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Lead paint is an important source of lead exposure globally, posing serious risks to human health and the environment. That is why the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint is working to achieve the goal that by 2020 all countries establish laws to address lead paint.

One recent highlight of this work was the [Nairobi Declaration on Turning Environmental Policies into Action through Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges in Africa](#) in which African ministers of the environment resolved “to call upon countries to consider developing and ensure implementation of Lead Paint Laws and to establish the lowest and most protective regulatory limit as appropriate; especially the 90 parts per million total lead content.”

In this newsletter, we are proud to share additional updates about our recent progress and activities, as well as opportunities for governments, industry and civil society to join us in achieving this goal.



Progress Toward Laws

We're making progress toward eliminating lead paint by supporting countries in establishing laws. As of 30 September 2018, 71 countries had confirmed that they have legally binding controls on lead in paint.

View the [Update on the Global Status of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint](#) published in October 2018, to see progress in your country and region.

You can also see the status of lead paint laws in an [interactive map in the WHO Global Health Observatory](#)

UN Environment-led Global Effort

In January 2019, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Global Environment Facility (GEF) project was officially launched with an inception workshop in Geneva. The project will now provide technical assistance to governments to help develop lead paint laws and to industry to promote reformulation of lead paint. This spring, regional workshops will be held in Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, Asia-Pacific and West Asia, and Central and Eastern Europe.

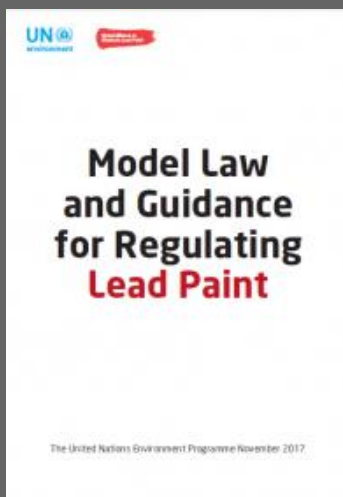
For additional information about this project, visit the [SAICM GEF Project Lead in Paint Component](#)



**BAN LEAD
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2018 International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

The Lead Paint Alliance organized its 6th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week from 21 through 27th October 2018. Through its [multi-lingual resource pack, campaign videos, and supporting materials](#), the Lead Paint Alliance aimed to support individuals, civil society organizations, industry and governments to work together to ban lead paint. 82 participants from 50 countries registered their campaigns on the [WHO website](#). Campaigners included 3 academic institutions, 11 governments (local/national), 2 healthcare institutions, and 57 non-state actors, as well as 8 others.



How-to Guide: Establishing Laws

The Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead Paint was developed to assist countries in establishing and implementing regulation on lead paint.

It is now available in [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#) in addition to [English](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#).

Partners Corner

The Alliance extends a warm welcome and congratulations to the new partners who joined in 2018!

- **3 Governments:** Burkina Faso, Madagascar and Vietnam
- **3 NGOs:** American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative; The LEAD Group Inc. (Australia); and Living Science Foundation (Nigeria)
- **1 Academic institution:** NYU Langone Health's Department of Pediatrics/Division of Environmental Pediatrics (USA)

As of December 31, 2018, Alliance partners include 19 governments, 3 intergovernmental organizations, 36 non-governmental organizations, 20 paint industry trade associations or paint manufacturers, and 6 academic organizations or institutions.

For more information visit the page [Lead Paint Alliance Partners](#)

What Can You Do? Take Action!

- **Governments:** Establish and implement protective legal limits on lead in paint, building on the "[Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead Paint](#)"
- **Industry:** Support implementation of national lead paint restrictions by sharing knowledge of how small-, medium-, and large-sized enterprises can reformulate lead paint.
- **Civil society organizations:** Provide information to policy makers, schools, communities and the media on the dangers of lead paint and how to prevent lead poisoning.

[Explore more actions for governments, industry and civil society organizations](#)

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