



REPORT

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Abbreviations

ASP	Africa Stockpiles programme
CAN	Comunidad Andina
CCPR	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
CILSS	Comité Sahélien des Pesticides
CiP	Chemicals in Products
CIPAC	Collaborative International Pesticide Analytical Council
COAG	FAO Committee on Agriculture
CoP	Conference of Parties
CRC	Chemical review Committee
CSD	UN Commission on Sustainable Development
DNA	Designated National Authority
EMS	Environmental Management Systems
EECCA	Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia countries
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIFAP	Groupeement International des Associations Nationales de Fabricants de Produits Agrochimiques - International Group of National Associations of Manufacturers of Agrochemical Products
GHS	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
HHP	Highly Hazardous Pesticide
HQ	Headquarters
ICAC	International Cotton Advisory Committee
ICAMA	Institute for the Control of Agrochemicals – Ministry of Agriculture (China)
ICCM	International Conference on Chemicals Management
ICSC	International Chemical Safety Card
IGO	Inter-governmental Organization
IPCS	International Programme on Chemical Safety
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ITN	Insecticide Treated mosquito Net
IVM	Integrated Vector Management

JMPM	FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management
JMPR	FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues
JMPS	FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Specifications
MRL	Maximum Residue Limit
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
PAN	Pesticide Action Network
PHP	Public Health Pesticide
QSP	Quick Start Programme
SAICM	Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
SEA	South-East Asia
SECE	Scientific Expert Group on Chemicals and the Environment
SEEP	ICAC Expert Panel on Social, Environmental and Economic Performance of Cotton Production
SHPF	Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulation
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
USA	United States of America
WB	World Bank
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WHOPES	World Health Organization Pesticide Evaluation Scheme

1. Introduction

The 4th FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management (JMPM) and the 6th Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management, were held at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, from 5 to 8 October 2010.

The FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management is the official statutory body that advises FAO on matters pertaining to pesticide regulation and management, and alerts it to new developments, problems or issues that otherwise merit attention. The Panel in particular counsels FAO on the implementation of the revised version of the *International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides* (hereinafter “the Code of Conduct”). Members of the WHO Panel of Experts are drawn from the WHO Panel of Experts on Vector Biology and Control, or are academic or government experts invited to advise WHO on policies, guidelines and key actions to support Member States on sound management of pesticides.

Panel members invited to this meeting have been selected for their personal expertise and experience in specific aspects of pesticide management, both in agriculture and in public health, and do not represent the position of governments or institutions they may belong to. They are appointed in their personal capacity by either FAO or WHO. Both FAO and WHO Panel members are requested to declare any interests they may have which could affect their opinion or advice.

In addition to Panel members, representatives from Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and pesticide industry associations attended the meeting as observers.

Dr Morteza Zaim, Coordinator Vector Ecology and Management, on behalf of WHO, welcomed all FAO and WHO Panel members, representatives for IGOs and those from pesticide industry to the 4th Session of the JMPM. He informed the meeting that two WHO Panel members, Dr Tiina Santonen and Mr Somchai Preechathaveekid, would not be able to attend the present session. Dr Zaim thanked all participants for coming to Geneva and expressed his hopes for a fruitful and successful meeting.

Mr Mark Davis, Senior Officer Pesticide Management of FAO, welcomed participants on behalf of FAO. He expressed his appreciation to participants for making their time and expertise available to advise FAO and WHO on ways and means to improve pesticide management and reduce the risks of pesticide use in agriculture and public health.

All participants in the meeting are listed in Annex 1.

2. Opening of the meeting

Dr Lorenzo Savioli, Director of the WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, in his opening address, welcomed participants of the JMPM to Geneva and expressed his pleasure to host the meeting at WHO Headquarters.

Dr Savioli noted that there is a growing understanding that management of pesticides, and chemicals in general, including those used in public health and for personal protection is still largely inadequate. In this respect, he welcomed the Resolution adopted by the 63rd World Health Assembly (WHA), held in May 2010, which urges Member States to establish or strengthen capacity for the regulation and sound management of pesticides and other chemicals throughout their life-cycle. The WHA also requested the Director-General of WHO to support the ongoing joint efforts of FAO and WHO in capacity building of Member States in the sound management of pesticides.

The Director underlined the importance of the recent survey on public health pesticide registration and management practices carried out by WHO in 113 Member States endemic or at risk of major vector-borne diseases. This survey showed, *inter alia*, that 72 percent of countries are aware of the Code of Conduct as guiding document for public health pesticide management, a considerable increase compared to several years ago.

Dr Savioli noted the cooperation between WHO and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to strengthen pesticide management in selected countries, and stressed that much more advocacy at the highest political level is required to ensure sufficient funding and investment in this priority area of work. He underlined that Integrated Vector Management (IVM) is considered by WHO as the basic strategy for vector-borne disease control. Both IVM and sound public health pesticide management are highlighted in the first *WHO Report on Neglected Tropical Diseases*, to be launched shortly by the Director-General of WHO.

Finally, the Director thanked all participants for their contribution to the JMPM, and declared the 4th FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management open.

3. Election of the chairperson and rapporteurs

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