



Trilateral Workshop on Children's Health and the Environment in North America

27-28 November 2001

Inter-Continental Hotel
360, Saint-Antoine Street West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Provisional Agenda

Workshop Objective: To develop an action-oriented agenda for collaborative work to better protect the health of North America's children from environmental threats

DAY ONE

Opening Session

8:30 Welcome and opening remarks

8:40 CEC Project Update and Recent Developments

- Results of Mexico's First National Workshop on Children's Health and the Environment
- Outcomes of June 2001 Council Session
- Expert Advisory Board
- Update on other CEC project activities
- Outline of a trilateral collaborative agenda

9:10 Workshop objectives and organization - Facilitator

Part 1: Addressing Children's Environmental Health Endpoints of Common Concern

Objective of Part I: To identify possible collaborative actions to address priority environmental health endpoints of common concern, with a particular focus on those identified in Council Resolution 00-10.

Documents: Working group discussion papers, Inventory of activities, Background document

9:30 Concurrent Working Groups (coffee in working groups)

- Working Group 1-A: Asthma and Respiratory Disease
- Working Group 1-B: Lead Poisoning and Other Effects of Lead Exposure
- Working Group 1-C: Effects of Other Toxic Substances *[the governments are evaluating a possible focus on pesticides]*

Expected Outcomes of Working Groups (Part I):

1. Overview and scope of the issue, including:
 - a. a brief description of the issue/problem
 - b. identification of environmental factors associated with the problem
 - c. an initial listing of relevant information/data resources
 - d. an indication of what policies/programs are in place, and the degree to which these are sufficient/effective
2. An initial list of possible collaborative actions
3. Identification of resource requirements and other factors to be considered for each action

- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:45 Continuation of Working Groups
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 Plenary Reports from Working Groups; Open discussion
- 16:45 Wrap-up of Part I
- 17:00 Close of Day One
- 18:00 Reception

DAY TWO

Part II: Strengthening Information Resources and Tools

Objective of Part II: To identify possible collaborative actions needed to improve information/data resources and tools for children's environmental health protection efforts in North America, with a particular focus on supporting collaborative work on the issues discussed in Part I.

- 8:30 Introduction and Objectives - Facilitator
- 8:45 Concurrent Working Groups (coffee in working groups)

▪ **Working Group 2-A: Measuring children's environmental health**

Expected Outcomes of Working Group 2-A:

1. Identification of the types of information/data needed to support collaborative action, with a particular focus on the topics discussed in Part I
2. Possible collaborative actions to address data/information needs
3. Identification of potential benefits of, and a possible framework for, the development of North American indicators of children's environmental health.

▪ **Working Group 2-B: Risk assessment, economic analyses and decision-making**

Expected Outcomes of Working Group 2-B:

1. Identification of current approaches and emerging issues/challenges related to assessing environmental risks to children's health
2. Options for assessing the economic and other societal implications of adverse impacts on children's health due to environmental exposures
3. Options for incorporating economic and social factors into risk management decision-making
4. Options for trilateral collaboration.

▪ **Working Group 2-C: Improving knowledge of environmental exposures and impacts: cooperation on longitudinal cohort studies**

Expected Outcome of Working Group 2-C:

1. Identification of potential benefits of trilateral collaboration in this area.
2. Identification of possible actions to foster collaboration on longitudinal cohort studies.
3. Identification of other possible actions

12:30 Lunch

13:45 Continuation of Working Groups

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 Plenary Reports from Working Groups; Open discussion

Part III Building the Collaborative Agenda

Objective of Part III: To define the next steps in the development of the collaborative agenda, building on the outcomes of the working group sessions.

16:30 Recap of workshop outcomes

16:45 Next steps

17:00 Closing remarks

17:15 Close of meeting