

You are kindly invited to the Encounter

**“DDT controversy in the face of safe
and effective malaria vector control” (*working title*)**

**hosted by Biovision, *icipe* and Millennium Institute,
with the support of the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention**

Nov.12, 2010: 13:30-15h30

Sandwich lunch from 12h45

Venue: International Environment House II, 9-15 chemin des Anémones,
1219 Châtelaine, Geneva

The world agrees that DDT poses risks for human health and the environment, but it continues to be the most produced and used persistent organic pollutant pesticide listed in the Stockholm Convention (2004). At the same time resistance of targeted insects against DDT and other chemicals is being observed. National health authorities are allowed to use it against mosquitoes transmitting malaria under the control of the World Health Organization. Today, there are about 20 countries that either use DDT or wish to use it if deemed necessary.

To support the phase-out of DDT, the Parties to the Stockholm Convention decided to launch a Global Alliance of all stakeholders (governments, IGOs, NGOs, chemical industry) for the development and deployment of products, methods and strategies as alternatives to DDT.

As the Stockholm Convention DDT Expert Group meets in Geneva (10-12 Nov.) and prepares new recommendations to the Parties of the Convention on the use of DDT and alternatives for disease vector control, we invite you to an encounter and dialogue on the use of DDT in the face of safe and effective malaria control.

The roundtable is hosted by:



Programme

13h30 Welcome word by the hosts

13h45-14h30 Rountable

Panellists are asked to make a short statement of 5 minutes, presenting the 3 key-reasons why they favour or disagree with the use of DDT for malaria control.

Following the statements, the moderator opens the roundtable to further clarify and question the positions taken, work out the reasons for conflicting views and test the existence of a consensus with regard to the way forward, towards effective malaria control and the elimination of DDT as required by the Stockholm Convention.

Invited Panellists include representatives from major stakeholder sectors:

Intergovernmental Organisations: WHO, UNEP

Governments : Uganda, Kenya

Nongovernmental Organisations: Biovision, IPEN/PAN

Industry: CropLife International

Research: *icipe*, Swiss Tropical Institute, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, etc.

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14h30-15h30. Questions of the media. Debate.

Moderation: Fabrice Boulé, Media21

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