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Africa Drafting Workshop for Regional Report for Global
Monitoring Plan on POPs on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
for effectiveness Evaluation of the Stockholm Convention.

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and Physical Sciences, Chiromo Campus,
UNES ARZIKI CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Director Multilateral Environment Agreements, Ministry of
Environment, Water and Natural Resources,

The Regional Organization Group members for Africa Region,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the College of Biological and physical Sciences, I
would like welcome you to the two day **Drafting workshop for
the Second Africa Regional Monitoring Report on Persistent
Organic pollutants.**

The University of Nairobi is please to host this workshop and to be
part of the regional institutions charged with coordination of such
important regional activity under the Stockholm Convention.

I aware that in 2007 UNEP in collaboration with the countries
selected six regional organization group members charged with the
responsibility to coordinate the Global Monitoring Plan activities
in Africa region. Drafting the Regional Monitoring report for
submission to the Stockholm Convention is one of the main

responsibilities of the ROG members. The report being discussed in this workshop will be transmitted to the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention in May 2015.

I am informed that a lot of working has been going regarding sampling of mothers' milk, ambient air and water and appropriate strategic activities put in place for analysis of samples at WHO (for mothers milk) and at RECETOX (for ambient air and water). Most of the data from these activities have been made available for drafting of the Regional Report. The data also forms part of the GLOBAL data hosted at the GMP Global database in Czech Republic.

I would to assure you that the University of Nairobi, College of Biological and Physical Sciences is committed to research and teaching of student to build human manpower that will support development of our country and the region at large.

The workshop you are attending today is one such initiative that will help us get more involved in advancing this objective as well as give us opportunity to reinforce links with your countries and the United Nations organizations like the UNEP.

In addition to supporting the coordination of the Africa Regional Drafting workshop, I am pleased to note that the University also participated in the coordination of the UNEP/GEF capacity enhancement project that was implemented between 2010 and 2012. In addition, I am happy to note that part of the POPs monitoring data generated from that project have been included in this regional report.

I have been informed that a similar project on regional capacity building to monitor and analyse new POPs is in water, mothers' milk and ambient air is in the process, to further build the regional capacities. 15 African countries have already endorsed the project

and submitted their co-finance letters to GEF Secretariat, and the project will start within 2015.

The University of Nairobi would like to express her commitment to continue to support you with the coordination arrangements of the regional activities under the Global monitoring Plan.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my pleasure to welcome the Director of Multilateral Environment Agreements, Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources to grace this occasion and officially open the workshop.

Thank You