

GAHP Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The GAHP Executive Committee met via teleconference on 19th January 2017 from 08:00 – 9:30 New York time. The below is a summary of the discussion and decisions taken.

Administrative Business

- The minutes from the last Executive Committee (GAHP Annual meeting in October 2016) were approved.
- The Secretariat noted the increased interest from civil society organizations to join GAHP since October.
- Membership of the Environment and Security Center of Mongolia, the Global Green Growth Institute and the Asia Institute of Technology in Bangkok (AIT) were approved pending a three-week period of no-objection for the Executive Committee to review.
- The membership of Water Witness International was discussed.
- The Secretariat mentioned that Ministry of Health of Peru was interested to join GAHP and HPPP process.

Programmatic Business

- **Commission on Pollution, and Communications/Outreach.** The Secretariat gave an update on the Commission Report. They mentioned that a final version would be distributed to the Executive Committee for last review by the weekend, with a short turn around time. It was requested that the Secretariat also provide revised disclaimer language regarding donor and GAHP member endorsement.
- **Health and Pollution Planning processes.** The Secretariat mentioned that the HPP process was a Commission recommendation and is important to get more agencies and people involved in these processes. They added that tips and lessons learned from GAHP members, including WB, UNEP, and UNDP would be valuable.
 - The Secretariat gave an update on HPPs worldwide, and described the basics of the HPP process. It was added that GAHP held the first workshop in Thailand in November 2016, and it was very successful. It was the first time many of the agencies had met together as a group, as well as the first time they had thought about pollution issues holistically and in this manner.
 - Madagascar: next workshop in March, followed by Peru, Uruguay, Philippines, Senegal and Vietnam.

- The Secretariat added that the Pollution was selected for the UNEA3 theme in December, and that the Secretariat hoped to have HPP lessons learned to share at that time.
- The Madagascar Ministry of Environment and Forests gave an update on the HPP project in Madagascar noted it as an excellent opportunity to attract donors support for pollution activities. The MoE also thanked the donors of HPP process in Madagascar.
- The World Bank expressed interest to work more closely with the Secretariat on the HPP process, and it was agreed to convene a working group on the topic.
- **Bellagio 2017 meeting agenda discussion.** The secretariat gave an update on the purpose of the Bellagio Conference, and some changes to the agenda were suggested.

New Initiatives:

- **Info sessions.** The Secretariat introduced the idea of pollution info sessions (webinars) and subject ideas, to provide technical solutions and capacity building, particularly for LMIC GAHP members. It was agreed that these could be very useful for GAHP's different members and partners.
- **Global Pollution Map.** The Secretariat introduced the Global Pollution Map. It was mentioned that a rough demo was available online. It was explained that the idea is for people to be able to tell their pollution stories by posting them and enabling local agencies to connect. It was noted the Secretariat is looking for funding for this project. The Secretariat also noted coordination with UNEP.
- The next Executive Committee call will be held in 4 weeks.