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Global Environment Facility (GEF) 9771: Global best practices on emerging chemicals policy issues of concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

Component 1: Promoting regulatory and voluntary action by government and industry to phase out **lead in paint**

Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe
Concept Note and Agenda:

BACKGROUND:

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is supporting a SAICM project on global best practices for emerging chemical policy issues of concern. The project inception workshop took place on 15-16 January 2019 in Geneva. More information about the workshop is available at <http://www.saicm.org/Implementation/GEFProject/Inceptionworkshop/tabid/7910/language/en-US/Default.aspx> Component 1 of the project concerns the phasing out of lead paint. Towards the end of 2018, UN Environment and the World Health Organization wrote to Ministries of Environment and Ministries of Health, respectively, in countries explaining the project and inviting their participation. If there was interest in joining the project, each ministry was requested to nominate a project focal point.

This workshop represents the initiation of project activities in the region. The participants will be the nominated national focal points for environment and health, together with 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 expected that the focal points will have coordinated with relevant ministries and stakeholders to gather relevant data and information described in Part I of the Country Approach Guidance in advance of the workshop.

OBJECTIVES:

The regional workshop aims to:

- Provide participants with an understanding of why the elimination of lead paint is important and provide an overview of the SAICM GEF Project Lead in Paint Component.
- Provide participants with an understanding of the elements of a strategy to eliminate lead paint.
- Enable country participants to exchange ideas and experiences with eliminating lead paint in the CEE Region.

- Identify next steps toward lead paint elimination in specific countries; present country approaches.
- Provide participants with information needed to initiate a dialog with decision-makers and industry at national level.

OPERATING DETAILS:

Date and Venue:

Central and Eastern Europe: 19-20 March 2019, Almaty, Kazakhstan
Exact venue. Ramada Hotel, 27/1 Baitursynov street, Almaty

Meeting Co-Chairs:

- Ms. Nune Bakunts, Deputy Director General, National Center for disease control and prevention, Ministry of health of Armenia
- Ms. Assel Intymakova, Acting Head of the Industrial waste section, Department of waste management, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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;
- Project Lead Coordinator: UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch;
- Project Executing Partners: UN Environment Regional Offices, WHO, IPEN, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA-ROLI); US EPA (Chair of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint or Lead Paint Alliance), International Paint and Printing Ink Council (IPPIC); National Cleaner Production Centre Project Coordinator;

The Workshop Secretariat is: UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch, WHO Public Health, Environmental and other Determinants of Health, UN Environment Regional Office for Europe and Almaty Office, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health

Working Language: English with Russian 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

Activity	Time ¹	Responsible	Logistics/Documents
Registration	8:00	UN Environment Regional Office	Name tags/ ID
Welcoming Remarks	9:00	Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Health- Kazakhstan UN Environment, WHO representatives	
Self- Introduction	9:30	Country representatives, private sector, NGOs, Executing Partners	
Health, economic and environmental impacts of lead Human exposure to lead: Human biomonitoring (HBM) case study in Georgia	10:00	WHO – Joanna Tempowski Georgia Ministry of Health – Nana Gabriadze	WHO and UNEP publications; Summary from Toolkit modules
<i>Coffee</i>	10:30		
Overview of Global Efforts: why action now matters; status of laws globally and in CEE region	11:00	US EPA (Chair of LPA)- Walker Smith	2018 Update on Global Status of Legal Limits on Lead Paint
Summary of lead paint testing in the region	11:30	IPEN and 2 civil society representatives in the region Kazakhstan - Lydia Astanina, Greenwomen and Ukraine - Denys Pavlovskyi, Mama-86	IPEN Lead Paint Studies
Progress on the establishment of lead paint laws in the region, successes and challenges in the development of lead paint laws	12:00	3 governments (Health and Environment Ministries): Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine	Government information
<i>Lunch</i>	13:00		

Session 2: How to Eliminate Lead Paint – regulatory actions

- **Objective:** Provide participants with an overview of the SAICM GEF project lead paint component and understanding of the regulatory elements for elimination of lead paint

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Overview of the SAICM GEF Project	14:00	UN Environment- Desiree Narvaez	Project document briefer Country approach
Overview of Regulatory Approaches; Model Law and Guidance to Regulate Lead Paint	14:30	US EPA – Ellie McCann ABA ROLI- Jay Monteverde	Model Law in languages
Approaches to regulating lead paint in two regional economic communities: European Union (REACH) and the Eurasian	15:00	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)- Kirsi Sihvonen	

¹ Timing includes Q and A

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Economic Union (EAEU) regulations		Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) - Ulanbel Toktogulov Kyrgyzstan	
Analysis of lead in paints	15: 30	IPEN – Sara Brosche Ministry of Health Israel- Tamar Berman	Toolkit module
Coffee	16:00		
Alternatives to lead paint: Challenges for SMEs	16:30	IPEN – Sara Brosche	Toolkit for Establishing Laws
Collaboration and cooperation with industry: case studies	17:00	Industry representatives	
Further discussion and recap of the day	18:45	WHO- Irina Zastenskaya	

DAY 2:

Session 3: Successful elements of a lead paint elimination strategy

- **Objective:** Enable country participants to exchange ideas and experiences with eliminating lead paint.

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Review of agenda	9.00	UN Environment- Mijke Hertoghs	
Communication Strategy towards adopting lead paint laws	9:15	WHO- Irina Zastenskaya	Communication materials: WHO/ ILPPW, IPEN materials, Resource Package
Role of civil society		IPEN - Sara Brosche	
Presentation of Country Approach Document, available assistance through the Project, and the Break Out Groups	9 :45	UN Environment- Desiree Narvaez	
Coffee	10:15		
Discussion of country approach by breakout groups of multiple countries (EU associated; EAEU, independent)	10:30	Countries	Country approach; discussion questions
Lunch	12:30		

Session 4: Presentation of country approaches to eliminate lead paint and closing

- **Objective:** Identify next steps toward lead paint elimination in specific countries: present country approaches

Activity	Time	Responsible	Documents
Discussion continues in each breakout group	13:30	Countries	Country approach; discussion questions
National representatives complete country template and identify needs for support	14:30	Countries	Country template
<i>Coffee</i>	15:00		
Report out on group discussions about country approach, country needs and next steps for countries	15:30	Countries	Table of country approach components; discussion questions
Break	16:45		
Next steps for project implementation and lead paint elimination and closing	17:15	UN Environment- Desiree Narvaez, WHO- Joanna Tempowski, ABA ROLI- Jay Monteverde , IPEN- Sara Brosche, USEPA- Walker Smith, Ellie McCann	Project document – table of timelines/deadlines; describe how countries can access experts/become part of the project/POCs; Summary of key outcomes and next steps from the meeting
Closing	17:45	UN Environment – Desiree Narvaez	