

**WEBINAR 23 OCTOBER 2024**

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**ONLINE  
REGISTRATION**

**In occasion of the International  
Lead Poisoning Prevention  
Week**

# **LEAD CONTAMINATION: Health Interventions and Solutions in South America**

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## **PROGRAM**

**GAHP model of work**

**MARIA PAOLA LIA - GAHP Executive Director**

**Partnership in the Mercosur**

**JUDITH TORRES - Ministry of Environment of Uruguay**

**ULABs guidelines revision -Basel Convention**

**ALBERTO SANTOS CAPRA - Basel Convention Regional Centre (BCRC) for South America**

**Lead Burden of disease**

**LILIAN CORRA - GAHP Senior Advisor on Health and Pollution**

# Webinar highlights

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**This Webinar is scheduled on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October** during the WHO International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

The session will feature key insights and interventions to reduce lead pollution in South America, including:

Maria Paola Lia, GAHP Executive Director, describing the GAHP model of work to combat pollution, lead in particular.

Judith Torres, Ministry of Environment of Uruguay, addressing partnership within the Mercosur countries and their collaboration to tackle the problem of the informal management of ULABs in the region.

Alberto Capra, Basel Convention Regional Centre for South America providing an overview of the revision of ULABs guidelines, crucial for the sound managing of hazardous waste.

Dr. Lilian Corra, GAHP Senior Advisor and expert on health and pollution, presenting the lead burden of disease, shedding light on the health implications of lead exposure and the necessary interventions.

The event aims to foster collaboration disseminating effective solutions to mitigate lead pollution and toxic exposure.

This webinar was made possible through the support of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection of Germany.



Judith Torres works for the Minister of the Environment for Uruguay.

In her role, she is dedicated to implementing policies aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and addressing critical issues such as pollution and climate change.



**JUDITH TORRES**  
URUGUAY

Torres has a strong background in environmental policy and law, and she actively participates in international forums to enhance global cooperation on environmental challenges, representing the government of Uruguay.

As a National Focal Point for the Minamata Convention on Mercury, BRS, the Global Framework on Chemicals and many other UNEP chemical processes, she plays a pivotal role in addressing regulations on hazardous substances and ensuring compliance with international environmental standards by bringing the South point of view.

Her leadership is instrumental in shaping Uruguay's approach to environmental protection and sustainable development initiative which has a projection in the region.



# Hello!

Alberto Santos Capra is a prominent figure in environmental management and policy, currently serving as Director of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the South American Region (BCRC Argentina).



**ALBERTO SANTOS  
CAPRA**

Basel Convention  
Regional Centre  
(BCRC Argentina)

He plays a crucial role in advancing the implementation of the Basel Convention, which aims to reduce hazardous waste and promote sustainable practices across South America by tackling the important aspects in relation to the management of hazardous waste in the region.

With a strong background in environmental science, technology and policy, Capra is involved in capacity building and technical assistance initiatives designed to support the initiatives and interventions to improve the management of hazardous waste in the region. His expertise contributes significantly to fostering collaboration among sectors and governments in the South American countries to address and overcome the environmental challenges faced in the region related to waste management .



**MARIA PAOLA LIA**

Executive Director, GAHP

Maria Paola Lia has 20 years of experience establishing and nurturing strategic global health partnerships with government agencies, international organizations, and NGOs across multiple countries and regions. She began her professional training and career in the EU and the Italian Parliament before being elected Secretary General for a political NGO in Brussels.

She managed a \$30 million public-private partnership (PPP) on global health, for which she received the 'Best International Partner Award' from the CMA.

She joined GAHP as Executive Director in 2023 to work on two of her main passions: health and the environment.



**DR. LILIAN CORRA**

Senior Advisor, GAHP

Lilian Corra has experience working under the UNEP and WHO chemicals and health processes and has participated in different international chemical and pollution and health negotiations and implementation such as the Basel, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions, SAICM and the the Global Framework on Chemical, among others.

Dr. Corra is a co-leader of the UNEP Mercury Partnership Supply and Storage Partnership Area and is participating of the negotiations process of the current negotiation on Plastic Pollution, among other process and working group of experts on chemicals and health.

Dr Corra's work received international recognitions from UNEP, EPA USA and IFCS (WHO Secretary) for her dedicated work to protect health and environment from pollution.

## IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES!

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*Join us in our mission to create a world where present and future generations, especially children and pregnant women, are safe from toxic pollution.*

*Membership is open to government agencies, international organizations, civil society, universities, and foundations.*

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