Overview of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Lead Paint Alliance)

East Africa Sub-regional Workshop on the Establishment of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2-3 December 2015

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About the Lead Paint Alliance



- A voluntary partnership (2009)
- Jointly led by WHO and UNEP
- Supported by multi-sector UNEP/WHO Advisory Group
- GOVs, IGOs, NGOs, Industry, and Academia are Alliance partners
- GOAL all countries enact lead paint laws by 2020



Lead Paint Alliance

Goal - to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint.



By 2020

- All countries have adopted legally binding laws
- All manufacturers have eliminated use of added lead in priority areas
- 40 countries with national awareness days for prevention of lead poisoning with emphasis on risks of lead paint
- 70 partners participating

Current Status and Accomplishments

New Advisory Group



UNEP / WHO Advisory Group for the Lead Paint Alliance

- United Nations Environment Programme
- World Health Organization
- UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- U.S. EPA (Advisory Group Chair)
- Colombia Ministry of Environment
- Kenya Ministry of Industrialization and Enterprise Development
- Moldova Ministry of Health
- Thailand Ministry of Health
- AkzoNobel (paint manufacturer)
- International Paint and Printers Ink Council (IPPIC)
- Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)
- IPEN (global network of NGOs)
- European Commission (Observer/co-opted member)

Current Status and Accomplishments

New Advisory Group

- 3 Global Meetings (2010, 2012 and 2014)
- Successful global week of action in 2013, 2014 and 2015
- Additional partners, including African countries and NGOs
- ICCM4 Resolution (Oct 2015)

• Kenya

Kenya National Cleaner Production center Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute

- Niger
- Republic of Cameroon
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Centre de Recherche et d'Education pour le Développement (CREPD)
- Eco Ethics Kenya (EEK)
- Inclusion Ghana
- Jeunes volontaires pour l'Environnement Côte d'Ivoire
- Kenya Bureau of Standards
- Pollution Control Association of Liberia
- Uganda Network on Toxic Free Malaria Control (UNETMAC)



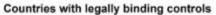
organizations and government representatives. It is designed to provide information to government officials who are interested in establishing legal limits for lead in paints in their countries. However, all interested stakeholders wishing to understand the issue and

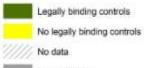




COUNTRIES WITH LEGALLY BINDING CONTROLS ON LEAD PAINT - BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS BY 31 JULY 2015







Not applicable

Data Source: Governments Admin: Boandaries: World Hualth Organization. Map Production: Public Health, Social and Environmental Determinants of Health, WHO

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Algeria: Inter-ministerial decree (December 28, 1997) sets down the list of consumer products considered to be toxic or presenting a specific hazard, and the list of chemicals whose use is prohibited or regulated in the manufacture of such products.

This legislation sets the limit for lead in paint at 5000 mg/kg (5,000 ppm). The national paint company that makes 80% of the paints used in Algeria does not add lead to the paint.

South Africa: Government Notice No 801 (31 July 2009) Department of Health

Leaded paint is defined as paint containing lead or lead compounds used for decorating with a total lead content of 0.06% (600 ppm) and above of the total non-volatile content. It can only be handled and sold by licensed individuals and cannot be supplied to anyone under 16 yrs. Records must be kept.

Exclusions to this categorization include industrial paints, paint for road markings, graphic art coatings and others. Precautionary labelling is required on paint containing more than 600 ppm of lead, including that such paints should not be used for domestic purposes or on toys or furniture to which children may be exposed.

Action Plan for 2015-2017: The primary goal of the Alliance is to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures

to lead paint.

- 1. Encourage governments to enact lead paint laws
- Encourage industry to voluntarily stop the manufacture and sale of lead paint
- Increase awareness of the health and environmental risks posed by lead paint
- 4. Increase the number of Alliance partners







Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint ACTION PLAN for 2015-2016 (May 2015)²

PREAMBLE:

This two-year Action Plan facilitates implementation of the long-term Business Plan of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Lead Paint Alliance) by providing near-term priorities for key action areas. The Action Plan is intended to encourage and support priority activities in 2015 and 2016 by Alliance partners and other stakeholders that will help move toward the goal and objectives of the Alliance.

The primary goal of the Alliance is to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint. Its broad objective is to achieve the phase-out of the manufacture and sale of paints containing lead and to eventually eliminate the risks that such paints pose. The Alliance is committed to efforts that support primary prevention, seeking to reduce or eliminate the conditions that give rise to environmental lead exposure before such exposures can occur.

The Business Plan of the Lead Paint Alliance was developed in response to resolution II/4/B adopted by the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) in 2009. It provides a road map describing the strategies, milestones and means of achieving the goal and overall objective of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, including targets for accomplishments by the year 2020. It is addressed to all persons and organizations interested in contributing to the work of the Alliance.

The Action Plan for 2015-16 highlights the need for near-term efforts, in particular by national governments around the world to phase out the use of lead paints, with special attention to eliminating lead decorative paints and in paints for other applications must likely to contribute to childhood lead exposure. New laws and regulations should establish legal limits on the lead content of these paints, by either banning lead additives and severely limiting the total amount of lead content. Such actions in countries where legal limits are not currently in place will help prevent new exposures to lead from paint, especially for children in homes and schools, where decorative lead paint is still used. Regulatory controls on other categories or uses of paint should also be considered.

The Action Plan for 2015-2016 was developed for the Lead Paint Alliance by the UN Environment Program (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), in consultation with

¹ Revised by UNEP/WHO Advisory Group for the Lead Paint Alliance on 27 September 2015.

Lead Paint Alliance What you can do?



- Convince your Governments -without existing legislation- to enact lead paint laws by overcoming possible barriers
- Recognise elements of success of existing laws that you could incorporate into efforts in your own country
- Raise awareness within relevant Ministries in your country
- Promote stakeholder dialogue in your country on controlling the lead content of paint involving your national paint industry and/or other stakeholders
- Input/advice/advocacy to get lead paint on relevant meetings and conference agendas e.g. African Union, UNEA2, etc.
- Encourage governments, NGOs, and industry to become partners in the Lead Paint Alliance

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For further information about the Lead Paint Alliance, including how to become a partner, go to:

<u>www.unep.org/noleadinpaint</u> THANK YOU !!!

