

Steps to Develop Lead Paint Laws; Advice Available and Mechanism for Provision of Advice

Session 2: How to Eliminate Lead Paint – regulatory actions

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Need for lead paint laws

- Studies of lead content in paint on the market show that where there is no enforced legal limitation on lead in paint, paint with high levels of lead is sold.
- The most effective way to prevent new lead exposure from paint is to establish binding lead paint laws.
- Collaboration with industry and civil society is important for the successful implementation of lead paint laws.
- It can be helpful to identify steps and activities that will lead to the establishment of lead paint laws.



Suggested Steps for Establishing Lead Paint Laws



Stakeholder engagement to gain support for a lead paint law

- Identify the appropriate government ministry or ministries
- Conduct meetings with key non-governmental and industry stakeholders as needed



Development of lead paint law

- Assess options for the development of a lead paint law
- Designate the lead agency for drafting legal limitations for lead paint
- Facilitate legal drafting
- Develop the draft law
- Conduct a public review process
- Promulgate the law



Awareness raising to promote development of a lead paint law

- Identify appropriate target audience(s) for awareness raising as needed
- Conduct targeted awareness raising as needed to promote development or implementation of lead paint laws



Timelines

- Set clear deadlines as needed, taking into account administrative regulatory approval processes, legislative drafting and passage procedures, public comment periods

¹Based on *UNEP/WHO Guidance for a Country Approach Toward Development of Lead Paint Laws; Part 2: Elements of a country approach toward the development of a lead paint law*

Identifying Steps and Activities

- Some suggested Ways to identify Steps
 - Regional workshop – group discussions about country next steps
 - Develop a country approach -- Refer to the UNEP Guidance for a Country Approach for ideas
 - Provides ideas of background information that may be helpful to the development of a country approach (Part 1)
 - Outlines suggested activities that could be undertaken as part of a country approach (Part 2)
 - Country-specific process for identifying steps and activities
- There is no one right way to identify steps and activities for Eliminating Lead Paint!
- Identifying steps and activities is highly recommended.
- This helps UNEP and the Project Advisors determine how they can provide Project advice.

Country Approach Document

Part 1: Suggested Background Information



A : General Information (Country contact)



B: Country policy framework

Helps determine the best approach to establishing lead paint laws in the country. Suggested questions to consider:

- Has your country already undertaken steps to restrict lead paint?
- Are there already laws, regulations, standards, or other legal limitations in place that can be utilized for banning lead paint? Or limitations on lead generally?
- If such legal limitations exist, how can they be amended?
- Which Ministry (or agency) will have the responsibility for regulating lead paint?
- Which other Ministries would have an interest in regulating lead paint and would need to be engaged during the project?

²Based on UNEP/WHO *Guidance for a Country Approach Toward Development of Lead Paint Laws; Part 1: Suggested Information for the Approach*

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Part 2: Suggested Background Information (cont.)



C : Country paint industry

- identify industry stakeholders that may be considered to be engaged in action to develop lead paint laws.
- Information about lead paint in your country
- Major paint manufacturers or importers in country
- Paint industry associations
- Paint industry companies or industry associations that have already started to engage on the lead paint issue and in what way



D : Civil society engagement

Identify civil society stakeholders that may be considered to be engaged in action to develop lead paint laws

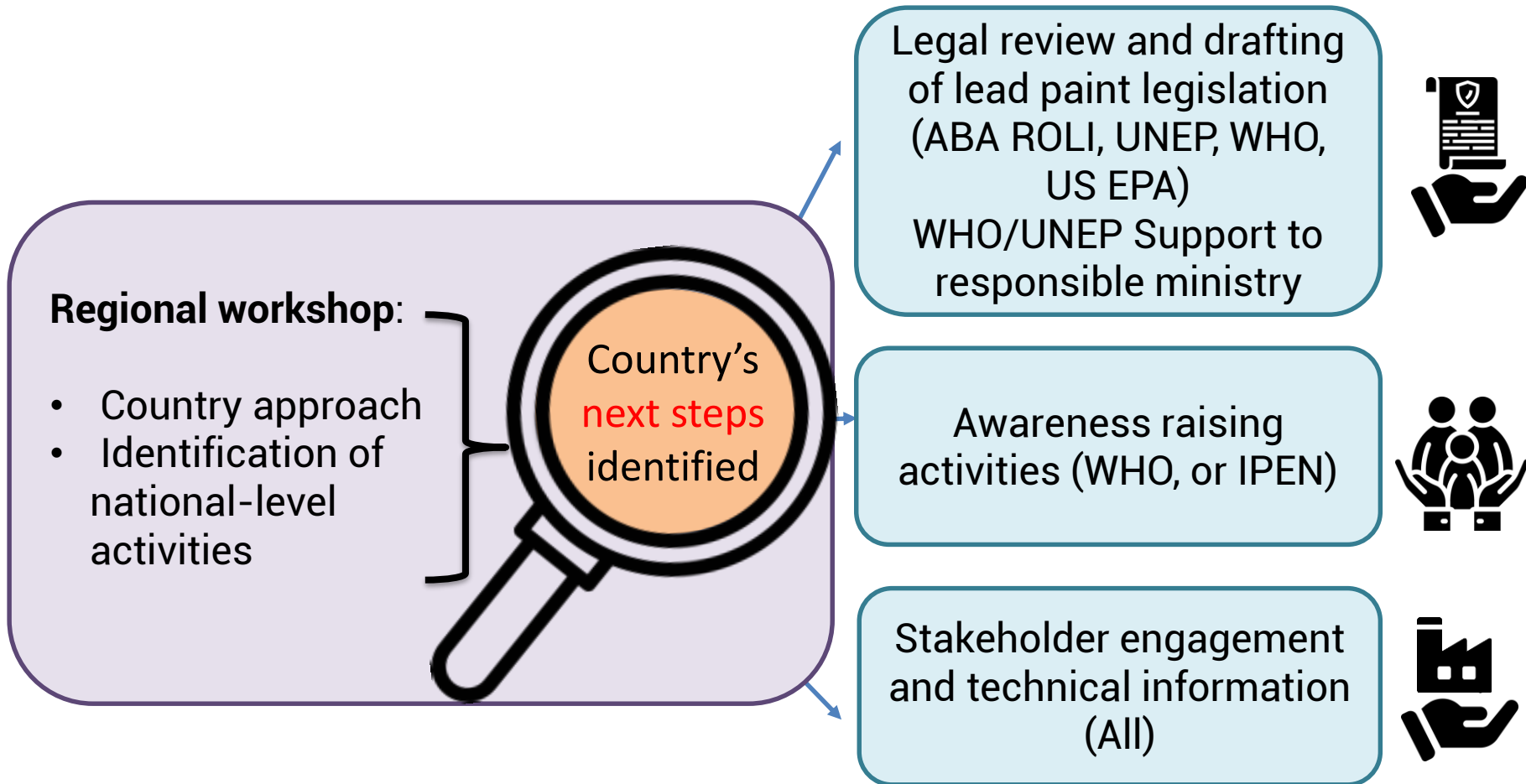
- NGOs that are already engaged in eliminating lead paint in your country
- If no NGOs are working on lead paint, NGOs in your country that are engaged in other chemical safety or environmental health issues, and could be engaged in eliminating lead paint

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Part 2: Elements toward development of lead paint laws

Activity No.	Description of Activity	Lead Entity (e.g. Ministry/Industry/NGO)	Role/Responsibility/Action	Timeline/Deadline	Remarks
1	Designation of Lead Agency for drafting legal limitations for lead paint		Responsible for convening and creation of an inter-ministerial coordination group and implementation of the country lead paint elimination approach		
2	Conduct Inter-Ministerial Coordination Meetings as needed			First meeting Second meeting Etc.	
3	Conduct meetings with key stakeholders as needed		Convene and follow up to meeting; invite key stakeholders, including industry and NGOs.	First meeting Second meeting	

Project Advisors to Facilitate the Adoption of Lead Paint Laws



Mechanism for Provision of Advice

- Submit request for advice or information needed
 - Follow-up with UNEP Regional Coordinator after regional workshop
 - Send email to leadpaintlaws@un.org and copy nagatani-yoshida@un.org
- Follow up by Project Advisors
 - In coordination with UNEP, appropriate Project Advisors will follow up based on needed information or advice

Thank you



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