

DISCUSSION INTRODUCTION

Further to the last HHP CoP discussion on 21 October 2020, that solicited input from various stakeholders on the draft Global Action Plan (GAP) on HHPs jointly developed by FAO, WHO and UNEP, this CoP discussion envisages to continue exchanging views on the GAP. The focus will be on the targets and implementation mechanisms. Of particular interest for this session is to consider the process for measuring progress towards the objectives and targets of the GAP until 2030.

As a reminder, the GAP on HHPs calls for global action of all relevant stakeholders on addressing HHPs, including a progressive elimination of poisoning and contamination caused by HHPs and a progressive phase-in of alternative measures. It outlines the need for concerted efforts to mainstream the regulation and sound management of HHPs and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

In addition, since ICCM4 in 2015, HHPs are listed among SAICM's Issues of Concern. As outlined in a recent UNEP report on Issues of concern, HHPs need to be comprehensively tackled at the global level and concerted international actions are urgently needed to address the challenges posed by such pesticides. Therefore, the GAP on HHPs and implementing activities will be a key component of the post-2020 new framework on chemical management.

Note on the status of the GAP: following the CoP discussion in October 2020, FAO, WHO and UNEP held an on-line stakeholder consultation and also requested written comments from interested parties. The amount of comments, suggestions and observations was considerable and showed the high level of interest for the topic on HHPs. A new draft GAP has been prepared that is still under internal comments within FAO, WHO and UNEP at the time of preparing this CoP discussion. Therefore, this CoP discussion will still be based on the earlier draft of the GAP that was shared in October 2020.

The intention of this discussion is for members of the CoP to engage further with the draft, ask questions, as well as, offer suggestions and recommendations on targets and indicators for the GAP and the role of the coalition.

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QUESTION 1 (14:05 GMT +2)

Background: Members of the HHP CoP are being asked to reflect on whether the Global Plan of Action could envisage to phase-out all/most/some HHPs used in agriculture by 2030, and if they think this is feasible or not, and if so why. What associated targets could be realistically set? As any plan of actions should be progressive, members are invited to suggest some possible milestones at given times by 2030.

Question 1:

Would it be feasible to phase out all/most/some HHPs in agriculture by 2030? What do you see as the realistic phase out targets and possible milestones (e.g. in 2 years, in 5 years, in 10 years)?

Resources:

- FAO-WHO-UNEP Draft Global Action Plan on HHPs (PDF attached).

QUESTION 2 (14:30 GMT+2)

Background: In addition to the development of the Global Action Plan on HHPs, members are asked to reflect on the on-going discussions as part of the post-SAICM framework on chemical management. As an identified issue of concern, how should HHPs importance be highlighted and how should activities be monitored in that framework. What could/should be done?

Question 2:

Do you think that the post-2020 framework (SAICM) on chemicals should include a target and indicators on HHPs? If so, give an example of a target and indicators, and how the data for these should be collected?

Resources:

- UNEP paper on Issues of Concern
<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/33807/ARIC.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y> (see section 3.5 on HHPs)
- SAICM IP4 document on targets and indicators:
http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP4/Docs/SAICM_IP4_3_Proposed-targets-TWG-SAICM-smcw-beyond-2020.pdf

QUESTION 3 (15:00 GMT+2)

Background: One key component of the Global Plan of Action to mobilize and coordinate relevant stakeholders is to set up a HHP coalition. CoP members are invited to come up with ideas for the roles and engagement of stakeholders, and the operation of the coalition. Further to the previous questions, ideas and suggestions will be welcomed about the mechanism to put in place at the national, regional and international level to assist with collecting relevant data (for indicators) and the role of the coalition partners in this regard.

Question 3:

What do you suggest is the best way to promote engagement of key stakeholders? Give examples of your understanding of an HHP coalition and how could it operate?

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Resources:

- FAO-WHO-UNEP Draft Global Action Plan on HHPs (PDF attached).

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: uctcops@outlook.com

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
- ✓ This live discussion will be run in Microsoft Teams in the chat section on the set day. . Members will introduce themselves upon arrival into the chat room.
- ✓ The discussion presenter will briefly present a verbal introduction.
- ✓ Three questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion for 25 minutes discussion. The presenter/s will address comments in the chat section of Teams and all are encouraged to engage.
- ✓ 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.

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