



PRESS RELEASE

Eliminating Dangerous Pesticides and Promoting Safer Agriculture

On 26 May 2015 the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, with the financial assistance of the European Union, will be launching safeguarding and environmentally sound disposal operation of more than 400 tonnes of obsolete pesticides from the Pascani site in the Criuleni district.

The representatives from the Ministries, local authorities, Civil Society Organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and European Union Delegation to Moldova will get together at the Pascani site to present the progress on collaborative work under the project **“Improved pesticides and chemicals management in the Former Soviet Union”**.

In recent years, Moldova makes considerable efforts to eliminate stockpiles of obsolete pesticides. Eliminating these dangerous stocks is a development priority. Besides reducing the risk posed by hazardous waste, the project provided input to strengthen life cycle management of chemicals used in agriculture. Large amounts of pesticides continue to be used in food production and the project aims to promote strategies to reduce pesticide use; improve awareness among decision makers and the public of the risks associated with it and identify safer alternatives to pesticides in sustainable agriculture.

The project is implemented through strong collaboration between Government regulators, civil society (both nationally and internationally) together with international partners and experts.

Background: A 7-million-euro Project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in a number of post-Soviet countries, including Moldova.

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