

East Africa Sub-regional Workshop on the Establishment of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint: An Introduction

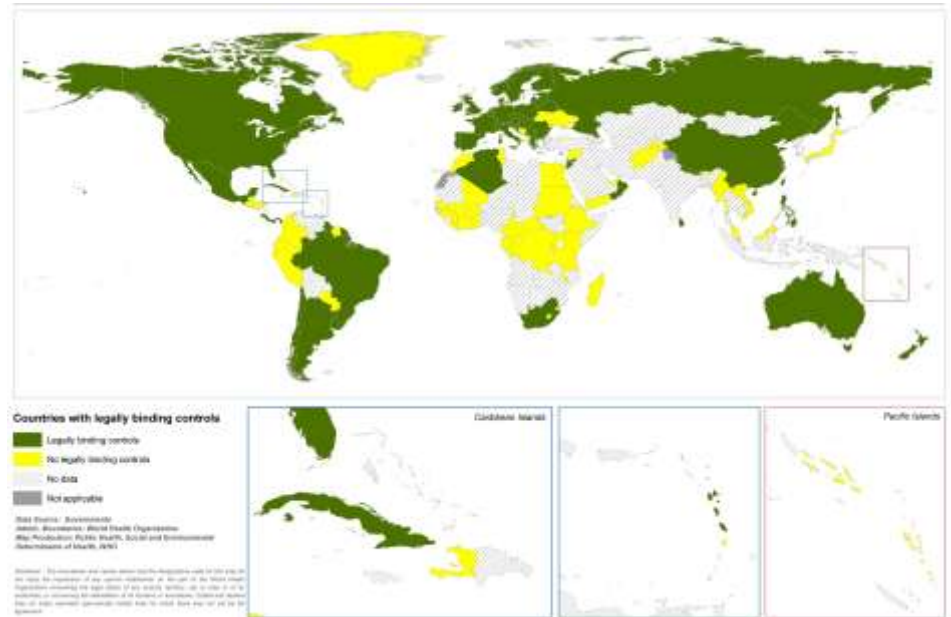


Osaka, 27 November 2015

Eisaku Toda, UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch

Background

- Lead is a cumulative toxicant, especially for pregnant women and young children. No safe levels of lead. Economic loss of USD 135 billion p.a. in Africa – 4 % of GDP
- Lead in paint is a major route of exposure particularly for children. Lead paint is still widely available in developing countries.
- Lead Paint Alliance partnering towards the global goal of phasing out lead paint by 2020.



Goals and Objectives of the Workshop

- The overall goal: to advance understanding, commitment and action towards the elimination of lead in paint by 2020.
- Objectives :
 - Share understanding on the health and environmental risks of lead in paint, and foster commitment of governments and stakeholders to address these risks.
 - Exchange information on the government policies and stakeholder actions, and available tools and experiences towards the elimination of lead.
 - Develop strategies for establishing legal limits on lead in paint at national, sub-regional and/or regional levels.
 - Agree on the future action, e.g. follow-up at national policy development, initiating regional process, improvements in toolkit, reporting toward UNEA 2.

Format

- 2-3 December: East Africa Sub-regional Workshop on the Establishment of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint
- 4 December: GEF UNEP/IPEN Regional Lead Paint Elimination Project in Africa Workshop

Participants

- Government officials and NGOs from Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia
- African Union, USEPA (Chair of Lead Paint Alliance), GEF, UNEP (DTIE, DELC, DCPI, ROA) UNIDO, IPEN, industry stakeholders

Workshop programme

Opening and Technical Session 1: Introduction

- Objective: *Develop shared understanding of global challenges of lead in paint, and possible approaches and available tools to address these challenges.*
- Presentations: Lead Paint Alliance, Regulatory Toolkit; environmental, health and economic impact; lessons from lead in fuels, guidance for legal framework

Technical Session 2 with group discussion: Case studies in African Countries

- Objective: *Review the current policies in countries, identify good practices, opportunities for national, sub-regional and regional approaches, and challenges towards fostering commitments*
- Case study presentations and group discussion

Technical Session 3 with group discussion: Future action at national and regional levels

- 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 on toolkit modules and group discussion.

Session 4: Summary, conclusions and evaluation

- Objective: *Agree on course of action at national, sub-regional, regional and global levels*

Day 3: GEF UNEP/IPEN Project Workshop

- Objective: *Share the experiences and know-hows from the GEF project (national WGs, certification...)*

Housekeeping

- Photo session at the next coffee break?
- Lunch
- Post office, bank...
- Working hours 8:30-17:30
- Receptions today and tomorrow
- DSA
- Press conference on Friday at 11:00
- Presentations to be made available on the web