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Other financial and technical assistance available

Countries which are Parties to the Convention and that have submitted their initial NIP are eligible to access funding to update their NIP under the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Countries can access grants up to USD 250,000 for projects with a duration of up to 12-months.

Below are the GEF agencies that can be contacted for more support:



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Assistance to Parties For Revising and Updating National Implementation Plans

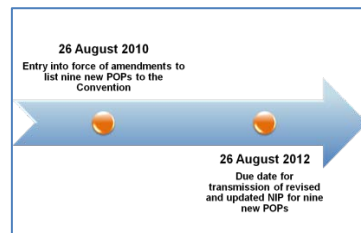
Under Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention
on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

Overview

To-date, the majority of Parties have developed and submitted an initial NIP on POPs. With the recent amendments listing nine additional POPs to the Convention, countries (that are Parties to these amendments) have the obligation to review their NIP and update it with information on how they will address the newly listed POPs.

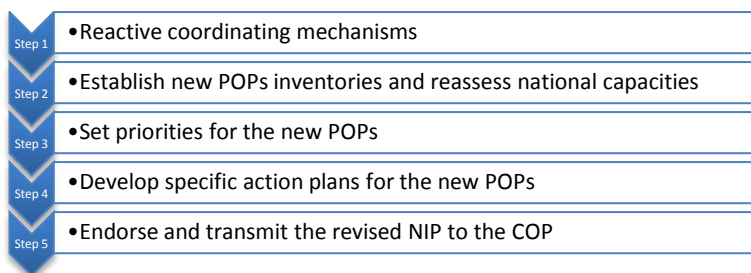
For the large majority of Parties, they have to transmit their revised NIP to the COP by 22 August 2012.

Parties are also encouraged to take Endosulfan into account when reviewing their NIP. Listed in 2011, the amendment related to Endosulfan will enter into force on 27 October 2012.



Approach

The same step-wise approach that was used for the development of the initial NIP is to be applied when assessing the new POPs and developing action plans for their elimination and phase-out.



Parties have expressed the need for assistance to conduct the process of reviewing and updating their NIPs and in particular in obtaining information on the presence of new POPs that are widely used for industrial purposes and which are contained in articles.

At each step of the NIP updating process, countries have the opportunity to receive financial and technical assistance.

Assistance provided by the Secretariat

Pursuant to its mandate set out in Article 20 of the Convention, and in accordance with decision SC-5/20 on technical assistance, the Secretariat is planning a variety of capacity-building activities to assist Parties in updating their NIPs, as follows:



Workshops

- **New POPs issues addressed:**
 - Inventories
 - BAT and BEP
 - Import control
 - Regulatory framework
 - Labelling
- **Target national experts from Parties**
- **Duration: 3-days long**
- **Timing: June -August 2012**



Webinars

- **New POPs issues addressed:**
 - Coordinating mechanisms
 - New POPs inventories
 - Priority setting and action plan development
 - BAT and BEP
 - Import control
 - Regulatory framework
 - Labeling
- **Duration: 1-hour long**
- **Open to everyone**
- **Timing: February-August 2012**



The activities will build on the existing guidance, as well as the set of guidance being developed and/or reviewed by the Secretariat as requested by the Conference of the Parties to assist parties in updating their NIPs for new POPs.

The guidance documents will be officially available in April 2012.

For more information about the activities listed above, please consult: www.pops.int or send an email to: ta@pops.int.