



Online meeting with the Steering Committee of the Global Alliance and other stakeholders

9 November 2016, 14:00 (Geneva time, GMT +01:00)

Participants: Rajander Sharma (India, Steering Committee representative of Asia and Pacific), Konrad Meyer (Biovision)

Jacqueline Alvarez (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)), Victor Estellano (UNEP), Elsemieke de Boer (United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

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1. Opening of the webinar and adoption of the agenda

Ms. Elsemieke de Boer welcomed the participants to the online meeting. Regarding the small number of participants, it was decided to take a dialogue approach for the meeting.

2. Implementation of the Road Map

The objective of the Road Map is to make locally safe, effective, and affordable and environmentally sound alternatives available for a sustainable transition away from DDT.

The Road Map consist of three elements:

1. Establish management and reporting procedures

2. Implement the Road Map
3. Eliminate stockpiles and waste

Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez mentioned that UNEP was working together with the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat on a global inventory of stockpiles and contaminated sites. Initial draft will be available early 2017.

Key actors to the Road Map are: parties to the Stockholm Convention, UNEP, the World Health Organization (WHO), regional centres, the Global Alliance, the DDT Expert Group, industry and the private sector, civil society, academia and donors.

3. Outcomes of the DDT Expert Group Meeting (Road Map discussion, WHO presentations, Outcomes)

The DDT Expert Group meeting was held in Geneva from 7 to 9 November 2016 and in order to share with the online meeting participants some results a short summary on main aspects were highlighted, e.g.:

- The group reaffirmed the continued need for indoor residual spraying in specific settings for disease vector control when locally, safe, effective and affordable alternatives were not available.
- Countries should continue to seek WHO guidance before considering DDT for control of vectors of arboviruses.
- Reporting by countries was not consistent or enough to come to a better understanding.
- Importance of coordinating activities about different stakeholders working on DDT and implementation of the Road Map.
- Continued need of funds to help countries to move to alternatives.

Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez said that the report will be in the Stockholm Convention webpage and as a document for the next COP.

4. Stockpiles of DDT

UNEP presented an overview table containing some data extracted from NIPs regarding existence of DDT stockpiles. Important to note is that inventory data presented is probably not updated and work in getting better identification of the global situation was important.

5. Looking toward COP 8 (Questionnaire, webinar series, awareness raising materials)

- UNEP is planning to host a series of webinar in February 2017, in which topics such as stockpiles and case studies can be presented. Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez invited the Global Alliance Steering Committee members and other stakeholders present during the online discussion to volunteer to present. If interested, please send an e-mail to: jacqueline.ALVAREZ@unep.org . During the meeting, two participants expressed interest.
- UNEP is planning to develop awareness raising materials to distribute for example during COP8
- UNEP is developing an online questionnaire in order to report on the implementation of the Road Map

6. Projects

- A project on preparing a global inventory of DDT stockpiles and contaminated sites by UNEP and the BRS secretariat is starting soon.
- GEF Project: Development and promotion of non-POPs alternatives to DDT in India. Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez stressed the importance of this project as India is a key player.
- GEF Project: ESM of DDT waste in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
- Case study on Sri Lanka by UNEP and the BRS secretariat
- AFRO II: Demonstration of effectiveness of diversified, environmentally sound and sustainable interventions, and strengthening national capacity for innovative implementation of integrated vector management (IVM) for disease prevention and control in the WHO AFRO Region. The project will be launched in the first week of December. The project aims to establish linkages between the health and environment sector.

Global Monitoring Plan (GMP): DDT is still largely present in the environment and human milk, with trends showing a decrease. More work is now being undertaken.

7. Opportunity to share information and comments

Konrad Meyer (Senior Policy Advisor, Biovision)

Mr. Konrad Meyer thanked Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez and informed her that his colleagues Stefanie Keller and Mirjam Moser unfortunately could not be present. He provided information about current work by Biovision and provided his support to continue to work together and to share information.

Dr. Rajander Sharma (Ministry of Health, India, member of the Steering Committee)

Dr Rajander Sharma provided information about the situation of phasing out DDT in India. He mentioned that India is still producing DDT. He shared data about use of DDT in India. He mentioned there is an increase in export of DDT and stressed that there is need for more information about stockpiles. He also shared the fact that the GEF project in India has not started yet. Finally, he touched upon Integrated Vector Management and Capacity Building programs.

Dr. Rajander Sharma asked if the Road Map has a deadline. Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez responded that there is no final deadline.

Dr. Rajander Sharma also emphasised that we should increase efforts in order to achieve the goals of the Stockholm Convention.

8. Membership of the Global Alliance

There are currently vacancies for GRULAC (1), WEOG (2), Bilateral and Academia.

| Party-nominated members | | |
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| UN Regions | Country | Name |
| Africa | Senegal | Fagamous Sy |
| | South Africa | Noluzuko Gwayi |
| Asia | India | Rajander Singh Sharma |
| | Yemen | Abdullah Naeem |
| CEE | Czech Republic | Ivan Holoubek |
| | Hungary | Zoltan Szabo |
| GRULAC | Panama | Maria Ines Esquivel |
| | | <i>Vacant</i> |
| WEOG | | <i>Vacant</i> |
| | | <i>Vacant</i> |

| Other Stakeholders | Representatives |
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| CSO | Paul Saoko, Physicians for Social Responsibility |
| Bilateral | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Academia | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Industry | Egon Weinmüller, Croplife International |
| IGO | Emmanuel Temu, World Health Organisation (WHO) |
| MEA | Gamini Manuweera, BRS Secretariat |

9. Work plan of the Global Alliance

Some milestones:

- The Road Map
- Webinars series (target: February)
- Bringing in new and updated information

10. Closure of the meeting

Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez thanked everyone for a fruitful meeting. She promised to follow up on certain points with the participants as discussed.