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WHO Lead Week of Action**



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EVENT REPORT

NAME OF MAIN EVENT: Meeting of high level stakeholders for the development of regulations and standards to phase out lead in paint in the Republic of Zambia.

DATES, TIME AND LOCATION:

21st October, 2017 at 10:00hrs in Livingstone

Press release on high lead levels found in more than a third of solvent based paints sold in Zambia.

24th October, 2017 at 10:00hrs in Livingstone

Participating in the march past for celebration of Zambia's Independence Day.

27th October, 2017 at 10:00hrs Central business Centre Livingstone

Conducting person to person awareness raising to marketeers at the Central Business District market place. Awareness raising by educating marketeers on the importance of enacting the law to phase out lead in paint.

2nd November, 2017 at 08:25hrs to 11:30hrs in Lusaka

High level stakeholders' consultative meeting on lead in paint legislation in Zambia at Nakatindi Hall in Lusaka.

Description of the Event: The event was designed to conduct High level consultative meeting aimed at lobbying support for the enactment of a law to phase out lead in paint and adopt 90 ppm world acceptable standard. And also meet the Paint Manufacturers, Medea houses and communities raising awareness for their support.



Type of activity: Press release, Person to person awareness raising to marketeers, march past with civic leaders and high level consultative meeting.

Outcome that the event was designed to achieve: The activities provided opportunity to engage relevant stakeholders particularly the government, industries, healthcare providers, academia, teachers' unions and public interest groups in supporting the enactment of the law to phase out lead in paint.

Target audience(s): The media, government authorities, Academia, the teachers unions, the general populace and NGOs.

Sponsors: IPEN.

Attendees: 31 government agencies, 5 Local Authorities, 4 regulatory authorities, 3 NGOs, 4 academia, 6 paint manufacturers, 3 labour movement and 6 Media houses ,

Prominent People:

- Hon. Lloyd Mulenga Kaziya MP– Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection.
- Mr. Willieş Mangimela – Deputy Permanent Secretary Operations – Ministry of Home Affairs
- Dr. Francis Bwalya – Director – Health Promotion, Environment and Social Determinants
- Mr. Chiwele Kondomone – Assistant secretary – Provincial Administration, Southern Province
- Mr. Mwase Kumwenda – Parliamentary Counsel – Ministry of Justice
- Ms. Chilufya Chibiliti – Town Clerk – Livingstone City Council
- Mr. Timothy Mambalakata – Town Clerk – Choma Municipal council
- Mr. Cosmas Kalusa – Town Clerk – Chililabombwe Municipal council
- Mr. Sunday Chikoti – Economist – Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry
- Mr. Goodson Mwenso – Paints Representative - Zambia Manufactures Association
- Mr Kabinda G. Mutale-- Director , Professional Teachers Union of Zambia
- Mrs. Emma Benkele -- Director Health, Zambia National Union of Teachers, HQ



Event Agenda:

S/N	Activity	Time Allocation	Name and Organisation
1	Official Opening by the Guest of Honor	08:25 – 08:30 (5 mins)	Hon. Lloyd M. Kaziya MP – MWDSEP
2	Welcoming remarks (Description of Africa Lead Paint Elimination Lead project including introduction of spokesperson)	08:30 – 08:40 (10 mins)	Mr. Michael Musenga – CEHF
3	Presentation of Study Results	08:40 – 09:00 (20 mins)	Mr. Michael Musenga – CEHF
4	Health Effects of Lead in paint	09:00 – 09:20 (20 mins)	Ms. Florence Kabinga/ Mr. Allan Mbewe – MOH/UNZA
5	Global Efforts to eliminate Lead in paint	09:20 – 09:40 (20 mins)	Dr. Masaninga. F. WHO
6	Zambian Government response to Lead Elimination	09:40 – 09:50 (10 mins)	Mr. Sunday Chikoti - MCTI
7	Paint Manufacturers’ Response	09:50 – 10:00 (10 mins)	Mr. Goodson Mwenso – Rep. Zambia Manufacturers Association



8	Questions from the audience/medua	10:00 – 10:20 (20 mins)	All
9	Closing Remarks	10:20 – 10:25 (5 mins)	Dr. Francis Bwalya – MOH
10	Director of Programs	-	Mr. Kachikoti Banda - MOH

Event Materials:

Banners
Fliers,
Presentations

Media Coverage:

- Times of Zambia newspaper <http://www.times.co.zm>
- <http://www.daily-mail.co.zm/beware-of-poisonous-paint/>
- Zambezi FM Radio facebookzambezifm94.1

Evaluation

The event agenda went as planned and the major targeted audience and main partners anticipated attended and actively participated as shown by the High level Government officials attendance including the Honorable Minister as well as representatives from academia, labour movement ,WHO and the paint industry. Our objectives were achieved as all stakeholders voted unanimously in favor of the enactment of a law to phase out lead in paint in the Republic of Zambia.

Improvements

To improve this event next time, we would consider having more campaign materials (handouts) and make the submission of the action plan cardinal.



Follow up plan

1. Submission of strategy and action plan on the mechanism of regulations aimed at the elimination of lead in paint in the republic of Zambia.
2. Visit the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Water Development Sanitation and Environmental protection, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Justice and the Paint Industry Association representatives. As well as the WHO and World Bank for the support and guidance.
3. Strict follow up on the CEHF and IPEN recommendations on actions by the intended.
4. Conduct visits to paint companies on one to one explanation and on spot education as paint companies need this approach for their understanding as well as for collective action once understood. Thanks once more to the IPEN team for your quick actions during our planning and implementation of the High level meeting, you have saved us as well as making us proud with our Government.

Secondly I want to state that the support rendered by the Ministry of Local Government Permanent Secretary Mr. Amos Malupenga is very rare and for this would like the chair of IPEN or WHO/UNEP to recognize this and communicate to the Government.

NB: Visited Prozam paint Managing Director Mr Andrew Bawden on 10th November, 2017 and had very fruitful discussion. He has pledged to produce lead free Prozam paint starting April, 2018. He has ordered Lead free Dryers and He is looking for alternative Lead free Pigments



Photos:



The Hon. Lloyd M. Kaziya MP Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection addresses the delegates. On his immediate left is the Deputy Permanent Secretary Operations Min. of Home Affairs and on his right is Mr. Goodson Mwenso Paint representative Zambia Manufacturers' Ass, DR. Francis Bwalya Director Health Promotion, Environment and Social Determinants.



Dr. Francis Bwalya giving closing remarks and pledged the Ministry of Health's support for the enactment of law adopting the 90ppm standard and on his right is the Assistant Secretary at the Provincial Administration (Southern Province) Mr. Chiwele Kondomone.



Mr. Michael Musenga, National lead elimination advisor answering questions from the audience.



Mr. Sunday Chikoti, Chief Economist Min. of Commerce, Trade and Industry submitting on government response to lead elimination support



Part of the participants following the presentation



Part of the delegates pose for a group picture



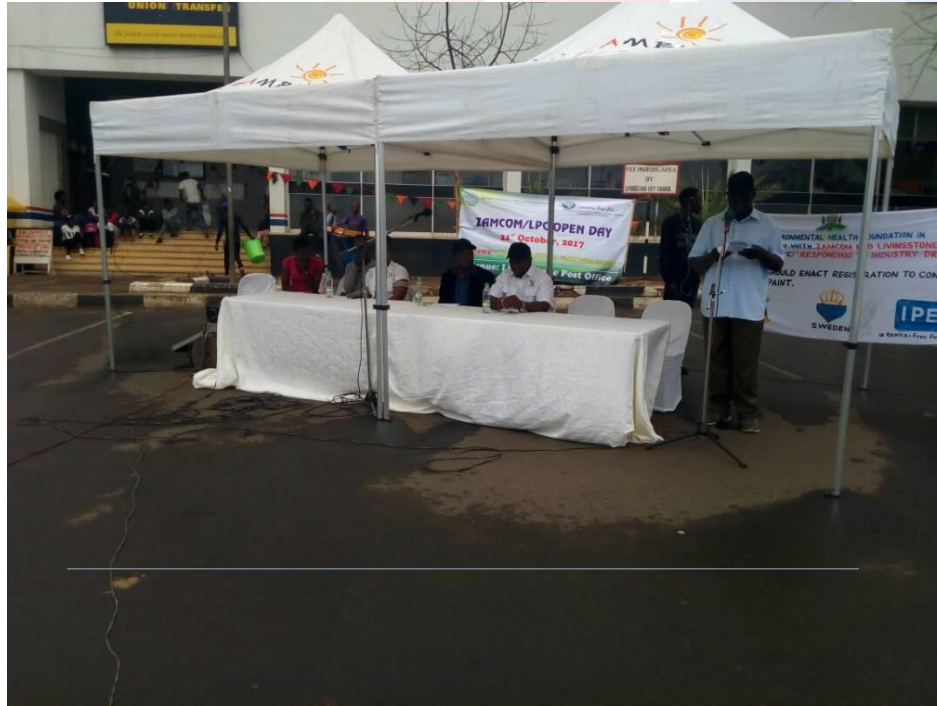
Dr. Fred Masaninga, WHO giving a presentation



Ms. Florence Kabinga, Chief Environmental Health Officer MOH making a presentation



Mr Kachikoti Banda Environmental Health Officer MOH Directing the Proceedings



Press Release lead in paint Zambia report to fourteen media houses on 21st October, 2017 in Livingston



Ms. Veronica Phiri leads the CEHF team on person to person awareness raising awareness on the dangers of lead in paint to marketeers.



The acting District Commissioner for Livingstone, Mr. James Zimba in a jacket accompanied by the media visits the CEHF demonstration table on 21st October, 2017 after the press release.



The media listens to CEHF team explanation on countries having legally binding regulations on lead in paint.



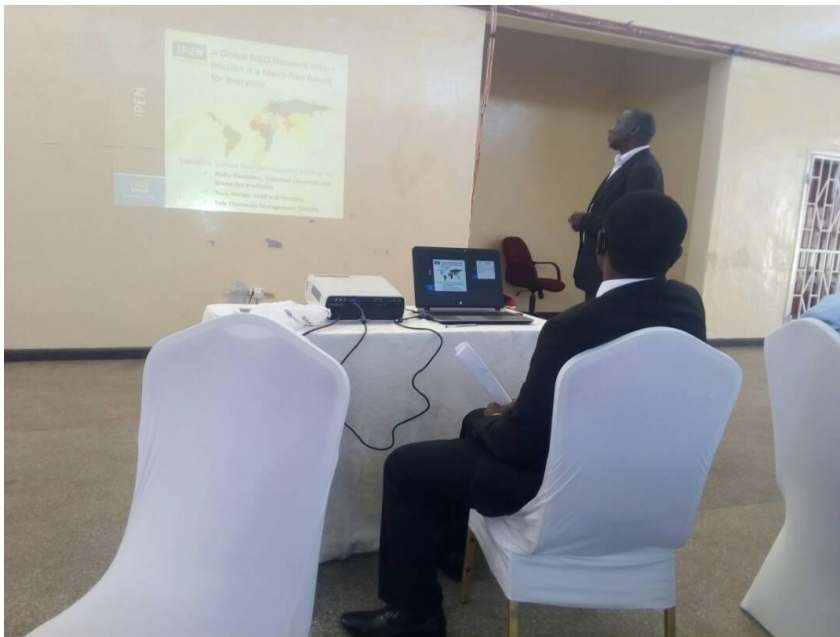
Paint representative for Zambia manufacturer association making responses on behalf of the manufacturers



Mr Alan R. Mbewe Assistant Dean undergraduate UNZA school of public health making a presentation



Florence Kabinga Chief environmental health officer, MoH/ HQ making a presentation



Micheal Musenga CEHF National Lead Elimination Advisor making a presentation



Part of ZAMCO and Livingstone Press club looking at the press release



CEHF Banner displayed at the Independence day celebration – Livingstone



CEHF team participation during the Zambia's Independence Celebration in Livingstone Tourist Capital City on 24th October 2017.



CEHF team after field visitation in the Livingstone District business center
