



IPEN AA New Year Greetings

Colleagues and friends,
It has been an amazing experience working with you all to the end of the year 2022. The year has not passed without challenges, but most importantly, we managed to overcome them to this end.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all Anglophone Africa Participating Organizations (AA POs) and partners for your cooperation in fulfilling our toxic-free future dream. Congratulations to all for the good work in 2022. We also extend our utmost appreciation to the entire IPEN Secretariat, Advisors, Project Experts, Co-Chairs, Steering Committee, and Regional Coordinators for their time, experience, and guidance towards the achievements of the year.

Thanks to all partners, supporters, and sponsors of our work in 2022.

We pray and wish all a successful New Year 2023. May our collaboration and partnership become stronger and healthier in 2023 to further contribute to our goal of a toxic-free future.

Happy New Year 2023!

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AA POs joined the campaign against the export of banned chemicals

A number of IPEN Anglophone Africa Participating Organizations joined the campaign against the EU double standards, the export of EU-banned pesticides and other hazardous substances to the Global South, and call for the promotion of low-risk alternatives around the world.



Africa Mercury-Free Dentistry week - AGENDA, Tanzania

AGENDA for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA) joined some Africa NGOs to mark the Africa Mercury-Free Dentistry week in mid-October 2022 on 18.10.22 through media briefing, and urging the government to implement the Children's Amendment to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and ensure that dentists are abiding by the requirements stated in the Mercury Regulations (2020) and The Second Guidelines for Provision of Oral Health Services in Tanzania (2020) which are - not to use dental amalgam to children under 15 years, women who are pregnant, women who are breast-feeding and women of childbearing age.

<https://issamichuzi.blogspot.com/2022/10/asasi-ya-agenda-yaishauri-serikali.html?m=1> ; <https://youtu.be/5GymdDAOXBo>

#SUPfreeEAC

Single-Use Plastic Free EAC

We are working for a **Single-Use Plastic Free** East African Community. Sign the petition and join us



Sign Today

Together we can

#StopSingleUsePlastic

    @nipefagio



Free East Africa Community from single-use plastic - BiVA, Uganda

Bio-Vision Africa (BiVA) in collaboration with other NGOs in the East Africa Community (EAC) Shared and requested PO to sign the petition against single-use plastic (Kavera) within the East African Region. The EAC needs to act fast to address the entire lifecycle of plastics. Single-use plastics create an increased hazard to the EAC population and to the environment. The unregulated production of single-use plastic to wrap fast-consuming goods contributes to ill health, flooding, the climate emergency, and the strong presence of microplastics in our rivers and ocean.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/harmonizing-the-use-of-single-use-plastics-in-the-east-african-community?source=direct_link&referrer=group-bio-vision-africa



Nigeria needs regulation on the use of HHPs - SRADev, Nigeria

The Sustainable Research and Action for Environmental Development (SRADev), Nigeria has called for the regulation of the use of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) in the country. SRADev stated this at a news conference on Sustainable Alternatives to Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) on 21.10.2022, in Lagos. Regulation of the use of HHPs has become necessary because of their indiscriminate use which leads to poisoning and death. NAFDAC owes Nigerians a duty to publicly release the list of restricted/ banned HHPs in Nigeria. “The Federal Ministry of Agriculture should immediately finalize the ‘National Organic Agriculture Policy for Nigeria’ which has been formulated since 2019. “The recent pronouncement by the African Union in the development of organic agriculture in the continent should be implemented at the national and local level. <http://www.environewsnigeria.com/sradev-calls-for-regulation-of-highly-hazardous-pesticides-hhps-use/>



Miners’ self-regulatory survey - CEJAD-Kenya

Centre for Environment Justice and Development (CEJAD) carried out meetings with artisanal and small-scale gold miners in Migori, Kakamega, Turkana, and Narok counties on the findings of the miners’ self-regulatory survey that was conducted by the team. The meetings were held between 13 November – 2 December 2022.



Awareness march against fossil fuels impact on the ocean - SDCEA, South Africa

The South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) organized an awareness march on 11.11.2022 from Suncoast Casino Promenade to Wedge Beach for the African Peoples Counter COP 2022, focused on the climate change associated challenges which include Oil and Gas exploration, all forms of pollution, and the need of fossil fuels. The march was attended by over 450 people from all backgrounds with the intention to protect our beautiful oceans. The purpose of the awareness march was to educate about the associated risks of oil and gas exploration in our ocean, the impact on our marine life, and the livelihood of all those fisherfolk who rely on the ocean for their survival.



TOTAL Action - SDCEA, South Africa

On 07.12.2022, the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) observed a national picket around the Kwa-Zulu Natal coastline, picketed against the TOTAL Destruction of the oceans in the coast of South Africa, in solidarity with small-scale fishers within coastal communities whose livelihoods are most at risk from the potential negative impacts of offshore oil and gas exploration and production (such as major oil spills). The picket was held at five stations including the Rossburgh TotalEnergies Garage.



First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-1) towards a Plastic Treaty, Punta del Este, Uruguay

The First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-1) was convened in-person in Punta del Este, Uruguay, and online from 28.11 to 02.12.2022. This follows the decision at the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) in March 2022, where Member States agreed to negotiate an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, setting a timeline to conclude negotiations in 2024. IPEN participation - <https://ipen.org/news/ipen-plastics-treaty-inc-1-0>

Ways to protect against lead poisoning



Set strict
limits on lead
in paint



Prevent lead
poisoning



Protect
children and
workers



International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (ILPPW) on 23-29 October 2022, WHO

In observance of the tenth International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (ILPPW) from 23-29 October 2022. The focus of the 2022 campaign **“Say No to lead poisoning”** reminds governments, civil society organizations, health partners, industry, and others of the unacceptable risks of lead exposure and the need for action. The campaign builds on the progress achieved by many countries in establishing laws that limit the use of lead in paint, particularly those paints to which children are exposed in their homes, schools, and playgrounds. IPEN participating organizations conducted activities aiming to promote lead paint phaseout in their countries.



AGENDA, Tanzania

In marking the 2022 ILPPW, the AGENDA for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA) carried out two main activities (i) A round-table dialogue with key stakeholders on their contribution to eliminating lead in paint and (ii) A media event.

There is a need for enhanced public awareness, a need for product labels to show consumers paints that have no added lead, and a need for new current data on the national situation regarding lead in paint. Reaching out to building associations (presumably the major user of paints) will enhance awareness.

(<https://www.ippmedia.com/en/news/gvt-called-enforce-lead-standard-protect-childrens-health>; <https://issamichuzi.blogspot.com/2022/10/agendani-wakati-wa-tanzania-kufanya.html>)



CECIC, Uganda

Centre for Citizens Conserving Environment and Management (CECIC) held a Radio talk show; Publication posters and banners about the negative effects of lead; and Mass sensitization about lead paint. Worked with the media, published articles, trained journalists to report about lead paint poisoning, engaged the teachers to teach the students about lead paint, educated students about lead paint through the posters, bringing awareness to the public.



AKO Foundation, Ghana

AKO Foundation held very successful meetings with the media, policymakers, and the Construction and Building Materials Workers Union that highlighted the need to know the adverse effects of lead on human health and why lead paint should be banned in Ghana. The AKO Foundation used this meeting to share information with the Construction and Building Materials Workers Union on how to prevent themselves from being exposed to lead through occupational and environmental sources.

Adoatv - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzDkWbvhSsl>

Top Radio - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBX6RxW3V5w>

African News Ghana - <https://tinyurl.com/yt6juack>



Back To Basics (BTB), Kenya

Back To Basics organized a very educative and informative multi-stakeholder discussion event titled Working together to eliminate Lead in paint on 28th October 2022. The Multistakeholder event culminated from a series of pre-event activities over the week of 23 to 27 October 2022. The pre-event activities were informed of Kenya's great leap towards a lead-free paint environment through the gazettelement of the new paint standards to eliminate lead paints in 2018, following the backdrop of a study report released by one of our coalition partners, CEJAD and IPEN in 2017. Key players who attended and made presentations at the event included The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), the Center for Environmental Justice and Development (CEJAD), and Dr. Farida Were, Head of the Chemistry Department at the University of Nairobi.



CEHF, Zambia

Children's Environmental Health Foundation (CEHF), Zambia participated in Zambia's 58th Independence Day celebration on 24.10.2022, together with other stakeholders marking the beginning of the lead paint poisoning week of Action. In the event, CEHF organized stakeholders meetings involving the Livingstone City Council, Livingstone District Medical Office, Zambia Environmental Management Agency, the Livingstone Chamber of Commerce and Industry, parents, teachers, and pupils at St. Raphael's Secondary school joined by other selected schools. St. Raphael's and Mulwani Secondary Schools' poems' messages were very touching as all were centered on the Theme: **"Say No to lead poisoning"** to protect the children's health as children and adolescents have the right to grow and learn in a healthy environment. Parents and teachers were also answering the pupils **"Say No to lead poisoning."**

OUR KIDS CAN'T WAIT, END LEAD PAINT NOW!

OUR KIDS DESERVE LEAD-SAFE PAINT NOW



YVE - The Gambia

Young Volunteers for the Environment (YVE) - The Gambia organized media awareness action on the ILPPW. YVE, in partnership with the National Environment Agency (NEA), organized a wide radio media public-awareness campaign, podcast, and social media awareness to promote Lead Poisoning Prevention action. Under the Theme "Ban Lead Paint" the media campaign conducted in both Capital FM and Radio Veritas aimed at raising wider public awareness of the dangers of lead and inspiring key stakeholders to work together in achieving the advancement of lead paint regulations in The Gambia. Panelists or speakers were drawn from the NEA, Gambia Consumer Protection Commission, and The Gambia Standard Bureau who were engaged in discussing the dangers of lead on humans, the environment, and

policies that support the developing long-term vision and strategy in all areas of Lead in paint regulations.

List media coverage links:

- <https://ecoviewafrica.wordpress.com/2022/10/24/press-release-on-lead-ban-in-the-gambia/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/ecoviewgambia/>
- <https://audiomack.com/ecoviewgambia/song/lead-in-paint-elimination-and-prevention-week-of-action-2022>
- https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=476656321088824&id=100004216452454&mibextid=Nif5oz
- <https://audiomack.com/ecoviewgambia/song/lead-in-paint-elimination-and-prevention-week-of-action-2022>
- https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid025FLNkSBYBfJXgF7rTzSxDKxzGeCE5ANa2L6dN7G1h43V5yji2JfpCWtLxU6orxWZI&id=100008673193369&mibextid=Nif5oz
- <https://audiomack.com/ecoviewgambia/song/effects-of-lead-in-paint-ilppw2022-gambia-ep-001>



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