

A satellite view of the Earth from space, showing the Americas in the center. The text is overlaid on the image.

International Public Health Pesticides Workshop: *Meeting Overview and Charge*

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Workshop Goal

- Improve the availability of products to control public health pests in industrialized and disease endemic nations
 - Identify regulatory obstacles
 - Develop a strategy to address these obstacles in the context of on-going international efforts
 - Near term
 - Longer term

Objectives

- Bring countries, organizations, and experts together to address regulatory challenges facing development and use of public health pesticides:
 - Provide an overview of the scope of global public health pesticide registration & regulation, national legislative frameworks, & related processes
 - Discuss requirements for data generation that are acceptable nationally & globally & identify approaches to a harmonized data generation program & ways to share data nationally and internationally
 - Identify & describe the information, strategies and actions needed to develop new tools to address both near- and long-term burdens of vector-borne diseases
 - Explore approaches to share the regulatory review of public health pesticides in order to streamline the approval process and provide incentives for development of new tools
 - Identify a pilot project as a first step to implementation

Workshop Overview—Day 1

- Background Presentations & Panel Discussions
 - Define focus of work shop
 - Overview global pesticide regulatory landscape
 - Understand the WHOPES process
 - Understand unique registration issues of disease endemic countries
 - Understand obstacles to registration, discovery, and development of new tools
 - See examples of the use of work sharing and global joint reviews for agricultural pesticides & understand how this model might be used for public health

Workshop Overview—Day 2

- Work Group Discussions to Clarify Obstacles and Recommend Solutions:
 - Morning stakeholder specific work groups:
 - national regulatory authorities and WHOPES
 - registrants and formulators
 - national health authorities & public health pesticide users
 - Afternoon work groups:
 - mixed workgroups formed (with a variety of stakeholders represented in each work group)
 - review stakeholder work group outputs from the morning session and formulate recommendations

Workshop Overview—Day 3

- Complete Work Group Activities & Reports to Plenary
- Plenary Discussion and Decisions
 - Consider work group outputs
 - Develop a strategy, that is within our ability to execute, which addresses the identified regulatory obstacles
 - Develop a specific plan with the steps necessary to begin to execute the strategy

Next Steps

- The organizing committee will meet on Friday to
 - finalize the report of the workshop
 - ensure that responsible parties are assigned to each task necessary to implement the plan of the workshop
 - organize continuing follow-up and communication