



Dear Excellency, Madame/Sir,

With Great Pleasure -  
We Invite You To A Panel Discussion

## Human Milk Monitoring

Wednesday, 5 May 2010

6:15 - 7:45 P

North Lawn Building - Room D

(located next to the visitors area within the  
UN complex)

An important segment of the work of 18th Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development addresses issues concerning toxic chemicals. Human biomonitoring, a scientific tools that identifies and measures amounts of chemical substances or their breakdown products in human tissues or fluids, provides ultimate proof of human exposure to toxic chemicals. Biomonitoring data has proven to be vital for public health policy regulation.

This panel will address human milk monitoring and its uses in lowering human exposures to POPs chemicals.

### Speakers:

- Kei Ohno - Senior Program Officer, Stockholm Convention Secretariat, UNEP
- Seoung Yong Lee, Ph.D., Scientist, Department of Food Safety and Zoonoses, World Health Organization
- Dr. Ted Schettler, Science and Environment Health Network and Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Sharyle Patton, Coordinator, Moms and POPs Project, Commonweal, USA

Global biomonitoring indicates that all humans carry levels of POPs chemicals in their bodies. As part of the Evaluation Program of the Stockholm Convention, the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are monitoring human milk around the globe with the intention of establishing a baseline of exposure to POPS and developing better understanding about the movement of these chemicals around the globe. This panel will describe this groundbreaking global monitoring program, will discuss the significance of POPs and other industrial chemicals in human milk, and will describe how biomonitoring results can be communicated in ways that may ultimately lower the levels of POPs chemicals in all our bodies while supporting breastfeeding, even more important for the well-being of babies born into our contaminated world.

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