











The International POPs Elimination Project

Fostering Active and Effective Civil Society Participation in Preparation for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention

Global Day of Action on POPs in Ukraine

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About the International POPs Elimination Project

On May 1, 2004, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN http://www.ipen.org) began a global NGO project called the International POPs Elimination Project (IPEP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided core funding for the project.

IPEP has three principal objectives:

- Encourage and enable NGOs in 40 developing and transitional countries to engage in activities that provide concrete and immediate contributions to country efforts in preparing for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of NGOs to help build their capacity as effective stakeholders in the Convention implementation process;
- Help establish regional and national NGO coordination and capacity in all regions of the world in support of longer term efforts to achieve chemical safety.

IPEP will support preparation of reports on country situation, hotspots, policy briefs, and regional activities. Three principal types of activities will be supported by IPEP: participation in the National Implementation Plan, training and awareness workshops, and public information and awareness campaigns.

For more information, please see http://www.ipen.org

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In the course of a project of the Ukrainian Geographic Society, Kiev National University, implemented in the framework of the Global Day of Actions against POPs, a one day scientific and practical workshop aimed at raising awareness of students in Ukraine on POPs and the Stockholm convention was held in Kiev National University. The workshop agenda included the following main topics: International cooperation under the Stockholm convention; Implementation of the Stockholm Convention in Ukraine; The role of the scientific community in providing information on POPs to the general public; The Internet as a tool for providing information; Risk reduction and preventive medicine; Environmental management and environmental monitoring of POPs contamination. A brochure based on the workshop materials was prepared along with recommendations of the workshop participants. For further information, please contact Sergei Bortnik, Ukrainian Geographic Society, Kiev National University, bortnik@mail.univ.kiev.ua