Workshop on Public Participation and Obsolete Pesticides

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date: September 21st 2007 **time:** 11.30–13.30 **facilitated by:** Milieukontakt International and REC Moldova

Milieukontakt International in cooperation with REC Moldova will organise a 1 ½ hour workshop on the issue of public participation in connection with the problem of obsolete pesticides. Milieukontakt - together with IHPA, TAUW BV and the Dutch NGO Natuur & Milieu - is currently running projects in Moldova, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan on repackaging obsolete pesticides. These projects are carried out by local stakeholders and citizens in cooperation with international experts.

We would like to invite you to participate in this workshop and discuss with us the problems and successes of involving local people in eliminating risks of obsolete pesticides. We will prepare several statements on which we would like your input. The workshop will have an inter-active and participatory approach. **If you have an interesting statement on the issue of local involvement in solving problems connected to obsolete pesticides, please let us know!**

We will also show some minutes of a documentary film that was made of our projects on repackaging obsolete pesticides in Moldova and Georgia. The film will show you an atmospheric and impressing view on the work carried out by local people that resulted in repackaging more than 100 tons of obsolete pesticides in the region of Hincesti, Moldova.

In order not to disappoint persons and in order to know how many people we can expect at the workshop, we will ask you to sign up for this workshop. You can write down your name on the list that will be provided at the reception on the first and second evening of the forum (September 19th and September 20th). Please note that full=full, so be (one of) the first to write your name on the list!

For more information or questions, please contact (in English and Russian): Sandra Molenkamp at <u>s.molenkamp@milieukontakt.nl</u>

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