

GAHP Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The GAHP Executive Committee met via teleconference on 25th August 2016 from 08:00 – 09:00 New York time. The Board primarily discussed GAHP's Commission on Pollution report. The below is a summary of the discussion and decisions taken.

Administrative Business

- The minutes from the last Executive Committee were approved pending some small edits.
- UNITAR was welcomed as a GAHP member.
- Membership of the International Center for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS) was approved.
- It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting over videoconference. A number of days in October were proposed as potential dates. A doodle calendar invite will follow.
- The 2015 Annual Report was approved pending some small edits.

Programmatic Business

- **Commission on Pollution.** The Secretariat provided an update as to progress of the Commission on Pollution.
 - The report is almost complete, and will soon incorporate IHME's 2015 dataset.
 - A draft of the report will be sent to the Executive Committee, all GAHP members in early September. Reviewers will have 2 weeks to send comments. Publication is expected in mid-February 2017.
 - An overview of the communications plan for the Commission Report was presented for feedback. It included details on both the pre-release and post-release campaign ideas.
 - The main pre-release ideas included: communicating the link between SDGs and pollution; and a National Geographic pollution photo campaign.
 - An annual pollution conference, linking to World Environment Day, as well as a call to action were suggested as part of the post-release communication ideas.
 - A presentation regarding why people in high-income countries should be concerned by pollution around the world is in process of development, and will be circulated to the Executive Committee for comment.
- **National Health and Pollution Planning Process.** The Secretariat provided an update as to progress of the national Health and Pollution Planning (HPP) processes.

- Madagascar and Thailand are to be the first pilot HPPs. Most of the related activities will happen in 2017. Some feedback was given on the HPP process concept note was given. Coordination with as many relevant GAHP members as possible was emphasized.
- **Research priorities.**
 - Specific research priorities are emerging out of the Commission Report that would help to save lives. A Research Strategy will be circulated for Executive Committee review.