

ICCM3 SIDE EVENTS

In details

Monday 17 September

Lunchtime

- Title:** Lead Paint Elimination: Progress, Prospects and Perspectives
Organization: The International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO)
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR-3
Short description:
Presentations on:

 - Initiatives and projects aimed at protecting children's health by eliminating the manufacture, sale and use of lead paints;
 - Prospects to achieve global lead paint elimination by 2020; and
 - Plans and strategies for global lead paint elimination.

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- Title:** The need for Information about Chemicals in Products
Organization: UNEP Chemicals
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR-4
Short description:
All major SAICM stakeholder groups have in recent years acknowledged the potential effects on humans and the environment of the chemicals contained in everyday products and articles. Calls for action are widespread and growing; to know more on what the possible impacts of these chemicals might be, to know where they are in the products and to take action to reduce the risks from these chemicals.

The Chemicals in Products (CiP) project, mandated by ICCM2, has analyzed stakeholders' needs and uses for product chemical-content information and reported on the status of chemical-content information exchange, in particular for four high-priority product sectors.

This ICCM3 side event will feature presentations by stakeholders with advanced experience in exchanging chemicals content information. They will highlight some of their lessons learned and benefits realized from the exchange of this information, as well as underline the need for further progress to be made.

Participants at ICCM3 involved in discussions on the emerging issue of chemicals in products are encouraged to attend this event.

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Tuesday 18 September

Lunchtime

- Title:** Global Chemicals Outlook and the Cost of Inaction: Making the Economy Case for Investing in Sound Management of Chemicals
Organization: UNEP Chemicals
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR-3
Short description:
The Global Outlook aims to make a convincing economic case for investing in sound chemical management and to send a positive message about economic and social opportunities arising from sound chemical management. It identifies emerging issues related to the production and use of toxic substances, with a particular focus on developing countries and countries with economies in transition. It will cover three broad areas:

 - *Trends and indicators:* identifies resources for describing quantitative and qualitative changes in the production, use and disposal of chemicals in developing countries. Under this pillar, options for assessing and tracking the health and environmental effects of chemicals in developing countries are identified.
 - *Economic implications:* identifies possible methodologies for exploring the economic development opportunities related to the sound management of chemicals, as well as the potential costs of inaction on chemical hazards, with a particular focus on developing countries.
 - *Instruments and approaches:* identifies useful methodologies and decision making tools for prevention of toxic chemical pollution and promotion of safer alternatives. This includes identifying legal, economic, technical and voluntary instruments and decision-making tools for prevention of toxic chemical pollution and waste and promotion of safer alternatives.

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- Title:** Nano as a key SAICM emerging issue for sustainable development: experiences and lessons learned from 3 pilot projects
Organization: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR-4
Short description:
Nano is a key emerging issue in the SAICM context. With the success of the first and second round of regional workshops on nanotechnology and manufactured materials, UNITAR, with the financial support of the Government of Switzerland, initiated in late 2011 pilot projects to assist three developing countries to develop programmatic capacities to tackle nanotechnology issues at the national level. Initial results and lessons learned from the projects in Nigeria, Thailand, and Uruguay can be considered by the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM3) at its third session in September 2012 through this side-event.

The event will provide the opportunity for ICCM stakeholders to hear the results and experiences of the pilot projects, which have the aim to increase awareness on nano safety as a key tool for protecting human health and the environment, as well as the broader need to strengthen national capacities for management of chemicals in line with Chapter 19 of Agenda 21 and SAICM. The projects consider how to integrate nano-related safety management into pre-existing programmes for the sound management of chemicals and sustainable development at the national level and to

strengthen capacities to address nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials. The 3 countries undertook the following types of activities:

- awareness raising with the participation of all stakeholders
- development of a national "nano assessment"
- identification of national nano safety priorities
- developing elements of a national nano safety policy with stakeholders
- training on nano safety.

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Evening

- 3. Title:** Alternatives to the highly hazardous pesticides: Feeding Healthy Communities
Organization: Pesticide Action Network (PAN) International
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Room: CR-9
Short description:
In support for SAICM, the UN FAO Council, at its 131st session in 2006 suggested priority activities for FAO within SAICM could include risk reduction, including the progressive ban on highly hazardous pesticides" and the high level. As a first step in the development of a risk reduction programme, the [FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management \(JMPM\)](#) developed a definition for highly hazardous pesticides. PAN International believes that the solutions to minimize and eventually eliminate the adverse impacts of highly hazardous pesticides in agriculture already exist and are successfully implemented throughout the world. This side event organized by PAN International will present real examples taken from ongoing sustainable farms feeding healthy communities and vulnerable populations from different regions of the world. These best practices have also the potential to reduce the exposure to highly hazardous pesticides of vulnerable populations as well as to ensure their right to safe food.
For more information, please contact: Mr. Sarojeni V. Rengam (Sarojeni.rengam@panap.net)
- 4. Title:** European Union Progress towards the WSSD 2020 Chemicals Goal
Organization: European Union
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Room: CR 10
Short description:
Since ICCM2 in 2009, the European Union has taken several important steps to manage chemicals safer. REACH and CLP Regulations strive to ensure that our citizens are better informed about and protected against hazardous chemicals. Companies have already registered over 4,500 substances and have notified the classification and labelling of 100,000 substances to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Information on these substance is now available free of charge on the ECHA website. The success of the new European chemicals management is due to the intensive cooperation between authorities and stakeholders. The development of IT tools and guidance to support both industry and authorities remains an important part of the cooperation.
For more information, please contact: Mr. Petteri Mäkelä (petteri.makela@echa.europa.eu)

Wednesday 19 September

Lunchtime

1. **Title:** SAICM health – a prescription for multi-sectoral engagement
Organization: The World Medical Association, the World Federation of Public Health Associations, the Government of Slovenia and the World Health Organization (WMA/WFPHA/Government of Slovenia/WHO)
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR-9
Short description:
The adoption of a specific strategy for strengthening the engagement of the health sector by the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management underscores the important role that the health sector has to play in the sound management of chemicals. On the occasion of the adopting the strategy, key leaders from across the health sector will discuss what the strategy means to them while presenting examples of some recent innovations in multi-stakeholder engagement that promise a healthy outcome for all.
For more information, please contact: Ms. Clarisse Delorme (WMA), Mr. Peter Orris (WFPHA), Ms. Marta Ciraj (Government of Slovenia) and Ms. Carolyn Vickers (WHO) (porris@uic.edu; Clarisse.delorme@wma.net; marta.ciraj@gov.si; vickersc@who.int)

2. **Title:** Substitution made easier.
SUBSPORT - identifying and assessing alternatives to hazardous chemicals with the multilingual Substitution Support Portal SUBSPORT
Organization: Kooperationsstelle Hamburg IFE GmbH
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR10
Short description:
Substitution of hazardous chemicals is the preferred risk reduction strategy in many legislations, but still rarely applied compared to technical or personal protection measures. Enterprises need more support to overcome typical major challenges of substitution. SUBSPORT – the Substitution Support Portal – is a multilingual internet portal that constitutes a state-of-the-art resource on safer alternatives to the use of hazardous chemicals. It offers free of charge not only information on alternative substances and technologies, but also on tools and guidance for substance evaluation and substitution management.
The portal is intended to support companies in fulfilling substitution requirements of legislation. Furthermore other stakeholders like authorities, environmental and consumer organisations as well as scientific institutions will benefit from the portal. SUBSPORT is run by Kooperationsstelle Hamburg IFE (Germany), ISTAS (Spain), ChemSec (Sweden) and Grontmij (Denmark). It is financially supported by the EU LIFE programme and German and Austrian authorities.
For more information, please contact: Mr. Lothar Lissner (l.lissner@kooperationsstelle-hh.de)

Evening

3. **Title:** Strengthening SAICM through Partnerships (High-level roundtable event)
Organization: ICCA (International Council of Chemical Associations)
Time: 6-8pm
Room: CR-1

Short description:

SAICM provides an innovative framework to promote safe chemical handling globally. One of its key features is the multi-stakeholder character of SAICM which promotes and facilitates partnerships between NGOs, IGOs, governments and industry – both inter- and intra-sectoral. The panel will highlight their crucial importance for SAICM as partnerships serve as a platform for stakeholders to jointly work towards implementing Goal 2020. Regional partnerships for GPS capacity building activities, GHS implementation and under Responsible Care are outstanding examples of partnerships involving industry. The next step will be to scale up our efforts to promote sound chemical management and our existing partnerships may serve as efficient and well-proven models to be replicated in other regions.

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Thursday 20 September

Lunchtime

- 1. Title:** How to start a chemical safety transformation in your own country
Organization: American Chemical Society
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR-9
Short description:
This panel discussion will introduce attendees to inherently safer and more secure chemistry in theory and practice. The panel will be anchored by Dr. Nancy Jackson, 2011 President of the American Chemical Society, and include three other chemical professionals from Southeast Asia and the Middle East. Connecting inherently safer and more secure chemistry to sustainable development is a topic relevant to any country's chemical management program.
The three panelists (chemical professionals from Indonesia, Iraq, and Yemen) will discuss how they initiated safer and more secure practices in chemistry in their country. This includes how they introduced safety awareness and training in chemical safety practices to students, professional societies, and industry. They will discuss how they overcame cultural challenges and addressed safety issues. They will discuss seemingly simple remedies to ensure safety and security and discuss how international standards and a culture of safety can have a positive impact.
For more information, please contact: Dr. Nancy Jackson, 2011 President (nbjacks@sandia.gov; n_jackson@acs.org)
- 2. Title:** Teaching to fish: education for sustainable capacity development in chemicals management
Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Room: CR10
Short description:
Effective and well designed education programmes are good at building capacity among national institutions, the private sector and civil society. This event will present several examples and explore further how education can ensure sustainability on chemicals management efforts.
For more information, please contact: Mr. Mark Davis (Mark.davis@fao.org)

Friday 21 September

Lunchtime

1. **Title:** Global Alliance for Legacy Pollution and Health (GALPH): Addressing Toxic Pollution and Its Human Health Impacts in Low-and Middle-Income Countries (World Bank & Blacksmith Institute)

Organization: World Bank and Blacksmith Institute

Time: 1:30-2:30pm

Room: CR-9

Short description:

The number of people at risk from toxic pollution globally is well in excess of 100 million, making it a global public health problem of scale. The vast majority of this impact falls on low- and middle-income countries and it disproportionately affects the poorest communities and children under the age of five. Without intervention and cleanup, toxic pollution poses real long-term health and environmental problems. It can significantly impede economic and social development, as well as achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The Blacksmith Institute is coordinating an initiative, which includes members such as the World Bank, EU, ADB, UNEP, UNIDO, WHO, the Governments of Mexico, India and Senegal, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), US EPA, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Indonesian NGO KPBB, among others, to design a mechanism on an international scale that would deal with toxic legacy pollution and its health effects in low- and middle-income countries, and would assist local communities to protect and improve their health and livelihoods.

During this side event, the GALPH will be presented including: its vision, objectives, design process and structure plus the tools and services available to countries to support the implementation of the SAICM Global Plan of Action, in particular tasks related to the remediation of contaminated sites (tasks number: 47,48 and 243).

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