



## IPEN

The International POPs Elimination Network is a global network of public interest non-governmental organizations working together for the elimination of persistent organic pollutants, on an expedited yet socially equitable basis.

The IPEN Network has grown to include more than 350 public health, environmental, consumer, and other non-governmental organizations in 65 countries. The network works to mobilize grassroots support for the Stockholm Convention and to ensure that grassroots groups are present at national and regional fora and international discussions about toxic chemicals.

### IPEN Activities

#### UN NEGOTIATIONS:

Throughout the UN POPs negotiations, IPEN organized NGOs, community group representatives and scientists to participate in the UN process and in other relevant national and regional fora and activities. Our participation played a strong and critically important role in UN deliberations on POPs chemicals which resulted in the globally agreed treaty, the Stockholm Convention. IPEN continues to play a leading role in the continuing UN discussions on toxic chemicals.

#### UN STOCKHOLM CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION:

At the signing of the Stockholm Convention, IPEN Participating Organizations reaffirmed their joint commitment to continue to work together as a network to implement the provisions of this agreement. As such IPENs are participating in relevant local national and international fora concerning the implementation of the convention and are engaging in Nation Implementation Plans (NIPs). IPENs are also organizing grassroots activities aimed at developing and using alternative substances and processes in order to avoid further production, use and stockpiling of POPs chemicals, are instituting environmentally-sound remediation and clean-up processes, and are developing public awareness and right-to-know initiatives.

#### IPEN ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORK:

IPEN has established an organizational and governance structure consisting of a provisional Steering Committee, Secretariat, and Northern and Southern Co-Chairs, and regional focal points that oversee and support ongoing grassroots implementation of the Stockholm Convention. IPEN has also established a Pesticides Working Group, a Dioxin, Wastes and Stockpiles Working Group and Community Monitoring Working Group. These three working groups focus on specific activities related to the Stockholm Convention and to the implementation of the IPEN Stockholm Declaration, which serves as a guide to IPEN activities. These Working Groups welcome new members to help in their activities.

## INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

IPEN maintains an email list server and website. The mailing lists and website provide an efficient way to exchange information about POPs-related activities, scientific research and emerging issues.

<http://www.ipen.org>

[Quick Guide to POPRC Candidates. August 27, 2007. Joseph DiGangi, PhD. Environmental Health Fund. IPEN](#)

[Global Action on Mercury, IPEN views. February 2007.](#)

[IPEN Calls for Immediate SAICM Actions](#) United Arab Emirates Feb 7, 2006 - For Immediate Release 7 February 2006

[Open Letter from IPEN to Participants of the International Conference on Chemicals Management \(ICCM\)](#) Global Jan 20, 2006 - (complete letter available for download in Arabic, English, French Russian and Spanish in PDF below)

[Compilation finds increased identification of hazardous pesticides](#) Dec 15, 2005 - Pesticide Action Network UK has updated and fully revised its popular 'List of Lists' briefing. This unique publication provides a single reference point for information on pesticides associated with particularly harmful health or environmental impacts. It includes the pesticides covered by international conventions and identifies the pesticides now banned in Europe. It lists pesticides identified as endocrine disruptors, cancer suspects, those that are extremely or highly acutely toxic, and other risk categories.

Co-operation with [IPEN](#)

Under <http://www.oztoxics.org/cmwg/> IPEN published its Body Burden Community Monitoring Handbook. ISDE members helped to translate the factsheet "Health professionals can help" which is part of the handbook into several main languages and will eventually display the