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Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
Expert Group to assess DDT production and use and its alternatives
Second meeting
Geneva, 21-23 November 2006

Annotated Programme

Purpose:

1. To undertake a situational analysis on the production and use of DDT and the conditions for such use, including a review of the responses by countries to the questionnaire;
2. To evaluate the availability, suitability and implementation of alternative products, methods and strategies to DDT;
3. To evaluate progress in strengthening the capacity of countries to transfer safely to reliance on such alternatives, based on a review of the opportunities and needs in countries for sustainable transition;
4. To make recommendations on the evaluation and reporting mechanisms as relating to paragraphs 4 and 6 of Part II of Annex B;
5. To consider and assess the actions being taken by Parties to accomplish the following:
 - Development of regulatory and other mechanisms to ensure that DDT use is restricted to disease vector control;
 - Implementation of suitable alternative products, methods and strategies, including resistance management strategies to ensure the continuing effectiveness of these alternatives;
 - Measures to strengthen health care and to reduce the incidence of the disease;
 - Promotion of research and development of safe alternative chemical and non-chemical products, methods and strategies for Parties using DDT, relevant to the

conditions of those countries and with the goal of decreasing the human and economic burden of disease. Factors to be promoted when considering alternatives or combinations of alternatives shall include the human health risks and environmental implications of such alternatives. Viable alternatives to DDT shall pose less risk to human health and the environment, be suitable for disease control based on conditions in the Parties in question and be supported by monitoring data.

6. To review the information collection and assessment processes including the effectiveness of the DDT questionnaire and corresponding responses from countries.
7. To examine the current WHO Policies and Guidelines and activities regarding DDT and disease vector control
8. To make conclusions and recommendations to the Conference of the Parties to support its evaluation on the continued need of DDT for disease vector control

Outputs:

A comprehensive report to the Conference of the Parties based on the deliberations and recommendations made at the meeting pertaining to the areas mentioned above.

Format:

Facilitated meeting held over 3 days consisting of:

Day 1

- A. Introductory presentations and election of the Chair and rapporteur
 - 1) Opening remarks by the WHO representative (10')
 - 2) Opening remarks by Stockholm Convention Secretariat representative (10')
 - 3) Adoption of the agenda (10')
 - 4) Election of chair and rapporteur for the meeting (10')
 - 5) Introduction of participants (20')
 - 6) Opening remarks by the representative of the UNEP Regional Office (10')
- 7) B. Presentation on the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its second meeting. (20')
- C. Presentations on policy, production and use of DDT and on the preliminary report from the analysis of the completed DDT questionnaires by countries. (5 hrs - 6 presentations)

Day 2

- D. Break-out sessions (Group work) to assess the information collected on DDT within the context of the work requested by the Conference of the Parties. (5 hrs.)
- E. Plenary reporting on results of break-out sessions. (1.5 hrs.)

Day 3

- F. Plenary session to compile the results from the Break-out sessions and to review and propose actions and recommendations on the continued need of DDT for disease vector control (1 hr.)
- G. Plenary session to review the adequacy of the DDT questionnaire (1.5 hrs.)
- H. Plenary session to review the assessment and evaluation process for DDT (40')
- I. Development of recommendations for the Conference of the Parties (1 hr)
- J. Finalization of the report to the Conference of the Parties (1.5 hrs.)

Proposed attendees:

- Fifteen experts on DDT issues selected from countries especially from Parties to the Stockholm Convention that produce or use DDT and from the cadre of experts within WHO.
- Representatives from UNEP and the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention.

Estimated total participants = 20

Timing:

21-23 November 2006

Location:

2nd Floor Conference Room
UNEP Chemicals
International Environment House
11-13 chemin des Anémones
CH 1219 Châtelaine
Geneva, Switzerland

Costs to be funded:

Flight costs and Daily Subsistence Allowances for country experts will be funded by the Stockholm Convention within UN rules.