



Global Alliance to
Eliminate Lead Paint



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Global Webinar for Policymakers on Eliminating Lead in Paint through Regulatory Action

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15:00-17:00 (GMT +2)

WebEx

BACKGROUND:

Lead is a cumulative toxicant that poses serious risks to human health and development, with children being especially vulnerable. Lead-containing paint remains one of the major sources of lead exposure for children globally and was identified as one of the international Emerging Policy Issues of focus by Strategic Approach for International Chemicals Management (SAICM). Since then, the international community, governments, industry and nongovernmental organizations have been working together to promote the establishment of lead paint laws in all countries. In 2009, the second SAICM International Conference on Chemicals Management policy framework endorsed the establishment of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (or Lead Paint Alliance). UNEP and WHO serve as the joint Secretariat for this partnership and the US Environmental Protection Agency is the Chair of the Alliance Advisory Council. The goal of the Lead Paint Alliance is to phase out the manufacture, import and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks from such paint. To achieve this goal globally, the Lead Paint Alliance is encouraging countries to eliminate lead in new paints by establishing and enforcing lead paint laws.

Government policymakers are critical to the development of lead paint laws. Given this, the Alliance is facilitating a global webinar for this key stakeholder group. The webinar will focus on information of interest to government policymakers considering or in the process of developing lead paint laws and to stakeholders engaged in that process.

OBJECTIVES:

The webinar aims to provide participants with:

- An understanding of why the elimination of lead paint is important
- An overview of the goal of the Lead Paint Alliance and how the SAICM Lead Paint project supports this goal.
- Guidance on how to draft lead paint regulations.
- Information on lead paint testing.
- Perspectives of industry and ideas on how best to work industry on lead paint regulation and reformulation efforts.

OPERATING DETAILS:

Webinar moderator

- Angela Bandemehr, U.S. EPA

Invited participants:

- Government policymakers;
- Other relevant stakeholders involved in lead paint law development;
- SAICM Lead Paint Project Partners: UNEP Regional Offices, WHO, International Pollutant Elimination Network (IPEN), the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA-ROLI), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the World Coatings Council

Working Language: English**AGENDA:**

Presentation	Presenter	Time (GMT +2)	Available Background Materials
Opening Remarks	Desiree Raquel Narvaez, UNEP	15:00-15:05 (5 mins)	
Introduction: The Impacts of Lead Exposure and the Need for Regulation	Elena Jordan, WHO	15:05-15:20 (15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO <i>Global elimination of lead paint: why and how countries should take action</i> - Technical brief and Policy brief
Overview of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and Global Status of Laws	Desiree Raquel Narvaez, UNEP	15:20-15:35 (15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemicals Without Concern Lead Paint Laws Map • WHO Lead Paint Laws Map • UNEP Global Status Update • IPEN Lead Paint Studies • IPEN Lead Paint Testing Map
Guidance for Developing Regulations on Lead Paint: The Model Law for Regulating Lead Paint	Amanda Rawls, ABA-ROLI	15:35-15:50 (15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead in Paint
The Model Law: Testing Requirements and Implications for Industry Compliance and Lab Capacity	Michael Cofield, U.S. Department of Commerce	15:50-16:05 (15 mins)	
Overview of Lead Paint Testing Methods	Elena Jordan, WHO	16:05-16:20 (15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO Brief guide to analytical methods for measuring lead in paint
Industry Perspective on the Elimination of Lead Paint	Steven Sides, WCC	16:20-16:35 (15 mins)	
Questions and Answers	All	16:35-17:00 (20 mins)	
Closing Remarks	Desiree Narvaez, UNEP	16:55-17:00 (5 mins)	