

Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Workshop on the Establishment of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint

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Background: Lead in Paint

- Lead is a **cumulative toxicant** particularly hazardous to young children and pregnant women
- Currently there is **no “safe” level** of exposure to lead identified
- **Lead in paint** is a major route of lead exposure, especially for **children**
- Paints with extremely high levels of lead (> 10,000 ppm) are still available in most **developing countries**¹
- The estimated **economic cost** associated with childhood lead exposure in low- and middle-income countries amounts to **1.2 % of world GDP** in 2011²

¹ UNEP and IPEN (2013). Lead in Decorative Enamel Paints: National paint testing results.

² Attina, Teresa M., and Leonardo Trasande. "Economic costs of childhood lead exposure in low-and middle-income countries." Environmental Health Perspectives (Online) 121.9 (2013): 1097.

Background: Workshop



- **Lead paint**, a major route of lead exposure, was discussed as **an emerging policy issue** at the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management in 2009 (ICCM2)
- In ICCM2 Resolution II/4/B, the International Conference endorsed the creation of **the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Lead Paint Alliance)** as an international, multistakeholder partnership that would work towards the phasing out of lead paint
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) support the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paints (Lead Paint Alliance), **a global partnership aiming at phasing out the use of lead in paint by 2020**

Background: Workshop (Cont'd)



- In June 2014, during the first session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, Resolution 1/5 Chemicals and Wasted VI on lead and cadmium was taken and it reads as follows:
“Requests the United Nations Environment Programme, in coordination with the World Health Organization, to continue to build capacity on lead paint through possible regional workshops”
- In response to the above resolution, UNEP and IPEN jointly organized back-to-back workshops in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on December 2-4: **the East Africa Sub-regional Workshop on the Establishment of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint and the GEF UNEP/IPEN Regional Lead Paint Elimination Project in Africa Workshop**
- Government officials and stakeholders from 15 African countries **agreed to adopt a lead limit for all paints of 90 parts per million (ppm)** and to cooperate to phase out the use of lead in paint by 2020

Goal and Objectives of the Workshop



Overall goal

- To advance understanding, commitment, and action towards **the elimination of lead in paint by 2020**

Objectives:

- Share the understandings of the **health and environmental risks** of the lead in paint
- **Exchange information** on the government policies and stakeholder actions, and available tools and experiences towards the elimination of lead in paint
- Introduce available resources on InforMEA and ECOLEX as tools for building knowledge and understanding of **environmental law**, including legislation on lead in paint
- **Develop strategies** for establishing legal limits on lead in paint at national, regional, and/or sub-regional levels
- Foster commitment of governments and stakeholders and agree on **future actions**

Follow-up Actions



- Information sharing in national policy development
- Initiation of regional process
- Improvements in the toolkit
- Reporting towards future meetings, including but not limited to UNEA 2

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GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

Introduction, Understanding the Problem, Identify the Market, Taking Action, References, Contact us

Raising Awareness

Raising and maintaining awareness about the hazards of lead is important to stimulate action by governments, enterprises and others. It also informs individuals about how to protect themselves and their families from lead exposure. This module provides information about the International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action and how any organization can plan and organize a lead-awareness campaign. It also provides examples of lead poisoning prevention campaign materials and activities.

Module I. Conducting lead awareness-raising campaigns (References)

Establishing Lead Paint Laws

Once your government is ready to take action use this module, (provided by the UN Environmental Programme, Division of Law and Conventions) as a framework for establishing legal limits on lead in paint. It discusses (placeholder)

Module J. Developing Legal Limits on Lead in Paint (References)

References

United Nations Environment Assembly
of the United Nations Environment Programme
Delivering on the 2030 Agenda

Climate Change, Disasters & Conflicts, Ecosystem Management, Environmental Governance, Chemicals & Waste, Resource Efficiency, Environment Under Review

About UNEA, Engage With MYUNEA, Documents, Registration, Events, Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, Previous Sessions

On the road to UNEA

Achim Steiner UNEA 2

UNEP Executive Director, Achim Steiner speaks on UNEA-2

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Christian Friis Bach
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Events

UNEA-2: 23 - 27 May, 2016

Workshop Programme



Opening and Session I: Overview (1st Day)

- Objective: *Develop shared understandings of the global challenges of lead in paint, and possible approaches and available tools to address these challenges*
- Presentations:
 - Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead paint (Lead Paint Alliance)
 - Lead Paint Alliance (LPA) Regulatory Toolkit

Session II: Technical Session (1st and 2nd Day)

- Objective: *Identify and design actions at national, sub-regional and regional levels to generate commitment, initiate the policy development, involve stakeholders, and raise awareness*
- Presentations:
 - Modules of the LPA Regulatory Toolkit (Understanding the Problem, Identifying the Market, and Taking Action)
 - Case Studies from the Central Eastern Europe and Central Asia Countries

Workshop Programme (Cont'd)



Session III: Discussion Session (1st and 2nd Day)

- Objective: *Review the current policies in countries, identify good practices, opportunities for national, sub-regional and regional approaches, and challenges towards fostering commitments*
- Presentations:
 - InforMEA
 - Group Discussion of Potential National Implementation Strategies for Application of the Toolkit to Establish Lead Paint Laws

Workshop Outcomes and Next Steps: summary, conclusion, and evaluation (2nd Day)

- Objective: *Agree on course of action*



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