

SHORT INTRODUCTION TO IPEN

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IPEN – International POPs Elimination Network

More than 700 NGOs working on environmental and public health issues in over 100 countries to take action internationally to minimize and, whenever possible, eliminate hazardous, toxic chemicals.



Achievements

- **Progress of international policy** (eg. global bans on the highly hazardous pesticide endosulfan, several flame retardants widely used in household and building products or a widely-used water-proofing chemical adopted as international law)
- **Enhanced knowledge** (eg. more consumer products tested for hazardous chemicals and metals by IPEN in more countries than by any other entity in the world)
- **Increased local funding** for on-the-ground chemical safety activities in developing and transitional countries, including over USD \$4 million mobilized directly for more than 100 projects in more than 50 countries.



Grassroots NGO involvement

- ***Connections***
- ***Information and access to expertise***
- ***Support***
- ***Greater Visibility***
- ***Greater Impact***
- ***International engagement***



Regional hubs

- IPEN is coordinated by hubs in 8 regions - Anglophone and Francophone Africa; **Central & (sections of) Eastern Europe (CEE)**; a portion of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus & Central Asia (EECCA); Latin America; Middle East & North Africa; South Asia; and Southeast Asia
- Arnika serves as a hub for CEE region
- Approximately 25 NGOs in the CEE region



Working groups

- Chemicals in products
- Dioxin, PCBs & Waste
- Electronics and electrical products
- Endocrine disrupting chemicals
- Toxic metals (lead & mercury)
- Nanotechnology
- New POPs
- POPs pesticides
- Toxic Fracking



If you have any questions about IPEN, its structure or working groups, if you want to subscribe any of the listserves, please let me know.

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