

**SAICM/UCT  
Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHP) Community of Practice (CoP)  
Discussion 3**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Rights-based approach to Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) management</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>14h00 – 15h30 (GMT +2)</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Prof Andrea Rother (Unv. of Cape Town)</b>
<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Baskut Tuncak (Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI), Laurent Gaberell (Public Eye) and Peter Hurst (Labour Consultant)</b>
<b>WebEx registration link</b>	<a href="https://unep.webex.com/unep/j.php?RGID=r8c273c55981c634d62d99094f698cfe3">https://unep.webex.com/unep/j.php?RGID=r8c273c55981c634d62d99094f698cfe3</a>
<b>SAICM/UCT HHP CoP Sign-up link</b>	Make sure you have signed up for the HHP CoP: <a href="https://saicmknowledge.org/community">https://saicmknowledge.org/community</a>
<b>WhatsApp Group</b>	Join the HHP CoP WhatsApp Group to receive information: <a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/JFBuA0TRuRZ0NAqm8JHpp0">https://chat.whatsapp.com/JFBuA0TRuRZ0NAqm8JHpp0</a>

**Two steps are required to join this discussion:**

1. Sign up to the CoP, if you have not done so previously, at: <https://saicmknowledge.org/community>
2. Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: [uctcops@outlook.com](mailto:uctcops@outlook.com)
3. Register for the 30<sup>th</sup> of November WebEx discussion at:  
<https://unep.webex.com/unep/j.php?RGID=r8c273c55981c634d62d99094f698cfe3>
4. We encourage you also to join the HHP CoP WhatsApp group by clicking on this link:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JFBuA0TRuRZ0NAqm8JHpp0>

**Discussion Format:**

- This is not a Webinar, but rather a discussion among different stakeholder groups.
- The discussion presenter/s will briefly present a verbal introduction and introduce the questions listed in this discussion guide.
- Three questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion. The presenter/s will address questions and comments posted by members in the chat room and participants are encouraged to respond to each other as well.
- All are encouraged to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language and members will assist where possible with translation.

## PRESENTERS BIOSKETCH



**Baskut Tuncak** is currently the director of the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) where he leads the organization's efforts to advance safer and healthier environments and workplaces. From 2014-2020, he served as the UN Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on human rights and toxics, working closely with various stakeholders to promote environmental and occupational rights. He is nominated to be a Research Professor in the Department of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and continues to advise various organizations on the intersection of human rights, the environment and occupational health.



**Peter Hurst** is a specialist on a wide range of health, safety, pollution prevention and labour-related issues, especially pesticides and in global food supply chains, agriculture and agrofood industries. He has previously worked for the International Labour Organization (Health and Safety; Hazardous child labour elimination), World Wide Fund for Nature International, International Union of Food & Agricultural Workers, and as government health and safety labour inspector in agriculture in the United Kingdom.



**Laurent Gaberell** is a food and agriculture expert at Public Eye, a Swiss non-government organization (NGO) that shed light on human rights violations perpetrated by Swiss companies abroad and advocate for regulations that better tackle the root causes of inequality.

### QUESTION 1

**Baskut Tuncak**

**14h00-14h30 GMT+2**

**Question 1:** Does your country have a human rights-based approach to pesticide management, (e.g., the right to be protected from certain exposures, information/participation, and/or access to effective remedies)? If so, what are some of the success stories? If not, what are the main obstacles to developing or implementing a human rights-based approach for pesticide management in your country? List your country in your response.

#### **POLLS (Maximum of 2 polls)**

1. Would you like to see stronger linkages between human rights and pesticide management in your country?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure
2. In what way do you think a human rights-based approach would make the most valuable contribution in your country:
  - a. Reducing harmful exposures
  - b. Providing access to information
  - c. Enabling community participation
  - d. Ensuring access to effective remedies
  - e. Helping to address transboundary injustices and inequalities.

### QUESTION 2

**Laurent Gaberell**

**14h30 – 15h00 GMT+2**

**Question 2:** In your opinion, what responsibility do pesticide companies have to respect human rights? Should these responsibilities be made mandatory in legislation? If yes, who would be responsible for their enforcement and monitoring? If not, why not?

#### **POLLS (Maximum of 2 polls)**

1. Do you think that companies selling highly hazardous pesticides in low- and middle-income countries are violating their responsibility to respect human rights?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure
2. Do you think that the corporate responsibility to respect human rights should be made mandatory?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure

**QUESTION 3**  
**Peter Hurst**  
**15h00 -15h30 GMT+2**

**Question 3:** How can extending and strengthening workers' human rights in agriculture help with the elimination of Highly Hazardous Pesticides in your country? List your country in your response.

**POLLS (Maximum of 2 polls)**

1. What is your view on using ILO Convention No. 184 on Safety and Health in Agriculture as a framework for promoting and ensuring workers' rights in agriculture in your country? Should it include making workplace health and safety risk assessments a legal requirement in agricultural workplaces?
2. What is your view on introducing the right to a healthy and safe environment due diligence requirement for agricultural employers and companies in your country?

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