



# STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPs)



Effectiveness Evaluation  
Provisional Ad Hoc Technical Working Group (TWG)  
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## Document GMP/TWG-1/2

### DRAFT WORK PLAN FOR THE PROVISIONAL AD HOC TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

The Conference of the Parties (COP) has specified tasks that should be addressed by the provisional ad hoc technical working group (TWG)<sup>1</sup>. These tasks are provided below with annotation to indicate arrangements for the completion of the work.

#### **a) To develop criteria for evaluating programmes;**

*Modalities and timeframes:* The Secretariat will provide draft criteria to support discussion and decisions at the first meeting of the TWG (TWG-1). A final report will be prepared immediately after TWG1

#### **b) To identify monitoring programmes that fulfill the criteria for contributing to the baseline data production, taking into account the updating of the information contained in the note by the Secretariat on existing human health and environment monitoring programmes (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/10);**

*Modalities and timeframes:* The Secretariat's country survey of existing and potential monitoring capacities will be available for review and discussion at TWG-1. On the basis of this review, the Secretariat will apply the criteria to the survey results and distribute a preliminary report for consideration and review by the TWG (see item c below) and subsequently by regional organizational groups. The Secretariat will also use this information to develop and maintain a comprehensive inventory of capacities that will be available before TWG-2.

#### **c) To prepare a report on such programmes and others that may make useful contributions, subject to enhancement of their capacities;**

*Modalities and timeframes:* The Secretariat will prepare a draft report based upon TWG discussion and regional application of the criteria for discussion and approval at TWG-2. This work must be complete by early February if it is to be submitted to COP-3)

#### **d) To outline the global monitoring plan (GMP) along the lines of the principles and requirements contained in the annex to COP decision SC-2/13;**

*Modalities and timeframes:* The Secretariat will prepare a draft outline for the GMP to support discussion and decision at TWG-1. Based upon revision and elaboration undertaken at that time by the TWG, the GMP will be made available to the TWG by early December 2006. The plan will be designed to evolve to reflect needs and changing conditions and will be intended to facilitate the

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<sup>1</sup> COP decision SC-2/13

*regional organization of elements of a monitoring programme from design to implementation and report production.*

**e) To develop guidance for data comparability (and handling), taking into account the available guidance document produced by UNEP Chemicals.**

*Modalities and timeframes:* TWG-1 will include identification of the main elements of revision required to make the guidance document produced by UNEP in 2004 applicable to the present GMP. The Secretariat will propose entrusting the revision to a small group of experts specialized in the various document sections. The experts would also be asked to advise on what is appropriate and sufficient comparable data for the regional evaluation of effectiveness of the Convention. The revised document will be available by the end of January 2006.

**f) To develop and maintain an implementation plan to fulfil the minimum requirements for the first evaluation, including the following elements.**

**i) The use of data including data integration from regional monitoring programmes and data provided by Parties;**

**ii) Ensuring that data are comparable, namely, by applying quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) standards;**

**iii) Summarizing and presenting the data on a regional basis, to be used as a baseline**

*Modalities and timeframes:* The Secretariat has prepared a draft outline for an implementation plan to support discussion and decision at TWG-1. As elaborated and finalized at TWG-1, the implementation plan will be made available to the TWG by early December 2006. The plan will be designed to evolve to reflect needs and changing conditions and will include (inter alia):

1) Identification of a process to supplement existing core data and programmes to address regional gaps in coverage;

2) Establishment of strategic arrangements and partnerships, including with the health sector

3) A process to develop regional monitoring networks that will allow for the collection of core data

i) directly from those Parties that wish to contribute nationally; and,

ii) through international collaborative programmes.

*This process will require the establishment of regional organizational and coordination mechanisms.*

**g) To coordinate and oversee implementation of the GMP and in accordance with the elements described.**

*Modalities and timeframes:* The work will be conducted in accordance with the decisions of the COP and as agreed upon by the TWG. A timetable indicating tasks and timeframes will be prepared at the conclusion of TWG-1

**h) To report on progress to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting.**

*Modalities and timeframes:* A draft report will be made available by the secretariat for review and finalization at TWG-2 and for subsequent

*transmittal to COP-3. It will consist of a concise report on progress of implementation of the GMP (including field testing). It may include such issues as: assessment of practicality, feasibility, transparency, and sustainability of the GMP; whether and how the GMP achieves inclusiveness; and, the extent of global coverage obtained for core representative data from all regions. The GMP and Implementation Plan will be available to the COP but not as COP-3 papers.*

**i) In addition to the tasks specified by the COP for attention by the TWG, the Secretariat may wish to ask the TWG for advise and assistance in the conduct of other work, including work that has been assigned by the COP directly to the Secretariat.**

*Modalities and timeframes:In this regard, the Secretariat would like to request advice from the TWG on how the Secretariat will undertake the following tasks:*

- 1) Develop t and maintain a comprehensive regional inventory of capacities and a corresponding needs assessment with contributions from national Stockholm Convention focal points;*
- 2) Develop a plan for step-by-step capacity enhancement for Parties on a regional basis for the purpose of implementing Article 16 of the Convention. Such work would be in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 ( on technical assistance] and Article 13 (on the financial mechanism) and would be forwarded to the Technical Assistance Working Group;*
- 3) Develop possible arrangements with relevant regional centers to assist coordination.; and,*
- 4)Develop t and maintain a network of databases containing monitoring information.*
- 5) Compilation of the elements for the first effectiveness evaluation as it relates to the first global monitoring report. This work would be based upon regionally produced summarization and presentation of the monitoring data and information.*

## **Provisional Time Plan for the Work of the Provisional Ad Hoc Technical Working Group**

- July 2006 *Draft annotated outline of the strategy framework document and implementation plan (Secretariat)*
- July 2006 *Call for financial (Secretariat)*
- July 2006 *Send out survey questionnaire (Secretariat)*
- Aug 1 2006 *Invitation to attend TWG-1 meeting (secretariat)*
- 30 Aug 06 *Survey questionnaires due to Secretariat*
- 7 Sept 2006 *Secretariat to report on questionnaire responses for TWG-1*
- 09-13 Oct TWG-1 meeting, Brno, Czech Republic
- Nov Evaluation of financial resources available for field testing and drafting of work plan
- 1 Nov Circulation of TWG-1 report to participants and posting on the WEB
- Nov 2006 Call for nominations of regional experts –(Secretariat))
- Nov 2006 Designation of the regional coordination institutions
- Nov 2006 Initiation of work on a revised guidance document (Secretariat))
- Mid Dec 2006 Draft outline of the regional monitoring reports structure distributed for TWG review (Secretariat). Call for comments
- Mid Jan 2007 TWG comments due to the Secretariat on the draft outline for the regional monitoring reports
- Jan 2007 Revised Guidance document distributed (Secretariat)
- Guidance for monitoring programme selection
  - Guidance for data quality and comparability
  - Guidance for data reporting (format and process)
  - Guidance on data handling
  - Guidance for data assessment
- Jan 2007 Implementation begins of arrangements for the first assessment (including field testing of data supplementation activities begins) . Existing data compilation starts in regions Question. I deleted because I think it is a component the same as the first item "Implementation ..... Is this correct?
- Early Feb 2007 TWG- meeting with the following issues inter alia on the agenda
- Revision of outline

- Update of the list of monitoring programmes
- Approval of list of regional experts for assessment
- Proposed regional coordination institutions
- Discussion paper on regional reports

End Feb	Finalization of COP-3 documents: Progress report, GMP description etc.. (Secretariat)
May 1 2007	COP-3
Oct 2008	Drafting of regional reports
Jan 2008	First draft regional reports complete and available for regional expert review
Fe 15 2008	comments back from reviewers
March 2008	Regional meetings to finalize regional monitoring reports
May 2008	All regional reports forwarded to Secretariat and distributed to TWG
June 2008	Secretariat begins preparation of draft global summary compilation based upon regional reports
Aug 2008	Secretariat distributes global compilation to TWG for review
Nov 2008	TWG meets to review and approve regional reports and Secretariate global compilation
Dec 2008	Secretariat editing of reports
Jan 2009	Forward Regional Monitoring reports and Secretariat global compilation to COP-4