

## GAHP Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The GAHP Executive Committee met via teleconference on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 08:00 – 9:00 New York time. The below is a summary of the discussion and decisions taken.

### Administrative Business

- The minutes from the last two meetings on 31<sup>st</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 were approved.
- The Secretariat welcomed four new LMIC members:
  - Argentina, Ministry of Environment;
  - Bangladesh, Department of Environment;
  - Nepal, Department of Environment and
  - Sudan, Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainable Development.
- Approval for two new NGOs members were postponed until more details could be provided.

### Programmatic Business

- **Update on UNEA3 and GAHP Annual Meeting.** GAHP held a number of events that relayed the conclusions of the Lancet Report, and described the HPAP process (as a recommendation of the Report) and how those aligned. GAHP hosted a Green Tent event, held its GAHP annual meeting, and presented at an EU hosted Ministerial breakfast. The annual meeting was well attended, with 42 agencies and more than 60 participants. A summary of the meeting is available on the GAHP website. In addition, throughout UNEA3, the GAHP representatives promoted GAHP and met with country representatives to better understand LMIC needs related to tackling pollution.
- **Health and Pollution Action Planning (HPAP) processes.** The Secretariat noted that it had received a total of more than 20 requests for HPAPs in LMICs, and is in process of discussing next steps with LMIC GAHP members and brainstorming about funding those activities. The first HPAP documents for Madagascar will be available in the next month or two once reviewed by the Government, and the HPAP process in Madagascar and Thailand should be completed by Spring. The HPAP in Colombia should be completed by summer. Preparations are being made to start HPAPs in Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Tanzania and the Philippines.
- **Follow on from the Lancet Report.** The Secretariat will explore putting out a “follow on” report from the Lancet Commission on Pollution and

Health looking at the transboundary impacts of pollution, and further make the argument for investment in pollution prevention and solutions.

- ***Independent Assessment of GAHP.*** The UNIDO-commissioned independent assessment of GAHP is now available to all members and observers on the GAHP website for review and comment.
- The next Executive Committee call will be held in approximately four weeks.