

Thank you Madam President

The Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health Research at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, a participating organization of IPEN, is actively engaged in chemical research, risk information generation and capacity building through educational programmes.

Specifically, the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health Research hosts a post graduate programme on pesticide risk management based on the Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides under the FAO and around the life cycle of pesticides and in collaboration with the FAO and the Swedish Chemical Agency (KemI).

We also conduct research on ECDS and the health effects associated with various pesticides.

For further information we invite delegates to tomorrow's IOMC side event.

We ask that the SAICM secretariat use this excellent clearing house initiative to collect information from all institutions working on chemicals management research and information generation, as well as assisting countries, especially developing countries and countries in transition, with how to use the information provided in order to move from just access to information to implementing this information in a way that actually reduces human exposures and environmental contamination.

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