



Promoting Regulatory Action by Governments to Phase out Lead in Paint

Regional Workshop for the Asia Pacific region ¹
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Meeting room G
Concept Note and Agenda

BACKGROUND:

Lead is a cumulative toxicant that poses serious risks to human health and development, with children being especially vulnerable. Lead-containing paint remains one of the major sources of lead exposure for children globally and was identified as one of the international Emerging Policy Issues of focus by Strategic Approach for International Chemicals Management (SAICM). Since then, the international community, governments, industry and nongovernmental organizations have been working together to promote the establishment of lead paint laws in all countries. In 2009, the second SAICM International Conference on Chemicals Management policy framework endorsed the establishment of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (or Lead Paint Alliance). UNEP and WHO serve as the joint Secretariat for this partnership and the US Environmental Protection Agency is the Chair of the Alliance Advisory Council. The goal of the Lead Paint Alliance is to phase out the manufacture, import and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks from such paint. To achieve this goal globally, the Lead Paint Alliance is encouraging countries to eliminate lead in new paints by establishing and enforcing lead paint laws. The strategic target of the Alliance is for all countries to have effective lead paint laws in place by the year 2020. To help countries develop laws, the Alliance has developed on-line tools and partners of the Alliance are available to provide advice.

To help with dissemination of the Lead Paint Alliance tools and to make the advice of the Alliance partners more available to countries wishing to establish laws, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) is supporting a Lead Paint Project as part of a SAICM Project on global best practices for emerging chemical policy issues of concern. The SAICM Lead Paint Project is helping the Lead Paint Alliance enhance its current efforts to help countries with lead paint laws through the provision of advice from key experts on lead paint in international organizations (the UN Environment, WHO), legal organizations (the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative or ABA-ROLI), environmental NGOs (the International POPs Elimination Network or IPEN), government technical experts (the US Environmental Protection Agency or US EPA), the paint industry (the International Paint and Printing Ink Council or IPPIC) and cleaner production (National Cleaner Production Centers or NCPCs in targeted countries). Through the project, country governments will be able to access this expert technical and policy advice from project executing partner organizations to support awareness-

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raising, legal drafting and reformulation of paints to enable the elimination of lead paint in their countries.

This workshop provides an overview of the Lead Paint Alliance recommended actions and available advice to support the establishment of lead paint laws in the Asia-Pacific region. The participants include representatives from Asia-Pacific environment and health agencies, SAICM Lead Paint Project Executing Partners, and industry and civil society representatives. In preparation for the workshop, national focal points have been sent a planning document called “Guidance for Developing a Country Approach to Eliminate Lead in Paint” along with the workshop invitation. It is meant as a planning tool to help participants consider actions they could take to develop lead paint laws. It is recommended that participants coordinate with relevant ministries and stakeholders prior to the workshop to gather relevant background data and information about lead paint in their countries. This information will help participants identify the type of tools and advice they may need from the Lead Paint Alliance and the project executing partners.

OBJECTIVES:

The regional workshop aims to:

- Provide participants with an understanding of why the elimination of lead paint is important
- Provide an overview of the goal of the Lead Paint Alliance and how the SAICM Lead Paint project supports this goal.
- Provide participants with an understanding of key actions to eliminate lead paint and advice available through the SAICM Lead Paint Project.
- Enable country participants to exchange ideas about how to eliminate lead paint in the Asia and the Pacific and West Asia Region.
- Identify next steps toward lead paint elimination in specific countries.

OPERATING DETAILS:

Meeting Co-Facilitators

- Kakuko Nagatani-Yoshida, UNEP Asia Pacific Regional Office
- Joanna Tempowski, WHO HQ

Invited participants:

- Governments: 2 per country (one representative each from the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health or select Ministry responsible for lead);
- Civil society organizations;
- Industry: country and regional industry representatives;
- SAICM Lead Paint Project Coordinator: UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch;
- SAICM Lead Paint Project Advisors: UNEP Regional Offices, WHO, IPEN, ABA-ROLI, US EPA, and IPPIC.
- The Workshop Secretariat is UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch (CHB), WHO Public Health, Environmental, Social and other Determinants of Health, UN Environment Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)

Working Language: English

DRAFT AGENDA:

Day 1

Session 1: Opening of the workshop and magnitude of the problem

- **Objective:** Understand why the elimination of lead paint is important and the need for effective laws (legislation, regulations, or enforceable standards) to eliminate lead in paint and an overview of available advice through the SAICM GEF Project Lead Paint component

Activity	Time	Responsible	Logistics/Documents
Registration	8:00	UNEP Regional Office	Name tags/ ID
Opening	9:00	Welcoming remarks: Dechen Tsering – UNEP ROAP; Jacqueline Alvarez – UNEP CHB; Joanna Tempowski - WHO HQ	
Group photo	9:30	All participants	
Self-Introduction	9:40	Country representatives, private sector, NGOs, Executing Partners	
Workshop Objectives and overview	10:00	Jacqueline Alvarez – UNEP CHB	2018 Update on Global Status of Legal Limits on Lead Paint; Country approach
Overview of Global Efforts to Eliminate Lead Paint		Steve Wolfson – USEPA, Chair of Lead Paint Alliance (LPA)	
The SAICM GEF Project Lead Paint component		Jacqueline Alvarez – UNEP CHB	
Questions and Answers		All	
<i>Coffee Break</i>	10:30		
Health, economic and environmental impacts of lead	10:50	Joanna Tempowski, WHO HQ	WHO and UNEP publications; Summary from Toolkit modules
Summary of lead paint testing in the region	11:15	1) Jeiel Guarino – IPEN 2) Hatijah Hashim – Consumers Association of Penang, Malaysia; 3) Siddika Sultana – Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO), Bangladesh	IPEN Lead Paint Studies
Questions and Answers		All	
<i>Lunch</i>	12:00		
Need for Effective Laws: Overview of Lead Paint Laws in the Asia-Pacific and West Asia regions	13:00	Steve Wolfson – US EPA	Model Law in English and Arabic
Model Law and Guidance to Regulate Lead Paint		Amanda Rawls – ABA ROLI	
Questions and Answers		All	

Day 1 (continued)

Session 2: How to Eliminate Lead Paint – regulatory actions

- **Objective:** Provide participants with an understanding of the how to develop regulatory approaches for elimination of lead paint

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Approaches to regulating lead paint in Asia and the Pacific	14:00	1) Manny Calonzo, IPEN and Gretchen Fontejon, Boysen Paints, Philippines; 2) Sabrin Qatamish, Jordan; 3) Masud Shameem, Bangladesh	Country presentations based on country approaches
Questions and Answers		All	
<i>Coffee Break</i>	15:00		
National communication activities to promote lead paint laws	15:20	Joanna Tempowski, WHO HQ	Communication materials: WHO/ILPPW, IPEN materials, Resource Package
Role of civil society		1) Lia Esquillo, IPEN; 2) Thuy Nguyen Kim, CGFED; 3) Ziyad Alawneh, LHAP 4) Imran Khalid, SDPI	
Questions and Answers		All	
Recap of day 1	16:45	WHO	

DAY 2:

Session 2 (continued): How to Eliminate Lead Paint – regulatory actions

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Overview of day 2	9:00	Kakuko Nagatani-Yoshida, UNEP ROAP	
Alternatives to lead paint: Approaches for SMEs	9:10	1) Jeiel Guarino, IPEN; 2) Yuyun Ismawati, BaliFokus/Nexus3 Foundation; 3) Gretchen Fontejon, Boysen Paint	Toolkit for Establishing Laws
Questions and answers		All	
Collaboration and cooperation with industry: case studies	10:00	1) PN Julina West - Malaysia Paint Industry; 2) Gretchen Fontejon, Boysen Paint - Philippines Paint Industry	
Questions and Answers		All	

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
<i>Coffee Break</i>	10:45		
Pulling it all together: Steps to Develop Lead Paint Laws; Advice available and mechanisms for the provision of advice Questions and Answers	11:00	Steve Wolfson - USEPA Jacqueline Alvarez – UNEP CHB All	Country approach; discussion questions; Next Steps Template
<i>Lunch</i>	12:00		

Session 3: Successful elements of a lead paint elimination strategy

- **Objective:** Enable country participants to understand approaches to eliminating lead paint and identify next steps toward lead paint elimination in specific countries.

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Overview of discussion group members, goals, factsheet, Next Steps Template and discussion questions	13:00	Elena Jordan - WHO HQ	Country approach; discussion questions; Next Steps Template
Discussion groups: Discussion of Next Steps	13:15	Countries; group facilitators; rapporteurs	Country approach; discussion questions; Next Steps Template
<i>Coffee Break</i>	15:00		
Discussion group presentations of Next Steps Questions and Answers	15:20	Countries group facilitators; rapporteurs All	Next Steps Template; discussion questions
Summary of key outcomes and next steps for follow up to workshop	16:20	Jacqueline Alvarez – UNEP Steve Wolfson – USEPA	Remind how countries can access advice; Summary of key outcomes and next steps from the meeting
Completion of evaluation forms	16:40	All participants	
Closing	16:45	Jacqueline Alvarez – UNEP CHB	