

UNDP/GEF Global Healthcare Waste Project National Project Steering Committee (NPSC)

Membership:

In each participating country, work will be conducted under the guidance of a National Project Steering Committee (NPSC). This Committee is chaired by the National Project Director, who is appointed by the national project's executing agency (usually the Ministry of Health or Environment). The NPSC guides national project work with help and assistance from a National Working Group (NWG) and a National Project Consultant and/or Technical Advisor. The formation of the NPSC in all participating countries will be based upon the Committee's membership during the project's PDF B planning phase. This membership may be augmented, as appropriate, by the National Project Director.

In general, the NPSC is a policy body that includes high-level government officials with overall responsibility for the areas in which the Project will carry out activities. Typically, the NPSC includes a designated senior representative from the Health and Environment Ministry and from the Ministry in which the GEF Operational Focal Point is located if different from Ministry of Health or Ministry of Environment. If not already covered by the above, the NPSC should also include a representative or a liaison from the authority responsible for Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plan preparations and from the authority responsible for Basel Convention implementation. The NPSC will also include representation from the national healthcare sector, the country World Health Organization and UNDP offices, as well as one or more appropriate representative from among national NGOs with demonstrated concern and activity in matters associated with healthcare waste management. The NPSC membership should be at a sufficiently high level so as to be authoritative.

Role and Responsibilities:

The NPSC will assume oversight for national project activities, including:

- Assure that support exists and is maintained at all levels of government and within relevant sectors of society for project activities and for the project as a whole;
- Review and approve significant national project decisions, including overall strategic policy and management direction;
- Review and approve the national project work plan;
- Assist in identifying and allocating support for activities consistent with project objectives;
- Provide guidance to the National Working Group and National Project Consultant and/or Technical Advisor in coordinating and managing project activities;
- Assist in seeking co-financing to support the sustainability and replicability of project achievements.