



## Central and West Africa Workshop on the Development of National and Regional Regulations and Standards on Lead in Paints

### Workshop Outcomes and Next Steps

All meeting participants agreed that:

1. Regulatory/legislative controls are needed in participating countries
2. 90 PPM total lead content is the preferred level for any legal instrument, such as regulations, mandatory standards and/or laws
3. Capacity-building on issues such as technical issues relating to paint production, paint analysis, laboratory capacity, alternatives to lead in paint, etc. and awareness raising is needed
4. Regional harmonization is a good approach, such as a common ECOWAS or ECCAS standard on lead in paint
5. Paint reformulation in participating countries is possible

Next steps and follow-ups suggested:

- Follow-up with government and industry stakeholders needed
  - national follow-up such as formation of National Working groups can be undertaken by national participants with support from the Lead Paint Alliance
  - Dissemination of the important outcomes from this workshop and next steps can be facilitated nationally, regionally and globally through the Lead Paint Alliance as well as country and regional champions
- IPEN will coordinate NGO-collaboration to facilitate follow-ups
- UN Environment will
  - continue to gather and disseminate information about health and economic cost of lead exposure
  - Send out questionnaires and compile information about in which countries legal limits on lead in paint are in place
- US EPA will be able to provide advice and guidance to countries that have started the process to establish legal limits on lead in paint, but needs to be made aware of where such processes are being started
- The Lead Paint Alliance will look into ways of engaging countries in the Southern Africa Region
- Regional follow-ups with ECOWAS and other regional bodies needed
- Also, opportunities to engage the whole African Region such as the African Union, AMCEN and others should be utilized. UN Environment will try to facilitate ways of engaging in these.
- Other regional policy meetings can be utilized such as the SAICM Regional meetings
- A platform for sharing of technical information would be very useful, perhaps IPPIC can facilitate this?
- Engaging Parliamentarians is very important, perhaps it would be possible to gather these in South Africa?
- The media advisory developed for this meeting as well as all materials and presentations will be posted on the Lead Paint Alliance website to be utilized freely by the workshop participants