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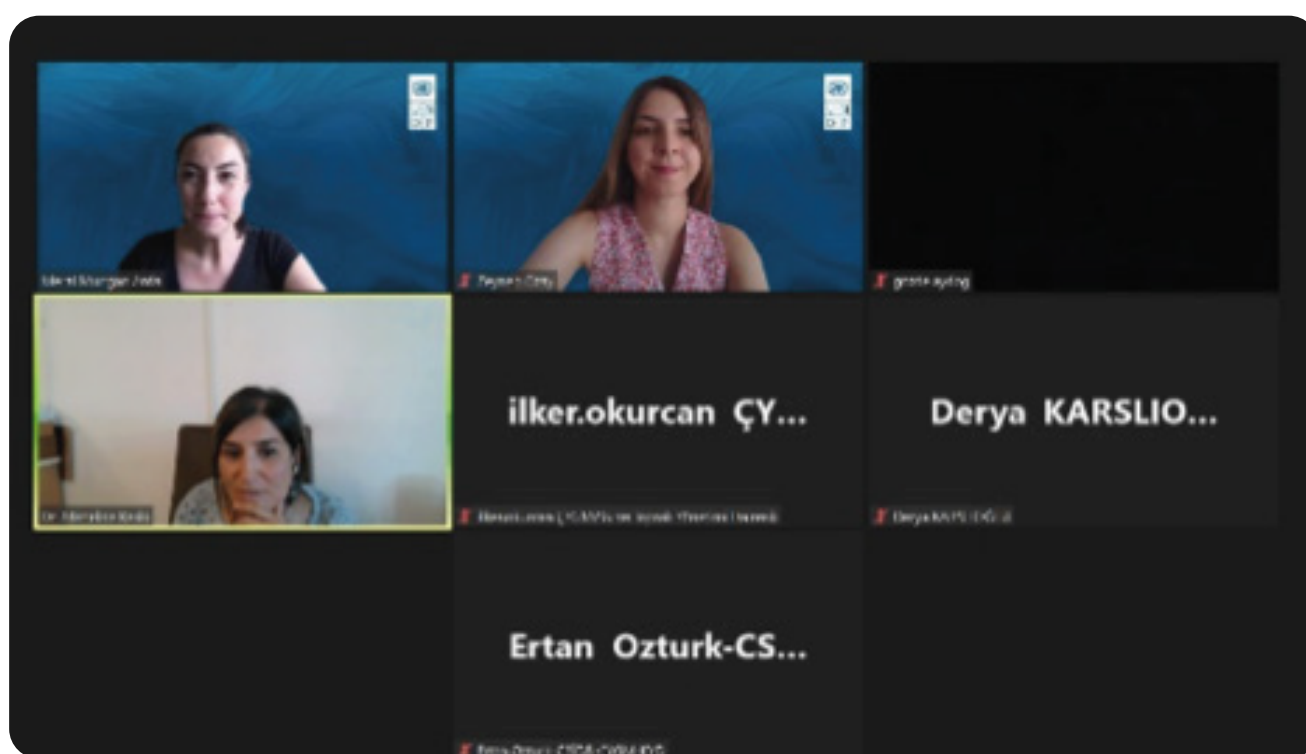
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We organized the 25th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting on 29 July with the attendance of central staff from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change and UNDP project team. We discussed on the recent status of the ongoing activities, especially the pilot site analysis, addendum preparation and technical project meetings.

We have prepared an analysis document about the remediation processes to be integrated into the Contaminated Sites Information System. In accordance with the provisions of "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources", our software and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) experts simultaneously evaluated the analysis document. Test application and transfer of data to the software are still ongoing.

A software has been developed to be used by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change for the analysis of samples taken from contaminated sites. We aim to provide a supplementary resource where provincial directorates can evaluate the results of analysis. Following the technical meeting with the Ministry on 6 July, our risk assessment expert prepared a test application for the Generic Health Risk Assessment Software.

We prepared the Technical Guideline on Contaminated Sites with POPs, which is one of the annexes to the soil pollution regulation. In accordance with Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention, we have updated the guideline for identifying, improving, and managing sites contaminated with POPs in an environmentally friendly way. Our technical experts, who analysed the national and international resources, will arrange a consultation meeting about the updates in the guideline. We plan to organize the online meeting on 6 September with participation of central staff from the Ministry, universities, and accredited companies.

Revision of the Regulation

Our soil pollution expert completed the legal gap analysis regarding the revisions in the Soil Pollution Regulation. Technical guideline preparations are still underway according to reports that cover the management decisions in the workshops between January and June. We submitted the first of these studies, Communicate on Soil and Sampling, to the technical departments for their review.

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- Health Risk Software Meeting – 6 July
- Technical Assessment Meetings with Soil Pollution Expert – 27 July and 18 August

On 31 June, we collected samples from the pilot site where the remediation works will be held under the leadership of our soil pollution expert. The analysis of soil samples is ongoing. Technical meetings were held with our expert on 27 July and 18 August for the draft analysis results/reports. We aim to achieve the results with these meetings and evaluations. According to evaluation report, our experts will finalize the technical specification for the pilot site contaminated with POPs. After the technical departments' approval, the specification is expected to be submitted to the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey in September.

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