

## GAHP Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The GAHP Executive Committee met via teleconference on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 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 were approved.

### Programmatic Business

- **Update on Lancet Commission Report.** The *Lancet* Commission on Pollution and Health report received a strong media response, with more than 3,000 articles reaching about 2 billion people. The Secretariat hosted four well-attended launch events in New York, Brussels, Ottawa and Delhi. A fifth event is planned in January 2018 with the World Bank in Washington DC, and a sixth in Mexico City in February. Of note, high-profile panelists at the NY event included Dr. Phillip Landrigan of Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, Gina McCarthy, former US EPA administrator, Carlos Salinas, Former President of Mexico, and Richard Fuller of Pure Earth. The World Bank will also draw links to the Lancet Report through its new report on WB investment in pollution, issued by the WB Independent Evaluation Group.

- **UNEA3 and Annual Meeting**

The Secretariat gave an overview of its plans to present at UNEA3, including presentations at the EU hosted Ministerial Breakfast and at the CSO Green Tent, as well as the GAHP Annual Meeting.

- **Strategic Plan presentation and discussion.** The Secretariat gave an update on the progress of the development of the strategic plan after discussions with many members of the GAHP network. A short summary of view points received was provided. Of note:

- LMIC members were well satisfied with help they received from GAHP especially on technical matters.
- Institutional members expressed would be difficult for them to remain within the group if it were to incorporate.
- All had good compliments on the work of GAHP

The Secretariat clarified that the idea is to continue with the status quo (i.e. pursuing raising awareness with countries and donors and building country demand) and leave incorporation for another time. The document will serve as a “living document” for the time being. Comments from the membership will be solicited at the GAHP Annual Meeting.

- The next Executive Committee call will be held in mid-January.