



OWG-7 SIDE EVENT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

From WSSD 2002 to SDG's/Post 2015

SDG: sound chemicals management and environmental health

Wednesday, 8 January 2014
6:15 – 7:30 PM
Conference room A

United Nations
New York

How SDGs should strengthen chemicals regulation Eliminating the health impacts of harmful chemicals as a determinant of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

The latest studies by the World Health Organization (WHO) show that 60% of global disease burden is due to Non Communicable Diseases, and it is estimated that a large share of these are due to environmental factors, including unsound management of chemicals. NCDs such as breast cancer – where the environmental determinants are increasingly recognized – are strongly on the increase, in particular in Africa. The Millennium Development Goals did not address NCDs nor their chemical determinants. Head of states agreed at the WSSD in Johannesburg in 2002 on a global goal to eliminate hazardous chemicals in consumer products by 2020 in order to protect public health. However, the goal is off track. Hazardous chemicals are omnipresent and contaminate local communities, not only in consumer products, but also in workplaces, food chains, water and the environment.

There is a clear need to give priority to sound chemicals management in the Sustainable Development Goals. At this side event, a range of panelists from civil society, governments and the UN will explore possible goals and targets on sound chemicals management and NCDs as part of the SDGs.

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6:00 – 6:20 PM	Registration Welcome by Sascha Gabizon, Women International for a Common Future
6:20 – 6:45 PM	Opening: Why sound chemicals management is key to sustainable development H.E. Ambassador Annika Markovic , Ambassador, Sweden: <i>Sound chemicals management; essential to sustainable (economic) development</i> Mr. Noer Adi Wardoyo , Assistant Deputy for Capacity Building, SCP Indonesia Focal Point, Deputy Minister for Capacity Building, Minister of Environment, Indonesia: 10YFP on SCP and sound chemicals management in Indonesia Mr. Luca Arnold , Head global affairs section, including chemicals and waste, Ministry of Environment, Switzerland
6:45 – 7:15 PM	Key Notes Speakers and presenters Yuyun Ismawati ; IPEN (International POPs Elimination Network) Global Representative: <i>Civil society contribution in sound chemicals management and wastes in the developing world: lessons from 3 continents</i> Laura Martin Murillo ; Executive director SUSTAINLABOUR International: <i>Sustainable Management of Chemicals as a key development issue: Public health and workers health implications</i> Eva Eiderström , Green Choice Ecolabel, FNS Sweden: <i>Hazardous chemicals know no borders – through the food chain all countries are negatively impacted – why SDGs should address elimination of harmful chemicals</i> Gertrude Kenyang , Executive Director “Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment”, Uganda <i>Eliminating chemical use in food production, moving towards a goal for agro-ecology.</i>
7.15 – 7:30 PM	Questions & answers The Q&A session will explore best ways for addressing ambitious goals and targets to ensure environmental health and eliminate hazardous chemicals as part of SDGs. Member States, Civil Society and UN agencies will be providing comments on the proposed recommendations. This session will be moderated by Sascha Gabizon, WICF / Women’s Major Group.
7:30 PM	Closing