

Final Meeting of the UNEP/GEF project “Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in Africa Region”

Provisional Agenda

28-30 November 2023

Casablanca, Morocco

Tuesday, 28 November 2023		
8:30–9:00	Registration	
9:00–10:00	1. Opening remarks	Host country Eloise Touni, GEF Unit, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
	2. Organizational matters: (a) Introduction of participants; (b) Nomination of the chair; (c) Adoption of the agenda; (d) Organization of work	All participants
10:00–10:30	3. Overview of project annual evaluations and next steps towards the terminal review	Eloise Touni, GEF unit, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
	4. Overview of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP projects in Africa Region	Haosong Jiao, Knowledge and Risk Unit, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
10:30–10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45–12:30	5. Presentations of project countries (~9 countries) –Overview of the outputs and outcomes of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP project (10min per country) –Q&A	National coordinators of project countries in the Africa Region
12:30–14:00	<i>Group photo and lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 15:20	6. Presentations of project countries (~6 countries) –Overview of the outputs and outcomes of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP project (10min per country) –Q&A	National coordinators of project countries in the Africa Region
15:20–15:35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:35 – 16:50	7. Key findings on POPs monitoring in air, water, human milk and matrices of national interest in the Africa Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air monitoring • Water monitoring • Human milk survey 	Expert laboratories - MTM Orebro University - CVUA Fribourg -VU Amsterdam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POPs in matrices of national interest Q&A	
16:50–17:00	8. Wrap-up of the first day of the meeting	Ludovic Bernaudat, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
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9:00–9:10	9. Recap of the first day's meeting	Haosong Jiao, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
9:10-9:30	10. Contributions of the GEF projects to the Stockholm Convention Global Monitoring Plan and the effectiveness evaluation of the Convention	Kei Ohno, BRS Secretariat – Online presentation
9:30-9:40	11. GMP Data Warehouse and the 4th cycle of the GMP implementation - upcoming challenges	Katerina Šebková, RECETOX
9:40-9:50	12. Contributions of the UNEP/WHO human milk survey to understanding human exposure to POPs	Luc Ingenbleek WHO - Online presentation
9:50–10:10	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:10-11:45	13. Key findings on capacity building in the Africa Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interlaboratory assessments Trainings 	Expert labs - MTM Orebro University - VU Amsterdam - RECETOX - CSIC
	14. Panel discussion on capacity building in the Africa Region	Expert laboratories
11:45-12:30	15. Knowledge sharing and communication to enhance data usage for informed decision- and policy making	
	(a) Data handling and management	Virginia Santana, BCRC-SCRC-LATU, Uruguay
	(b) Data dashboard, laboratory databank and UNEP WESR	Victor H. Estellano, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
12:30–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 -14:20	16. Communication: POPs, our Worst Friends Forever	Haosong Jiao, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
	17. Collaboration between POPs monitoring and other initiatives in the Africa Region	
14:20-14:35	(a) Regional monitoring activities in the Africa Region	GMP Global Coordination Group Members from the Africa Region
14:35-14:50	(b) Activities of the Monitoring Network for Persistent Organic Pollutants (MONET) in the Africa Region	Katerina Šebková, RECETOX
14:50-16:00	(c) Sampling of POPs in plastic pellets in Africa	IPCP, NIES, CSIC, representatives of project countries – online
16:00–16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	

16:15-16:55	18. Follow-up analysis and activities in project countries	National coordinators of project countries
	19. Discussion: Ways to enhance usage of POPs monitoring results in national policy making	All participants
16:55 – 17:00	20. Wrap-up of the second day of the meeting	Ludovic Bernaudat, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
20:00	Reception restaurant LA SQALA	All participants
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9:00–9:10	21. Recap of the first and second days of the meeting	Haosong Jiao, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
9:10–9:30	22. Key messages, lessons learnt and roadmap for sustainable monitoring of POPs	Gamini Manuweera, Expert, previous project manager of UNEP
9:30–10:30	23. World Café: Key messages, lessons learnt and roadmap for sustainable monitoring of POPs (a): Discussion	All participants
10:30–10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45 – 11:30	24. World Café: Key messages, lessons learnt and roadmap for sustainable monitoring of POPs (b): Discussion	All participants
11:30 – 11:50	25. Conclusion of the UNEP/GEF POPs GMP projects in the African Region 26. Other matters	Eloise Touni, GEF unit, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch Haosong Jiao, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
11:50–12:00	27. Closure of the meeting	Ludovic Bernaudat, UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch
12:00–13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30–17:00	28. Visit to the PCB treatment platform in Casablanca	All participants