Progress on the Lead Paint Elimination in Africa

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COUNTRIES COVERED

• Cameroon
• Cote d'Ivoire
• Ethiopia
• Kenya
• Tanzania (and the EAC block)


Project Funded by the Global Environment Facility; Implemented by UN Environment; Executed by IPEN (in the 4 countries)
Aim: To minimize and ultimately eliminate the manufacture, import, sale and use of decorative lead paints in the focus countries
**KEY ACTIVITIES**

- Conducting national Paint market surveys, purchasing and analyzing lead in paint samples

- Conducting outreach activities to various stakeholders (Government ministries, Paint industry, Paint importers, Pediatricians, Consumer Association, Medias, regulators/Standard Agencies etc.)

- Promoting national legal instrument to control Lead in Paint

- Promoting and encouraging regional replication activities
PROMOTING NATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENT TO CONTROL LEAD PAINTS

Reference situation
2014-15 UNEP
70 countries globally
02 countries in Africa

2020 Target (SAICM)
196 (all) countries
55 (all) Afr countries

1. South Africa (600 ppm)
2. Algeria (1000 ppm)
Progress from the reference situation towards SAICM 2020 Goal to date

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**4 African countries**
1. South Africa (600 ppm)
2. Algeria (1000 ppm)
3. Cameroon (90 ppm) 2017
4. Kenya (90 ppm) 2018

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**Draft régulation/Standards available in:**
1. Ethiopia (90 ppm)
2. Under development in Côte d’Ivoire (90 ppm)
3. Tanzania and EAC blocks* agreement on 90 ppm standard

*Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan PLUS Kenya and Tanzania
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Challenge towards SAICM 2020 Goal

Finalize instruments in underdevelopment in
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2. Cote d’Ivoire (90 ppm)
3. Nigeria (90 ppm)
4. Tanzania and EAC* block agreement on 90 ppm standard

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Will make only 12 countries out of 55 in Africa
Promoting Regional Replication

Holding of two UNEP/IPEN Regional Workshops on the development of national and regional regulations and standards on lead in paints attended by 24 government officials and about 22 relevant stakeholders (including NGOs and Industry) in:

- **2015** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for East African countries; and
- **2016** in Yaoundé, Cameroon for Central and West African countries

MAIN OUTCOME: *Participants agreed that African countries should adopt a total lead limit for all paints of 90 parts per million in their national legal instruments*
PROMOTING REGIONAL REPLICATION

Ongoing efforts towards SAICM 2020 Goal

Advanced Paint testing activities and subsequent national releases and policy advocacy in

1. Uganda: NAPE  
2. Zambia: CEHF  
3. Togo: ADT-TOGO  
4. Benin: GAPPROFA  
5. Sudan: SECS  
6. Morocco: SMTCA  
7. Guinea (Carbone Guinea)

The Annual UN International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (Last week of October) provides opportunity for GAELP stakeholders in the region to call for Voluntary government pledge of commitment regarding the elimination of lead paint and meet the 2020 target
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