

PAN Ethiopia and PAN Intervention on SAICM partnerships

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Thank you Mr. Co-Chair.

I speak on behalf of my organization PAN Ethiopia (a Participating Organization of IPEN) and on behalf of PAN.

PAN notes that the partnership approach taken to date under SAICM is largely with the industries causing the problems, i.e. the hazardous chemicals and waste. We would like to see future partnerships be with the organizations that are providing the solutions. For example, in the area of highly hazardous pesticides, and bearing in mind the ICCM4 recommendation that HHPs be replaced with agroecological approaches, we would like to see enabling partnerships with organizations with expertise in the agroecological solutions. There are a number of such organizations, and they can be found in every region of the world. PAN is willing to work with the Secretariat to identify appropriate organizations. In addition, we would also like to suggest the active engagement of the Ministry of Education in SAICM, as they play a key role in awareness-building on chemical safety and their alternatives, particularly in schools. One successful project in one country in North Africa where the Ministry of Education is having awareness-building projects in schools where students are learning the techniques of agroecology and growing food for their school lunch program is a very good example in this respect.

Thank you Co-Chair.