

## Meeting Document

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

### Brisbane Stakeholder Consultation Expectations

The discussion and elaboration at the stakeholder consultation in Brisbane will focus on a scoping activity for a future monitoring project, which supports the Stockholm Convention in fulfilling its mandate on Global POPs Monitoring (GMP), while contributing to the broader Convention objectives. The participants representing key stakeholders will involve in careful consideration of technical as well as political and financing aspects through focused group discussions to define a sound basis for the project and identify critical elements where assistance is needed, based on facts and lessons learnt. It should also help achieving long term sustainability, including minimum capacity needs and a better linkage of the POPs monitoring data and related activities of national interests.

The future monitoring project is to complement and support the Global Monitoring Plan work mainly through contributing to the enhancement of sustainability of its core activities, while avoiding any duplication.

Participants are also reminded, that the outcome of the stakeholder meeting to achieve, at the end of the two days, is a common understanding and agreement of the following goals, **focusing exclusively on a future project proposal**:

- (a) Identify the scope and key elements of the roadmap for further strengthening of technical capacities and capabilities in developing countries to sustainably contribute to POPs monitoring;
- (b) Develop political and financing strategies to generate synergy between monitoring and efforts to eliminate POPs towards enhanced sustainability;
- (c) Identify short-term and mid-term activities and facilitate effective engagement of key stakeholders towards securing the sustainable conditions;

Based on these general agreements, UNEP team will develop the details, including outcomes and outputs of the next project proposal, which will be formulated in close consultation with stakeholders, the Stockholm Convention Secretariat and donors, incl. GEF within the next 6 months.

During the deliberations it is expected to address and come to an agreement on the following issues:

1. Essential and most feasible requirements for a global, sustainable and technically sound monitoring system (in cooperation with existing networks), which also supports/includes national POPs management and monitoring needs:
  - a. Human milk monitoring
  - b. Interlaboratory assessment
  - c. Air monitoring
  - d. Water monitoring
2. Purposes, other than GMP, for which chemical analytical monitoring are needed (linkage to the wider goals):
  - a. Essential and achievable requirements for capacity building:
    - o Expanded data interpretation, communication and usage in the formulation and implementation of national actions for sound management of POPs and relevant chemicals of concerns;

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- Laboratory capacity building strategy, which is efficient, cost effective and sustainable;
    - Use of data for formulation and justification for policy measures.
  - b. Opportunities for broader monitoring strategy; possible linkages to similar monitoring initiatives.
- 3. Development of an efficient and cost-effective implementation strategy, focusing on the best possible scenarios:
  - a. Concrete assignments and terms of reference;
  - b. Timeline and cost estimates.
- 4. Sustainable financing opportunities and options.

As needed, UNEP will afterwards form a small working group to deal with specific aspects of the project formulation. Proposals and project outcomes will be shared with participants of the workshop for comments and additional ideas.