

Final Meeting of the UNEP/GEF projects “Implementation of the POPs Monitoring Plan in the Asian Region” and “Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in Pacific Region”

Provisional Agenda

4-5 April 2023

Bangkok, Thailand

Tuesday, 4 April 2023		
8:30–9:00	Registration	
9:00–9:45	1. Opening remarks	Host country, Jacqueline Alvarez, Director, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP Mushtaq Memon, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific UNEP Representative of the Basel and Stockholm Convention Regional Center for South East Asia
	2. Organizational matters: (a) Nomination of the chair; (b) Adoption of the agenda; (c) Organization of work.	All participants
9:45–10:00	3. Overview of project annual evaluations and next steps towards the terminal review	Jitendra Sharma, GEF unit, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
	4. Overview of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP projects in the Asia and the Pacific region	Haosong Jiao, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
10:00–10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:15–12:00	5. Presentations of project countries: –Overview of the outputs and outcomes of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP project. –Q&A	Project countries in the Asia and the Pacific region
12:00–12:15	6. Contributions of the GEF projects to the Stockholm Convention Global Monitoring Plan and the effectiveness evaluation of the Convention	Kei Ohno, BRS Secretariat

12:15-12:30	7. GMP Data Warehouse and the 4th cycle of the GMP implementation - upcoming challenges	Katerina Sebkova, RECETOX
12:30-14:00	<i>Group photo and lunch break</i>	
14:00-14:45	8. Presentations of project countries cont.: –Overview of the outputs and outcomes of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP project. –Q&A	Project countries in the Asia and the Pacific region
14:45-15:30	9. Key findings on capacity building in the Asia and the Pacific Region	Expert laboratories
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45-16:45	10. Key findings on POPs monitoring in air, water, human milk and matrices of national interest in the Asia and the Pacific Region	Expert laboratories
16:45-16:55	11. Contributions of the UNEP/WHO human milk survey to understanding human exposure to POPs	WHO
16:55-17:00	12. Recap of the day: Key messages from project countries	All participants
17:00	13. Wrap-up of the first day of the meeting	UNEP
17:00 - 18:00	Reception	
Wednesday, 5 April 2023		
9:00-9:10	14. Recap of the first day's meeting	UNEP
	15. POPs monitoring partnerships in the Asia and the Pacific region	
9:10-9:30	(a) Future considerations of the POPsEA project	Takuya Shiozaki, POPsEA
9:30-10:00	(b) Collaboration between the University of Queensland and the University of South Pacific on POPs monitoring	Jochen Mueller, UQ Vincent Lal, Fiji
10:00-10:30	(c) Monitoring of POPs in other matrices	Yasuyuki Shibata, NIES Esteban Abad, CSIC
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45 - 11:30	14. Enhancing data usage for informed decision- and policy-making	
	(a) Data dashboard, laboratory databank and UNEP WESR	Victor Hugo Estellano, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
	(b) Data handling and management	BCRC-Uruguay
11:30-12:30	15. Key messages, lessons learnt and roadmap for sustainable monitoring of POPs	Gamini Manuweera, Expert, previous project manager of UNEP
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00-15:30	16. World Càfe: Key messages, lessons learnt and roadmap for sustainable monitoring of POPs (con.)	All participants
	(a) Group discussion	

	(b) Plenary	
15:30–15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45–17:00	17. Conclusion of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP projects in the Asia-Pacific Region 18. Other matters	All participants
17:00	19. Closure of the meeting	UNEP
