

GAHP Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The GAHP Executive Committee met via teleconference on 10th July 2018 from 08:00 – 9:00 New York time. The below is a summary of the discussion and decisions taken.

Administrative Business

- Quorum was not met. Minutes from May 9 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Programmatic Business

GAHP Subcommittees.

- **Communications Subcommittee** provided updates on two upcoming reports: a regional and country based report of the Lancet Commission pollution and health data, and a report on the transboundary nature of pollution and its impacts. For the transboundary report, Pure Earth is partnering with GAHP member Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), a European consumer-facing organization. A writer has been hired for the report and is currently interviewing experts. Data visualizations will also be incorporated. The report will include human stories and also present solutions. It is envisioned that an update to The Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health will be released in October/November 2019.
- **Health and Pollution Action Planning (HPAP) Subcommittee**, HPAPs are moving ahead as planned as follows:

Pure Earth-led HPAPs:

- Thailand - no new updates at this time;
- Madagascar – the goal is to provide draft document to the Government next month, incorporate comments, and finalize by end of summer/early fall;
- Colombia - the team hosted meeting in June with government agencies, used prioritization matrix. Working group to review this matrix and potentially apply it in future HPAPs;
- Senegal - the process is moving forward, letters of commitment are being collected and an inception meeting is planned for late summer;
- Bangladesh - Pure Earth is completing a report on chemical contamination through World Bank PMEH, which may be used as a foundation document for future HPAP work.

UNIDO-led HPAPs

- Philippines - inception meetings were held in early June (both a high-level meeting and a technical group), and established list of priorities;
 - Tanzania - new commitments from Government. The next step is to decide on a date for an inception meeting;
 - Ghana - an inception meeting was held and priorities were discussed, more meetings to be held on specific topics, with the aim to finish by November
 - Kyrgyzstan - currently in data collection phase, again with the goal to finish by November.
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- **Strategy Subcommittee** has been having many individual discussions with GAHP members about the Pollution Summit idea, with excellent reception and support so far.
 - **Pollution Metrics Subcommittee.** Planning is underway for the Global Pollution Observatory (GPO), led by Boston College and Harvard School of Public Health. Pure Earth is in discussions about how to be involved. An MoU will be signed between UN Environment and Boston College regarding collaborating on the GPO.
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- The next meeting will be held in September.