

**Stockholm Convention Regional Capacity  
Building Workshop on BAT & BEP, PCBs and  
POPs Waste  
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Country Presentation–Situational Report  
LIBERIA

**SUMMARY OF COUNTRY'S SITUATION**

- ▶ Liberia acceded to the Stockholm Convention on May 23, 2002. In compliance thereof, the Government of Liberia through the Environmental Protection Agency in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) launched the POPs Enabling Activities Project to facilitate early action on the implementation of the Convention with goal to strengthen the country's capacity and capability to prepare the NIP for the Management of POPs. The NIP serves as the benchmark for crucial policy formulation and identification of priority actions.

**COUNTRY PRESENTATION CONTINUED**

An inception workshop, training on inventory procedures, and a National Priority Validation were done to complete the NIP preparation process.

Because of some difficulties the submission to the Secretariat was delayed but was finally made in March 2008. It is now on the POPs website

**THE MAIN INVENTORIED ISSUES RELATED TO UPOPS, PCB AND  
POPS WASTE**

The main issues or areas of focus are Dioxins and Furans emission from open waste burning, prevention methods against UPOPS generation, the identification and evaluation of medical waste incineration and national inventory of POPs emission sources; analysis of the PCB situation, Risk assessment of PCB contaminated sites, the removal, storage and disposal of obsolete PCB containing transformers, storage sites, and the in-depth assessment/study of the POPs situation in Liberia.

**MEASURES PLANNED TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES**

1. To introduce BAT/BEP into industrial processes and to assist the informal sector on sound environmental practices.
2. To build enforcement and administrative capacity through proper legislative and administrative framework.
3. To raise awareness on health & environmental impacts of POPs, (UPOPS) in the informal sector.
4. To identify and manage POPs waste and PCB containing equipments
5. To reduce releases of UPOPs through proper management of municipal and medical waste.

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