the Secretariat of the Convention and the Coordinator of the Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention for of West Asia countries / Kuwait.

3. Organization of technical workshops for capacity building of countries in the region covered by the Centre in Algeria.

4. Strengthening the legal and institutional frameworks through the review of regulations governing the management and use of POP's.
5. Activating the role of NGOs in the field of environmental education.
6. Launch of the Regional Centre Website to facilitate information exchange between countries of the region.
7. Need for exchanges in the field of expertise between countries of the region covered by the Regional Centre in Algeria.
8. The representatives of Mali, Mauritania and Niger requested the Secretariat to maintain the designation of the Regional Centre in Algeria.
9. Niger appealed to the Secretariat of the Convention to strengthen the capacity of expertise in the region covered by the Regional Centre in Algeria.
10. Mauritania asked the Regional Centre in Algeria to make the countries covered by the Regional Centre aware of the Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Environment Friendly Practices (EFP) related to the environmentally sound management of POP's, in addition to an assistance in the preparation and updating of the NIP by the experts of the Regional Centre in Algeria.
11. Mauritania also sought assistance from the Regional Centre in Algeria to review its national law in order to see whether it complies with the amendment to the Convention.

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Agenda of the workshop

Monday 10 May : Introduction to the new POPs and the process for reviewing and updating NIPs		
08:30 - 09:00	Registration of participants	
09:00 - 10:00	Opening of the workshop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Objectives of the workshop Introduction of participants Participatory exercise 	Representent of Secretariat, Representent of MATET, Mr BOUOUDINA Coordinator of the Regional Centre, Ms Fazia DAHLAB Person Contact of the Regional Centre
10:00 - 10:30	Overview of the amendments of Annexes A, B and C of the Stockholm Convention and their implication for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention at the national level.	Mme ABDERRREZAG Expert NCTPP
10:30 - 10:50	COFFEE BREAK	
10:50 - 11:20	Presentation of the work plan 2010-2011 of the Regional Centre of North Africa –Algeria-	Ms Fazia DAHLAB Person Contact of the Regional Centre
11:20 - 11:50	What are the new POP's? Identify, General Knowledge and status in economic sectors	Mme ALAMIR Expert NCCTP
11:50 - 12:30	Capacity Building for the updating and revision of the NIP.	Pr BOUDAH Expert NCCTP

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12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 14:45	Introduction to the use of existing guidance to develop and implement NIPs	Ms Fazia DAHLAB Person Contact of the Regional Centre
14:45 - 15:45	Lessons learned from the NIP development process regarding coordinating mechanisms and process organization	Countries representatives will be invited to make a 10 minute presentation
15:45 - 16:15	The Process for reviewing and updating national implementation plans	Ms Fazia DAHLAB Person Contact of the Regional Centre
16:15 -16: 45	Presentation of website's draft of the Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention for North Africa - Algeria-	Ms Latifa ANGAR POP's Office (NCCTP) Mme Baya AIT SI MOHAMED Communication Officer at NCCTP
16:45 - 17: 05	COFFEE BREAK	
17:05 - 18:00	General discussion Questions/answers	All participants
Tuesday 11 May : The process for reviewing and updating NIPs		
09:00 - 09:15	Summary of the discussions held on day I	Representent of the Centre.
09:15 - 09:55	Alternatives to the new POPs	Mr SEBIH Expert NCCTP
09:55 - 10:15	Lessons learned from the NIP development process regarding POPs inventories and assessment of national infrastructure and capacity	10 minutes presentations for 2 to 3 countries Countries representatives will be invited to make 10 minute presentations about the lessons learned from the first NIP developed regarding: POPs inventories,

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		assessment/development of infrastructure, including legislation
10:15 - 10:30	General Discussions	Plenary
10:30 - 10:50	COFFEE BREAK	
10:50 - 12:30	<p>Simulation exercise: Steps 1, 2, 3 and 4:</p> <p>Identifying the need to reviewing, initiating and organizing processes, assessment of the effects of the internal and external factors:</p> <p>Establishment of POPs inventories and Reviewing and updating POPs inventories and national infrastructure and capacity</p>	<p>Working groups :</p> <p>Participants will be provided with a mock NIP and will be required to use the existing guidance to undertake steps 1- 4</p>
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 14:30	Simulation exercise continued	All participants
14:30 - 15:15	Presentation of outcomes of the group work and discussion	Plenary
15:15 - 15:35	COFFEE BREAK	
15:35 - 16:20	Lessons learned from the NIP development process regarding priority setting	Party representatives will be invited to make 10 minute presentations of the lessons learned from the first NIP developed regarding: their action plans and priority setting
16:20 - 17:30	<p>Simulation exercise: detailed step 4 (continued):</p> <p>based on the information provided in the afternoon</p> <p>Participants would be invited to review their previous</p>	Group work to continue in same groups

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	work and adjust it as necessary	
Wednesday 12 May : Formulating and transmitting a revised NIP		
09:00 - 09:30	Presentation of work group outcomes and general discussion	Plenary
09:30 - 10:00	Overview of the Global Environment Facility	Mr ICHIRK GEF
10:00 - 10:45	Lessons learned from the NIP development process regarding the costing of activities to be implemented	A Countries representative will be invited to make a presentation on the lessons learned regarding the costing of activities in their NIP.
10:45 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00 - 12:30	Simulation Exercise : steps 5,6 and 7: Formulating the revised and updated NIP (this would include a review of the action plans)	Working groups
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 14:45	Presentation of the outcome of the working groups: Working groups will present and transmit their NIPs to the Secretariat	Plenary
14:45 - 15:15	General discussion on the process for reviewing and updating NIPs	All participants
15:15 - 15:35	COFFEE BREAK	
15:35 - 16:00	The New POP's: General properties and analytical methods of elimination	Mr GUERMOUCHE Expert NCTPP

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16:00 - 16:30	Share the recommendations and outcomes of the workshop held in Kuwait on new POP's and the process of reviewing and updating NIP's.	Dr Lulwa NASSER ALI Regional Centre Of Stockholm Convention Kuwait
16:30 - 17:30	Summary of all the steps reviewed during the workshop including the lessons learned through the group exercises	All participants
Thursday 13 May : Reporting requirements under the Stockholm Convention		
09:00 - 10:00	Reporting obligations under the Stockholm Convention	Secretariat
10:00 - 10:20	COFFEE BREAK	
10:20 - 10:40	Using the Electronic reporting system	Secretariat
10:40 - 12:30	Considerations for collecting required information	Secretariat
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 15:10	Simulation exercise: reporting under the Stockholm Convention	All participants
15:10 - 15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30 - 16:00	Simulation exercise: reporting under the Stockholm Convention	All participants
16:00 - 16:45	Outcomes of the simulation exercise	Plenary
16:45 - 17:15	Recommendations to be followed and workshop evaluation and conclusions	This item is to be facilitated by secretariat with assistance of the regional centre.
17:15 - 17:30	Closure of the workshop	