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Promoting Regulatory Action by Governments to Phase out Lead in Paint

Regional Workshop for AFRICA¹ **29-30 May 2019** **Abidjan, Cote d' Ivoire** **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). UN Environment 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 African region. The participants include representatives from African 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 African Region.
- Identify next steps toward lead paint elimination in specific countries.

OPERATING DETAILS:

Meeting Co-Facilitators:

- Abdouraman Bary, UNEP Regional Office for Africa
- Charles Akong, WHO Africa Regional Office

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: UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch;
- SAICM Lead Paint Project Executing Partners: UN Environment Regional Offices, WHO, IPEN, ABA-ROLI, US EPA, and IPPIC.

The Workshop Secretariat is UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch, WHO Public Health, Environmental, Social and other Determinants of Health, UN Environment Regional Office, WHO Regional Office for Africa

Working Language: English with French interpretation

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 Lead Paint Project

Activity	Time	Responsible	Logistics/Documents
Registration	8:00	UN Environment Regional Office	Name tags/ ID
Welcoming Remarks	9:00	WHO representative: Charles Akong UNEP Representative: Angele Luh-Sy Ministry of Health Ministry of Environment	
Self- Introduction	9:30	Country representatives, private sector, NGOs, Executing Partners	
Review of workshop Objectives / Overview of Day 1; Overview of Global Goal to Eliminate Lead Paint The SAICM Lead Paint Project and available Advice through the Project	10:00	UNEP – Desiree Narvaez US EPA (Chair of LPA) – Angela Bandemehr UNEP – Desiree Narvaez	Agenda; 2018 Update on Global Status of Legal Limits on Lead Paint; Country approach
Questions and Answers	10:30	Co -facilitators	
<i>Coffee</i>	10:45		
Health, economic and environmental impacts of lead	11:15	WHO – Joanna Tempowski	WHO and UNEP publications; Summary from Toolkit modules
Summary of lead paint testing in the region	11:45	IPEN- Leslie Adogame (SRADev Nigeria) and 2 civil society representatives in the region	IPEN Lead Paint Studies
Need for Effective Laws: Overview of Lead Paint Laws in Africa Model Law and Guidance to Regulate Lead Paint	12:15	US EPA – Eva Cappuccilli ABA ROLI – Jay Monteverde	Model Law in languages
Questions and Answers	13:15	Co-facilitators	
<i>Lunch</i>	13:30		

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 Africa	14:30	Regional approaches: (ECOWAS – Bernard Koffi) Individual country approaches (Ethiopia - Tadesse Amara and Mulubrhan Tariku Abera; Nigeria – Falmata Bukar-Kolo)	
<i>Coffee</i>	16:00		
National communication activities to promote lead paint laws Role of civil society	16:30	WHO – Charles Akong IPEN – Anatole Hamane, CREPD Cameroon	Communication materials: WHO/ILPPW, IPEN materials, Resource Package
Questions and Answers	17:30	Co-facilitators	
Recap of day 1	18:00	WHO – Charles Akong	

DAY 2:

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

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Overview of day 2	9:00	UN Environment – Abdouraman Bary	Agenda
Alternatives to lead paint: Approaches for SMEs	9:15	IPEN – Semia Gharbi, AEEFG Tunisia	Toolkit for Establishing Laws
Collaboration and cooperation with industry: case studies	9:45	Industry representatives – PPG?	
<i>Coffee</i>	10:15		
Pulling it all together: Steps to Develop Lead Paint Laws; Available advice through SAICM Lead Paint Project and Mechanism for Provision of Advice	10:45	UN Environment – Desiree Narvaez US EPA (LPA Chair) – Angela Bandemehr	Country approach; discussion questions; Government Steps Fact Sheet; Next Steps Template
Questions and Answers	11:15	Co-facilitators	

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
<i>Lunch</i>	12:00		Selection and training of volunteer discussion group facilitators and rapporteurs

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, Next Steps Template and discussion questions	13:00	WHO- Joanna Tempowski	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</i>	15:30		
Discussion group presentations of Next Steps	16:00	Countries group facilitators; rapporteurs	Next Steps Template; discussion questions
Questions and Answers	17:00	Co-facilitators	
<i>Break</i>	17:30		
Summary of key outcomes and next steps for follow up to workshop	17:45	UN Environment – Desiree Narvaez	Remind how countries can access advice; Summary of key outcomes and next steps from the meeting
Lead Paint Alliance: Invitation to Join the Action to Eliminate Lead Paint		US EPA (LPA Chair) – Angela Bandemehr	
Closing	18:00	UNEP representative: Angele Luh-Sy	