

## SAICM/UCT Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHP) Community of Practice (CoP)

### Discussion Forum

<b>Title</b>	<b>Mapping the global landscape of HHP risk reduction work</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>15 July 2020</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>12H00 PM – 13H30 PM SAST (GMT +2)</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Prof Andrea Rother, University of Cape Town, South Africa</b>
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<b>Chair</b>	<b>Ms Tatum Louw, MPH Student, UCT, South Africa</b>

#### Format of how the discussion will operate:

- To participate in this discussion, sign up at: <https://chemicalswithoutconcern.org/community>
- Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: [uctcops@outlook.com](mailto:uctcops@outlook.com)
- This live discussion will be run in Microsoft Teams in the chat section on the set day. You will receive instructions prior to the discussion
- The discussion will take place in the chat section of MS Teams. Members will introduce themselves upon arrival into the chat room.
- The discussion presenter may briefly present a verbal introduction with the assumption that members have read the text below. In some cases, presenters will provide a voiced over PowerPoint introduction before the discussion.
- Three questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion with each receiving 30 minutes. The presenter/s will address questions and statements posted by members but the intention is that others will respond as well.
- All are welcome to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language if you are struggling with English and members will assist where possible.

## **Instructions for joining this discussion on the set date:**

This discussion will be held in **Microsoft (MS) Teams**.

- After joining the CoP, a link to this discussion will be circulated to you via email and sent out as an Outlook calendar invite.
- If your organisation already has MS Teams, you will need to switch from your organisations MS Teams to your University of Cape Town Guest Teams account in the following manner:
  - a. You can do this by going into your MS Teams and navigating to the top right corner of the page to where your profile picture is
  - b. Here you should see the name of your organisation and small arrow indicating a drop-down menu
  - c. Click on this arrow and choose “University of Cape Town”
- Find the email sent to you with the MS Teams link to this discussion.
- Click the link that says, “Join Microsoft Teams Meeting” and you should be taken into the discussion.

If you have not received an email with the link, make sure you are signed up for the Highly Hazardous Pesticides Community of Practice or send an email to:

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## PRESENTER BIOSKETCH



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## DISCUSSION INTRODUCTION

Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) are responsible for significant environmental, economic and human health problems including acute and chronic poisoning. Consequently, calls to address HHPs have been on the global development agenda for many years. The 131<sup>st</sup> UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Council in 2006 recommended priority activities for FAO within the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) to include risk reduction and a progressive ban on HHPs. Consequently, in 2008 the FAO and World Health Organization (WHO) Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management (JMPM) formulated criteria that define HHPs. The FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct revised in 2014 led to a definition of HHPs and articles with specific references to HHPs. Also notable are the **resolutions** made at both the third International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM3) in 2012 and fourth ICCM (ICCM4) in 2015 for concerted global efforts to address HHPs. Many strategic stakeholders have called for action, guidance and support to address HHPs. These **stakeholder groups** include regulatory authorities; agricultural extension and public health advisory services; health services and poison control centres; farmers and farmer associations; trade unions and agricultural workers' organizations, private sector, civil society. Since then, there have been some initiatives to address HHPs by various stakeholder groups including Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), academia, the private sector and Governments, which in some cases have collaborated regionally through their respective Regional Economic Communities (RECs). The common goal of all these efforts is eliminate the short and long-term health and the environment impacts of HHPs.

However, there has been no stock-take of the HHP risk reduction activities, and as such, there is neither coherence nor formal coordination of implementation at various levels.

Considering these challenges, this discussion seeks to **map the global landscape** of HHP risk reduction initiatives from various stakeholder group/sector perspectives. The following questions have been prepared to structure the discussion among members and allow

sharing of lessons learnt and identification of common challenges.

This CoP discussion seeks to address these questions as a group and to achieve a clearer picture of the HHP risk reduction landscape, as well as identify gaps.

### QUESTION 1 (30 mins) 12:00 - 12:30

#### **Question 1:**

What actions have been undertaken in your country/ region to reduce HHP risks? What role did you or your organization (state which sector you/your organization represents – Government, IGO, NGO, Industry, Academia) play in the HHP risk reduction activities and which stakeholder category/categories are you under?

#### **Resources/Information for the Discussion:**

- Addressing HHPs in Mozambique (**See attached**)
- ICCM4 HHP Strategy (**See attached**)
- FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management (**See attached**)

### QUESTION 2 (30 mins) 12:30 – 13:00

#### **Question 2:**

What were the resources and protocols that you used/followed to guide the HHP risk reduction work in your region/country? Which criteria did you use to identify HHPs?

If your organization/country/region is not actively involved in HHP work, what resources do you think are needed to begin assessing the presence and removal of HHPs?

#### **Resources/Information for the Discussion:**

FAO/WHO HHP Guidelines (**See attached**)  
FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit Brochure and link (**See attached**)

### QUESTION 3 (30 mins) 13:00 – 13:30

#### **Question 3:**

In your HHP risk reduction initiatives what have been your i) major accomplishments ii) key challenges iii) opportunities iv) lessons learned iv) key recommendations?

What are the key challenges and opportunities for those of you and for countries where HHP work is not underway or so evident?

### BLOG Post Instructions for those who cannot attend the live discussion

#### Blog post instructions:

**Should you not be able to attend the discussion when it is scheduled to happen but still wish to contribute, post your answers/comments as a Wiki post in the MS Team channel for this discussion.**

#### Instructions on how to post a Wiki post in MS Teams:

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  - a. You can do this by going into your MS Teams and navigating to the top right corner of the page to where your profile picture is. Click on the small arrow indicating a drop down menu and choose “University of Cape Town”
2. Open up MS Teams and navigate to the Highly Hazardous Pesticides CoP.
3. When you are in HHP COP Team, look for the channel corresponding to the date of the discussion you would like to blog for (i.e. ‘09.01.2020 – Discussion 1’) and click on that channel.
4. At the top of the page, once you are in the channel, just under the search bar are a number of tabs, look for the tab called ‘Blog posts’. Click on this tab.
5. An example blog post will guide you on how to structure your blog post.
6. Beneath the example blog post (or the previous person’s blog post, should someone else have written a blog post before you) look for the purple plus sign (+) that says ‘Add a new section here’. Click the plus sign (+)
7. Title your section with your name and country.
8. Below the title it should say ‘Your content goes here’, add your answers and contributions for the discussion there.
9. Your answers and contributions will be pasted into the live discussion chat for others to comment on. You can return at a later date to read the chat.