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Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHP) Community of Practice (CoP)

Discussion 4 2020 Forum Guide

Title	Overview of the HHP Global Action Plan and way forward
Date	21 October 2020
Time	10:00 am – 11:30 am (GMT +2)
Facilitator	Prof Andrea Rother, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Presenter	Baogen Gu (FAO)
Chair	Ms Tatum Louw, MPH Student, UCT, South Africa

NOTE:

- ✓ Since this is a discussion, we encourage you to **prepare** or at least think about the questions prior to joining.
- ✓ **This guide** lays out the background to the questions, presents the questions and provides resources if you should wish to read further on the issue.



- **Details for joining this discussion are below.** To participate in this discussion you will need to have signed up in advance at:
<https://chemicalswithoutconcern.org/community>
- For **technical assistance** on the day of the discussion go to the HHP CoP WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JFBuA0TRuRZ0NAqm8JHpp0>
- **Connect** with laptops/PCs rather than phones since the discussion involves typing.

PRESENTERS BIOSKETCHES



Baogen Gu (FAO)

Dr Baogen Gu is a specialist in pest and pesticide management. He started to work on pesticide management in Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs in China since 1988, and as the pesticide registrar in China, was responsible for whole registration of pesticides in China from 2000 to 2014 focusing on risk assessment and approval of products and phasing out more than 20 HHPs in China. He joined the Global Review program of new pesticides organized by OECD and coordinated activities in China. Later, Dr Gu, being deputy director of National Centre for Quality and Safety of Agricultural Products, MARA, China, worked on food safety focusing on promoting IPM and building up sustainable agricultural production systems to reduce the use of agrochemicals. He joined in FAO in September 2016 and has been responsible for pest and pesticide management as well as farmer field schools as the team leader of Pest and Pesticide Management in Division of Plant Protection and Protection, FAO.

DISCUSSION INTRODUCTION

Despite the success of many actions to eliminate Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs), they continue to pose unacceptable risks and disproportionately account for the negative impacts of pesticides on human health and environment, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where they are a barrier to sustainable development.

Evidence indicates that reducing or mitigating the impacts of HHPs would significantly reduce the negative impacts from pesticides overall. Concerted actions are, therefore, required to mainstream the regulation and sound management of HHPs and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

To this effect, FAO-WHO-UNEP are jointly developing a **Global Action Plan on HHPs** to explore a viable and concrete pathway to the international community towards progressive elimination of poisoning and contamination of HHPs and progressive phase in of alternative measures. The Action Plan calls for global action of all relevant stakeholders on addressing HHPs and outlines the overall objectives and roadmap.

The intention of this discussion is for members of the CoP to engage with the draft, ask questions and offer suggestions/recommendations.

QUESTION 1 (25 mins)

Background: Members of the HHP CoP are being asked to reflect on whether a Global Plan of Action as outlined in the draft document is needed and why they think this is the case. If such a plan is not needed, members are invited to explain why.

Question 1: In your view, is the Global Action Plan on HHPs necessary?

Resources:

- FAO-WHO-UNEP Draft Global Action Plan on HHPs.

QUESTION 2 (25 mins)

Background: After reviewing with draft Global Action Plan, members are asked to identify what the key issues are that the plan needs to address and whether these are all addressed. Are there issue gaps? Are there stakeholder missing?

Question 2: What are the key issues that you think the Global Action Plan should address?

Resources:

- FAO-WHO-UNEP Draft Global Action Plan on HHPs.

QUESTION 3 (25 mins)

Background: Obviously, the Global Plan of Action is only effective in addressing HHPs globally if it is implemented. Members are invited to come up with ideas for implementation of the full plan, as well as components of the plan. Roles of responsible

stakeholders especially FAO/WHO and governments, implementation mechanism, and monitoring should also be thought about.

Question 3: What are your suggestions for the best approaches to implement the global action?

Resources:

- FAO-WHO-UNEP Draft Global Action Plan on HHPs.

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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