



# ***IPEN 2026 Global Meeting & Forum on Chemicals and Waste***

20-24<sup>th</sup> of April 2026

Four Points Palawan Puerto Princesa  
Philippines



IPEN’s 2026 Global Meeting and Forum on Chemicals and Waste will convene in the Philippines from 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. These two events will bring together some of the most influential NGO activists and leading institutions focused on protecting human health and the environment today.

Over 110 environmental and health leaders; international health and science experts, Indigenous Peoples representatives, and allied sectors from more than 40 countries are set to participate in both events.

Taking place at a time of growing global uncertainty and accelerating environmental and health challenges, the gathering will strengthen collective strength across the toxics-free movement and advance IPEN’s 2030 Global Plan through IPEN’s local-to-global and global-to-local approach. The meetings will inform strategic priorities and strengthen coordinated efforts to eliminate harm from hazardous chemicals and waste and ensure a just and healthy future for all.

## **Framework of the IPEN Toxics-Free Future Forum**

The IPEN Toxics-Free Future Forum will convene a broad audience, including IPEN Participating Organizations (POs), frontline leaders, media, health experts, Indigenous Peoples representatives, and allied sectors. The Forum will ground the Global Meeting in frontline realities and emerging global trends, including the expansion of the petrochemical and fossil fuel economy, toxic trade, and escalating health impacts. High-level speakers and movement leaders will reflect on key victories since the last global meeting and assess the evolving global chemicals and waste landscape, setting the strategic context for the days ahead.

## **Framework of the IPEN 2026 Global Meeting**

The Global Meeting will begin with internal reflection and alignment around IPEN’s governance, operations, culture, and Theory of Change, with a strong focus on the IPEN 2030 Global Plan. Participants will surface project ideas and priority objectives to inform local-to-global-local advocacy and resource mobilization over the next 1–3 years. The meeting will then examine how IPEN’s local-to-global strategy advances international chemicals and waste policy, followed by focused discussions on translating global policy gains into national implementation, chemical safety policies,

and community-level protections. The final days will emphasize peer skill-sharing, practical trainings, and technical capacity-building — including evidence generation, communications, security, fundraising, and partnership-building — ensuring POs are equipped to scale impact and sustain momentum beyond the meeting.

### **Objectives of the IPEN Global Meeting & Forum**

- **Reflect on Achievements and the Evolving Policy Landscape:** Celebrate collective successes since the last global meeting and examine shifts in global chemicals and waste governance to inform future action.
- **Strengthen the Toxics-Free Movement:** Build and deepen relationships among IPEN POs, Hubs, caucuses, and strategic partners to reinforce collective strength, collaboration, and coordinated action.
- **Build Shared Understanding of IPEN’s System and Theory of Change:** Clarify IPEN’s governance, decision-making, culture, and operations, and theory of change.
- **Advance the 2030 Objectives:** Deepen understanding of the newly adopted IPEN 2030 objectives, connect them to local or regional contexts, and inform priority initiatives for the next few years.
- **Share Skills and Strengthen Capacity:** Exchange practical knowledge and conduct targeted trainings to enhance advocacy, evidence generation, communications, fundraising, organizational development and technical knowledge.

### **Program Overview and Flow**

The 5 days of events will begin with the IPEN Global Forum on Chemicals and Waste (April 20<sup>th</sup>), followed by the IPEN Global Meeting (April 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>).

#### **IPEN Toxics-Free Future Forum (April 20)**

[Day 1](#) – April 20: Movement Grounding & Global Context

#### **IPEN Global Meeting (April 21-24)**

[Day 2](#) – April 21: IPEN Operations, Theory of Change & 2030 Plan (Local-to-Global Strategy)

[Day 3](#) – April 22: Global-to-Local Implementation & The Power of Evidence

[Day 4](#) – April 23: Strengthening the Toxics-Free Movement & Skillshare

[Day 5](#) – April 24: Trainings & Closing

### **Venue**

For this year’s Global Meeting, we are happy to welcome IPENers and guests to Puerto Princesa, located on the beautiful island of Palawan – often hailed as the country’s ‘last ecological frontier’. Rich in biodiversity, the city is home to the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) and one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature known for its remarkable limestone karst landscape and an underground river that flows directly into the sea. It is also home to the endemic Palawan Peacock-Pheasant, a flagship species for conservation and is also recognized as the official symbol of the city.

The meeting will take place at [Four Points by Sheraton Palawan](#) Sabang, Puerto Princesa, in a retreat-style setting to provide a conducive environment for dialogue, learning, and exchange among participants from across the world. The venue is within a protected coastal area near the Subterranean River and a seasonal nesting ground for sea turtles.

## DAY 0 – April 19: Arrival Day

Time	Session	Location
8:30 – 23:00	Participants' Arrival and Check-in	Meeting Room 1, Convention Center
15:00 – 18:00	Global Meeting Registration and Distribution of Kits and T-shirts	Foyer Area, Convention Center

## DAY 1 – April 20: IPEN Toxics-Free Future Forum

Time	Session	Speakers
Emcees of the Day:	Pam Miller & Björn Beeler	
Host team:	Chinkie Peliño – Golle Southeast and East Asia Region (SEA)	
8:00 – 8:45	Registration and Distribution of Kits and T-shirts	Location: Foyer Area, Convention Center
9:00 – 9:30	Opening and Welcome	IPEN Co-chairs: <b>Yuyun Ismawati</b> <b>Gohar Khojayan</b>  <i>With Former Co-chairs:</i> <b>Manny Calonzo</b> <b>Pam Miller</b>
	Welcome to the Philippines and Welcome to Palawan	<b>Aileen Lucero</b> <i>EcoWaste Coalition-Philippines</i> <b>Atty. Gerthie Anda</b> <i>Environmental Legal Assistance Center - Philippines</i>
9:30 – 10:30	<b>The Power of Persistence Surviving &amp; Thriving through COVID: 2020-2026 Stories from Ethiopia to Philippines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stopping Toxic Waste: A Victory for Persistence</i></li> <li>• <i>Protecting Health through HHP bans</i></li> <li>• <i>From Disaster to Accountability: MVX-Press</i></li> </ul>	<b>Semia Gharbi</b> <i>AEEFG – Tunisia</i>  <b>Clara Benjamin</b> <i>AGENDA – Tanzania</i>  <b>Hemantha Withanage</b> <i>CEJ – Sri Lanka</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Morning Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	Nice to Meet You: Who is in the Room? Making Connections	<b>Björn Beeler</b> IPEN International Coordinator

		to lead IPEN Trivia & Introduction Games
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Global Trends: Health/Chemical Trends, the Petrochemical/Fossil Fuel Economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Planetary Boundaries: Surpassing Toxic Chemical Production (not Pollution)</i></li> <li>• <i>Transformation &amp; Expansion of Fossil Fuel Economy Towards Chemicals &amp; Plastic</i></li> <li>• <i>Evidence of Toxic Chemical Harm &amp; Industry Denial</i></li> <li>• <i>The Arctic: Global Source &amp; Sink of Toxics &amp; Harm</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Realities: Expanding Industries, and Shrinking Spaces</i></li> <li>• <i>Closing Statement</i></li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Bethanie Carney Almroth</b> <i>University of Gothenburg – Sweden</i>  <b>Dr. Fredric Bauer</b> <i>Lund University – Sweden</i>  <b>Dr. Tracey Woodruff</b> <i>Stanford University – USA</i>  <b>Pam Miller</b> <i>ACAT – USA</i>  <b>Penchom Saetang</b> <i>EARTH-Thailand</i>  <b>Aakaluk Adrienne Blatchford (Badooks)</b> <i>Arctic Indigenous Peoples Community</i>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>IPEN Participating Organization Poster Exhibition &amp; Gallery Walk</b> <i>Explore the posters showcasing the work of IPEN POs and engage with those presenting their work.</i>	
<b>17:30</b>	<b>First IPEN Friends &amp; Family Photo</b>	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Welcome Dinner</b>	
<b>## END OF DAY 1 ##</b>		

## DAY 2 – April 21: IPEN Operation, Theory of Change & 2030 Focus

Time	Session	Speakers
<b>Emcees of the Day:</b>	Semia Gharbi & Manny Calonzo	
<b>Host team:</b>	Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)	
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>Opening</b> <i>Day 1 Reflections and Special Message from Former IPEN Co-chair</i>	<b>Dr. Romy Quijano</b> <i>Former IPEN Co-chair</i>
<b>9:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>IPEN Global Operation: How it Works</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State of IPEN &amp; the 2030 Plan</li> <li>• IPEN POs Engagement &amp; Regional Hubs: How to Engage</li> <li>• IPEN’s Global Operation &amp; Governance</li> </ul> <p>Question &amp; Answer Discussion</p>	<b>Björn Beeler</b> <i>IPEN International Coordinator</i>  <b>Tiffany Tool</b> <i>IPEN Network Manager</i>  <b>Maria Johansson</b> <i>IPEN Operations &amp; Finance Director</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Morning Break</b>	
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>IPEN’s Theory of Change in Action</b>  <b>IPEN’s Approach &amp; Experiences: Elevating IPEN POs Profile, Power &amp; Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lead Paint Campaign in Nigeria</i></li> <li>• <i>PFAS / Textiles Testing in Bangladesh</i></li> <li>• <i>Recycled Pellets Toxic Testing in Argentina</i></li> </ul> <p>Question &amp; Answer Discussion</p>	Setting the Stage: <b>Bjorn Beeler - IPEN</b>  <b>Leslie Adogame</b> <i>SRADev - Nigeria</i>  <b>Siddika Sultana</b> <i>ESDO - Bangladesh</i>  <b>Cecilia Bianco</b> <i>Taller Ecologista – Argentina</i>
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Eliminating Toxic Threats to Health &amp; Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stockholm Convention Listings including Chlorpyrifos, PFAS, MCCPs</i></li> <li>• <i>Advancing Global Action on Highly Hazardous Pesticides</i></li> </ul>	Setting the Stage: <b>Sara Brosché - IPEN</b>  <b>Pam Miller</b> <i>ACAT – USA</i>  <b>Tadesse Amera</b> <i>PAN – Ethiopia</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Putting Health at the Center of Plastics Treaty Negotiations</i></li> </ul>	<b>Griffins Ochieng</b> <i>CEJAD – Kenya /  IPEN Toxic Plastics Working  Group Co-chair</i>
	Breakouts Discussions 1	
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Ending Toxic Trade &amp; Advancing Transparency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Designating Plastic Waste Fuels (RDF) as Hazardous Waste in Australia</i></li> <li>• <i>Nominating Lead Chromate for Rotterdam Convention Listing in Cameroon</i></li> <li>• <i>Illegal Mercury Trade into ASGM in Indonesia</i></li> </ul>	Setting the Stage: <b>Lee Bell - IPEN</b>  <b>Jane Bremmer</b> <i>TFA – Australia</i>  <b>Gilbert Kuepouo</b> <i>CREPD – Cameroon</i>  <b>Nindhita Proboretno</b> <i>Nexus3 – Indonesia</i>
	Breakouts Discussion 2	
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Report Backs from the Breakouts 1 &amp; 2</b>	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	
<b>## END OF DAY 2 ##</b>		

## DAY 3 – April 22: Promoting Healthy Toxics-Free Communities

Time	Session	Notes
<b>Emcees of the Day:</b>	Lia Esquillo & Griffins Ochieng	
<b>Host team:</b>	Edith-Cécile Kameni and Clara Benjamin Francophone and Anglophone Africa (FA & AA)	
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Regenerative Campaigning</b> <i>IPENers can take time to enjoy:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach</li> <li>• Nature Walk</li> <li>• Underground River Trip</li> <li>• Morning Hike</li> <li>• Kayaking</li> </ul>	<i>IPEN appreciates that the meeting may be full of energy and information, and everyone needs a break for their wellbeing.</i>  <i>The morning of Day 3 is designed to give IPENers time to enjoy the surroundings, self-organize and/or use the time until lunch for themselves. We call it regenerative campaigning for you to do whatever inspires you to prepare for the second half of the IPEN Global Meeting.</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Morning Snacks</b>	
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Optional: Strategic Meetings &amp; Open Self Organizing Space</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>From Toxics to Policy: Workshop to Identify Examples of Best Practices in Petrochemical Governance and Prevention of Burden Shifting (11:00 - 12:30 PM)</i></li> <li>• <i>Lead Chromate Listing African Campaign Meeting (12 NN – 1 PM)</i></li> <li>• <i>IPEN Women’s Caucus Meeting (11 AM – 12 NN)</i></li> </ul>	<i>At 11am some sessions have been planned, where participation is optional.</i>  <i>Be sure to be back for lunch ready by 12:30!</i>
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
Time	Session	Speakers
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Promoting Healthy, Toxics-Free Communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>New Lead Paint Regulations in China</i></li> </ul>	Setting the Stage: <b>Lia Esquillo - IPEN</b>  <b>Linghui He</b> <i>Shenzhen Zero Waste/ Toxics Free Corps – China</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pushing National Implementation of Global Chemicals &amp; Waste Policies in Armenia with a Focus on Women and Children's Health</i></li> <li>• <i>Toxic Waste Court Victory in Thailand</i></li> </ul> <p>Breakouts Discussion 3</p>	<p><b>Gohar Khojayan</b> <i>AWHHE – Armenia</i></p> <p><b>Penchom Saetang</b> <i>EARTH – Thailand</i></p>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<p><b>The Power of Evidence Empowered with Evidence Citizens Science &amp; Generating Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Science to Policy:</b> <i>Designing and organizing studies to advance policy</i></li> <li>• <b>IPENer Engagement:</b> <i>Participating as an NGO in global studies</i></li> <li>• <b>Community Experience &amp; Empowerment:</b> <i>Sharing the experience from the community</i></li> </ul> <p>Breakouts Discussion 4</p>	<p>Setting the Stage: <b>Therese Karlsson</b> <i>IPEN</i></p> <p><b>Jindrich Petrlik</b> <i>ARNIKA- Czech Republic &amp; IPEN Global Research Center</i></p> <p><b>Ram Charitra Sah</b> <i>CEPHED - Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Merle Apassingok</b> <i>Yupik from Native Village of Gambell, Sivuqaq and elder</i></p>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Stronger Together: Leveraging the Global Framework on Chemicals</b> <i>IPEN, PAN, HCWH, WECF, ITUC</i>	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	
<b>## END OF DAY 3 ##</b>		

## DAY 4 – April 23: Strengthening the Toxics-Free Movement & Skillshare

Time	Session	Speakers
<b>Emcees of the Day:</b>	Tiffany Tool and Eugenyi Lobanov	
<b>Host team:</b>	Laura Sofia Perez and Jan Šamánek Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Central and Western Europe (CEWE)	
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Opening</b> <i>Recap and Reflections</i>	
<b>9:15 – 9:30</b>	<b>Report Back from Breakouts 3 &amp; 4</b>	
<b>9:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>Strengthening the Toxics-Free Movement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Elevating Women’s Leadership in the Toxics-Free Movement</i></li> <li>• <i>Inter-regional Collaboration with Wonjin Institute</i></li> <li>• <i>Utilizing Human Rights Mechanism to Advance Environmental Justice</i></li> <li>• <i>Engaging the Industry to Eliminate Lead Paint</i></li> </ul> <p>Question &amp; Answer Discussion</p>	Setting the Stage: <b>Tiffany Tool - IPEN</b>  <b>Tripti Arora</b> <i>IPEN Gender Coordinator – India</i>  <b>Chinkie Peliño – Golle</b> <i>EcoWaste Coalition – Philippines</i> <b>Poyen Kim</b> <i>WIOEH – South Korea</i>  <b>Sandra Gologergen:</b> <i>Yupik from Native Village of Savoonga, Sivuqaq</i>  <b>Manny Calonzo</b> <i>EcoWaste Coalition – Philippines</i> <b>Engr. Gretchen Enarle</b> <i>Boysen Paints – Philippines</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Morning Break</b>	
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Mobilizing Resources &amp; Partnerships</b> <i>Round table Discussion on Experiences, Challenges and Opportunities.</i>	Setting the Stage: <b>Bjorn Beeler</b> <i>IPEN</i>  <b>David Azoulay</b> <i>CIEL – Switzerland</i> <b>Griffins Ochieng</b> <i>CEJAD – Kenya</i>

		<b>Aileen Lucero</b> <i>EcoWaste Coalition-  Philippines</i> <b>Jan Šamánek</b> <i>ARNIKA - Czech Republic</i> <b>Yvette Arellano (TBC)</b> <i>Fenceline Communties-US</i>
<b>12:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break – Organic Farm Restaurant</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Reporter Round Table: Among Chemicals &amp; Waste Issues, What Makes a News Story?</b>	Session Moderator: <b>Charles Margulis</b> <i>IPEN</i>  <b>Sara Hussein</b> <i>Agence France-Presse (AFP) –  Thailand</i> <b>Jee Geronimo</b> <i>Rappler – Philippines</i> <b>Hans Nicholas Jong</b> <i>Mongabay News - Indonesia</i>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions:  SKILL SHARING SESSION Part One</b>	
	<b>Session 1:  Using XRF Machine to Reveal Hidden  Chemicals</b>	<b>Manny Calonzo</b> <i>EcoWaste Coalition –  Philippines</i>
	<b>Session 2:  Protecting Ourselves: Building our Security  Capacities</b>	Session Moderator: <b>Yna Lim</b> <i>IPEN</i>  <b>Eugeniy Lobanov</b> <i>CES – Belarus / Lithuania</i> <b>Yune Eribowo</b> <i>Nexus3 – Indonesia</i>
	<b>Session 3:  Detecting Microplastics through the  Microscope</b>	<b>Semia Gharbi</b> <i>AEEFG – Tunisia</i>
	<b>Session 4:  Engaging Youth for Action on Toxics &amp; the  Environment</b>	<b>Daru Rini</b> <i>Ecoton – Indonesia</i>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Second IPEN Friends &amp; Family Photo – IPEN T-shirts</b>	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Dinner – Special Event</b>	
<b>## END OF DAY 4 ##</b>		

## DAY 5 – April 24: Trainings & Closing

Time	Session	Speakers
Emcees of the Day:	Aileen Lucero and Silvani Mng'anya	
Host team:	Tripti Arora South Asia (SA)	
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Opening</b> <i>Day 4 Recap and Reflections</i>	
9:15 – 10:30	<b>Health Science Briefing</b> <i>Toxics Chemicals Impacting our Health &amp; Future Generations</i>	<b>Dr. Tracey Woodruff</b> <i>Stanford University – USA</i>
	<b>Toxic Tech Briefing</b> <i>Plastics Waste Technologies &amp; Myths</i>	<b>Lee Bell</b> <i>IPEN</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Morning Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Parallel Sessions:</b> <b>SKILL SHARING SESSION Part Two</b>	
	<b>Session 1: Exposing Industry's Toxic Tactics against Science</b>	<b>Giulia Carlini</b> <i>CIEL - Switzerland</i>
	<b>Session 2: Using Global Policies to Advance National or Local Action including NIPs and NAPs</b>	<b>Sherika Whitelocke – Ballingsing</b> <i>Caribbean Poison Information Network – Jamaica</i>
	<b>Session 3: Using Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR) in National Campaigns</b>	<b>Jindrich Petrlík</b> <i>ARNIKA – Czech Republic</i>
	<b>Session 4: Phasing Out HHPs &amp; Promoting Alternatives</b>	<b>Fernando Ramirez</b> <i>RAPAL – Costa Rica</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Training: Communications for Campaigning</b>	<b>Charles Margulis</b> <i>IPEN</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Separation Anxiety Group Therapy ☺</b> <b>Reflections and Evaluation</b>	
	<b>Closing Messages</b>	
19:00	<b>Dinner – Closing Celebration by the Beach</b>	