

UNEP/GEF projects “Implementation of the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention” in the Asia Region and “Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention” in the Africa, Pacific and Latin America and Caribbean Regions

POPs Analytical Results of Air and Water

Regional virtual meeting

Subject: Presentation of POPs analysis data

Objective:

- Explain the analytical results on the levels of POPs in air and water generated by the expert labs
- Provide clarifications on data, if any
- Discuss on including the data in project final reports

Venue: Virtual meetings (3 hours)

Time:

- Asia: Monday, 5 October, 06:00-9:00 UTC
- Africa: Tuesday, 6 October, 06:00-9:00 UTC
- Pacific: Thursday, 8 October, 05:00-08:00 UTC
- GRULAC: Friday, 9 October, 13:00-16:00 UTC

Hosting institutions: UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch

Presenters/panel members:

- Dr. Heidelore Fiedler, MTM Orebro
- Dr. Jacob de Boer, E&H Virjie University
- Dr. Esteban Abad, CSIC

Participants : National coordinators and project implementation teams

Background

In support of Article 16 of the Stockholm Convention, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch, with financial support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), has implemented two rounds of its POPs global monitoring plan projects (UNEP/GEF POPs GMP II) in 42 countries in Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands and Latin America and Caribbean regions. The activities comprise capacity building for sampling and analysis of POPs in core matrices and others in the project countries, generation of comparable data on the presence of POPs, and securing of conditions for the sustainable monitoring of POPs.

As part of the generation of comparable data on the presence of POPs, the expert laboratories supported the project implementation and analyzed the samples collected by the project countries for POPs. Where capacity existed, the national laboratories in the project countries conducted mirror analysis of the same samples. Results for the POPs in core matrices have been generated, including 23 POPs listed in the

Stockholm Convention as of the Sixth Conference of Parties, and newly listed and voluntary POPs where applicable. The results of these analyses shall be reflected in the national and regional reports of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP II projects.

To date, participating countries have received most of the results from the expert laboratories individually; however, the results have not been exchanged between countries and compared on a regional basis. The regional virtual meetings will provide an opportunity to have a look at the results from a regional perspective, compare with data generated by national labs and clarify any open questions as to data generation or interpretation.

Working language:

- Asia: English
- Pacific: English
- Africa: English
- GRULAC: English/Spanish

Tentative Agenda:

- Opening remark
- Technical session:
 - Analytical results of core matrices generated by expert laboratories
 - Analytical results of core matrices generated by national laboratories if applicable
- Discussion: Clarifications related to samples and other technical issues
- Preparation of the project national reports and regional reports
- Any other business
- Closure