The Stockholm Convention and GEF

- The GEF is the financial mechanism for the Stockholm Convention.
- The SC requires parties to Exchange Information (Art 9); facilitate public information, awareness and education (Article 10) report to the Secretariat (Article 15) and periodically update implementation plans (Article 7). Article 10 makes an explicit reference to PRTRs.
PRTR project (2009-2012)

• Participating countries: Cambodia, Chile, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Peru, Thailand and Ukraine
• Implementing Agency: UNEP
• Executing Agency: UNITAR
• Main objective: to implement a PRTR system in Chile and to design a PRTR in the rest of the participating countries
• Project GEF value: 950,000 USD; co-finance: 2,504,320 USD
• Main outputs:
  a) Implemented PRTR in Chile
  b) National PRTR Executive Proposals (PRTR design)

- Participating Countries: Belarus, Cambodia, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Peru
- Project to be submitted to GEF on the week of 18 November 2013
- Implementing Agency: UNEP
- Executing Agency: UNITAR
- Funding:
  - GEF: 2,000,000 USD
  - Co-funders: 8,232,258 USD
    (Participating countries, UNEP, UNECE, UNITAR, Governments of Chile and Spain)
- Project Objective: To implement PRTRs in participating countries and facilitate national reporting under the POPs Convention
Issues?

• Is PRTR really a National Priority?
• GEF is incremental to your current work
• GEF supports the global benefit of actions
• Co-financing (4:1)
Thank you