

# **Status of the Stockholm Convention in the Sultanate of Oman**

**Workshop on the Implementation of Stockholm  
Convention and Synergies With Other Chemical  
Related Agreements,**

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# Chemical management in the sultanate of Oman,

- The department of chemicals is the Responsible Authority regarding the sound management in the Sultanate of Oman.
- Royal decree No. 46\95
  - MD NO. 248\97
  - MD No. 316\2001
  - MD No. 317\2001
  - Permanent committee
  - Technical committee.

# Chemical related conventions

- Stockholm Convention
- Rotterdam Convention
- Basel Convention

# The Sultanate commitments towards Stockholm convention,

- The convention has been confirmed in May 2001
- The Sultanate has signed it in 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2002
- It has been ratified in November 2004

# The Sultanate commitments towards Stockholm convention cont.

- Due to the huge effort exerted from the government of the Sultanate, we got the approval from the UNEP to fund the project of “Enabling Activities for the Stockholm Convention on POPs:
  - National Implementation Plan for Oman”
  - started last year and for two years.

# Project Objectives

Within the overall objectives of the Stockholm Convention, which is to protect Human health and the environment from POPs, the project will:

- Prepare the ground for the implementation of the Convention in the Sultanate of Oman.
- Assist the Sultanate of Oman in meeting its reporting and other obligations under the Convention; and
- Strengthen Oman's national capacity to manage POPs and other chemicals generally.

# Project Activities

- Determination of coordinating mechanisms and organization of process;
- Assessment of national infrastructure and capacity and establishment of a POPs inventory,
- Setting of priorities and determination of objectives;
- Formulation of a National Implementation Plan and specific Action plans; and
- Endorsements of the national implementation plan by stockholders

# What is a National Profile?

- A comprehensive and systematic documentation of the national infrastructure for the management of chemicals, including identification of existing gaps and weaknesses.

# A National Profile includes Information on

- Chemical production, import, export and use
- Priority concerns related to chemical production, import, exports and use
- Chemicals legislation and non-regulatory mechanisms
- Responsibilities/activities of governmental and non-governmental bodies
- Existing interministerial bodies and national coordinating mechanisms
- Available data sources
- Technical infrastructure
- Resources available and needed

# Key Principles for Preparing a National Profile

- Involvement of all concerned parties (multi-stakeholder approach)
- Country-driven process (*by countries for countries*)
- Ongoing process (living document – should be updated on a regular basis)
- Presentation in a standard but flexible reporting format

# Possible Benefits of Preparing a National Profile

- Integration of scattered information into one single national document
- Initiation of a comprehensive and transparent process to define national priorities
- Enhanced co-operation of all interested parties within and outside of government
- Broadened network of contacts
- Increased mutual awareness and promotion of information exchange among concerned parties

# Cont.

- Important component of an Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals
- Support reporting under international reporting schemes, e.g. the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
- Publication of NP in an harmonised form which can facilitate international comparison, including publication on Internet,

# Where we are?

- The first draft of NIP is ready and it's sent for the different stakeholders for revision.
- Inventories regarding the substances related to the convention has been carried out.

Thank you very much