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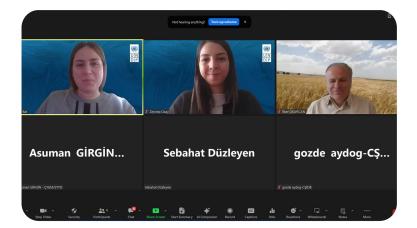


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42nd Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting



We held the 42nd OCU Meeting online on 26 February with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office project team. During the meeting, we reviewed the project's monthly work plan and discussed the remaining activities. We conveyed the details of the meetings planned and the additional software activity offered with the third addendum in the new period of the project.

Additionally, we shared information about the organization process for the Dissemination Seminar and the Netherlands Study Visit.

Dissemination Seminar

We held a Dissemination Seminar in a hybrid format at the Ankara Point Hotel on 28 February, with representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), universities, accredited companies, sector, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office in attendance.



We discussed the latest updates in the Regulation on the Control of Soil Pollution and Point Source Contaminated Sites, as well as Gender and Environmental regulations during the Dissemination Seminar, which was attended by a total of 50 people.

Additionally, we discussed the latest revisions on the Contaminated Sites Information System (CSIS) and had an opportunity to review the current version of the software during the seminar. We concluded the Dissemination Seminar with an interactive question-and-answer session, during which participants actively engaged by asking questions and providing comments.

Progress of Project Activities

Thoughout February, we continued to organize our weekly meetings with the technical departments of the MoEUCC to discuss activity plans of the project.

We organized a meeting with the Ministry on 19 February, led by our expert conducting the current situation research for better management of POPs and chemicals, and with the participation of academics.



During the meeting, we discussed the technical departments' suggestions regarding the draft report and the needs of the sector. We decided to have online meetings to learn the opinions of representatives from different ministries. The independent evaluator shared the draft report that consists of the evaluation process for the implementation of the project with the project team.

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