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FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia Managing empty pesticide containers, protecting natural resources and farmers in Central Asia

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What: Virtual meeting (Zoom Webinar)

When: 14 October 2020, 1030-1300 (Budapest time)

Language: English-Russian-Turkish (simultaneous translation provided)

Registration:

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Background

The GEF/FAO project “Lifecycle Management of Pesticides and Disposal of POPs Pesticides in Central Asian countries and Turkey” (GCP/SEC/011/GFF resp. GEF ID 5000) is to 1) reduce POPs releases from obsolete pesticide stockpiles and contaminated sites, and 2) strengthen the capacity for the sound management of pesticides.

One key activity is the introduction of national pesticide container management systems (CMS). Empty pesticide containers, unless managed correctly, pose an important hazard to both people and the environment. CMS can minimize related risks and is part of the “life-cycle concept” as addressed in the FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management.

Successful container management systems are based on the engagement and support of all stakeholders over the pesticide life-cycle. These stakeholder groups include government bodies, manufacturers, users/farmers, distributors and suppliers, recyclers and disposers, NGOs, and business and trade unions. Also, sound management of empty pesticide containers at the end of their life creates an additional cost, hence, successful CMS should have a mechanism to bear these costs.

Objective of the webinar

The main objective of the Webinar is to exchange information on the challenges to address when managing pesticides containers and on opportunities provided by the establishment of pesticide container management systems for the countries in Central Asia, Turkey, Caucasus and Eastern Europe.



Speakers

Moderator: Ms. Tania Santivanez, Agricultural Officer, FAO REU

1. Mr. Baogen Gu, Team Leader, Pest and Pesticide Management, Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO
2. Dr. Detlef Doehnert, Chemist, FAO consultant on container management systems (emeritus)
3. Mr. Andrew Ward, Director of Stewardship, CropLife International
4. Dr. Sheila Willis, Head of International Programmes, Pesticide Action Network UK

Panel discussion:

Moderator: Mr. Stephan Robinson, STA, FAO SEC

Presentation on national CMS baselines by:

1. Representative of Azerbaijan
2. Mr. Almaz Alakunov, Department of Chemicalisation, Kyrgyzstan
3. Representative of Tajikistan
4. Dr. Yunus Bayram, Acting Deputy Director General, DG Food and Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Turkey (TBC)
5. Mr. Nikoloz Meskhi, Head of Plant Protection Department, National Food Agency, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia
6. Representative of Ukraine
7. Representative of Moldova

Target audiences

Interested FAO staff and consultants, governmental representatives from project countries, national experts, civil society organizations, public and private sector, and academia in the Europe and Central Asia region.



AGENDA

Time	Title	Speaker
10:30-10:40	Opening remarks, FAO policies on CMS	Mr. Baogen Gu
10:40-11:00	Introduction into establishing national CMS: management and technological aspects Q&A	Dr. Detlef Doehnert
11:00–11.15	Industry perspective on the importance of CMS Q&A	Mr. Andrew Ward
11:15-11:30	Social, health and environmental issues when CMS is missing: field experience from PAN UK Q&A	Dr. Sheila Willis
11:30-11:40	Break	
11:40-12:55	Panel discussion Current CMS baselines	Governmental representatives from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
12:55-13:00	Wrap up and closing remarks	Ms. Tania Santivanez

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