

PROMOTING THE ELIMINATION OF LEAD PAINT IN CARICOM

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WORLD HEALTH DAY

OBJECTIVES OF THE WEBINAR

- Build a common understanding of the significance of economic and health impacts of lead exposure
- Raise awareness of the need to establish lead paint laws to eliminate lead paint
- Provide information about available tools to develop and promote lead paint laws
- Advance cooperation, commitment and action toward the elimination of lead paint in the CARICOM region

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction – Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization and UN Environment /UNE Latin America and the Caribbean Office
2. Overview of the Lead Paint Alliance/Health and Economic Impacts of Lead Paint – US Environmental Protection Agency
3. Updates - UN Environment
 - a) Establishment and enforcement of national legal limits on lead in paint
 - b) New tools and Model Law
 - c) Status of lead paint laws in the region
4. Awareness-raising activities - World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization
5. Advisory Group Remarks
6. Q & A
7. Next Steps

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

NEXT STEPS

PROMOTE THE GOALS OF THE LEAD PAINT ALLIANCE

- Work to meet the Alliance goal of eliminating lead paint globally by 2020
- Encourage governments to enact lead paint laws
- Understand enforcement challenges in countries with existing lead paint laws
- Participate in International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (Week of Action)
- Encourage action on lead paint laws as part of the SAICM Roadmap at the World Health Assembly

NEXT STEPS FOR CARICOM

- Promote commitments to government action on lead paint laws at UNEA₃
- Support development of UNEP GEF/SAICM Project to facilitate lead paint laws and regional progress
- Invite CARICOM governments and others to become partners of the Lead Paint Alliance
- Highlight the importance of legal limits at CARICOM meetings, including COTED
- Distribute model law once completed (late Spring 2017)
- Raise awareness especially within the health sector and promote technical cooperation with health and environment ministries