



IPEN Global Toxics-Free Future Meeting & Forum

14-18th November 2016
San Francisco, US

IPEN will convene a Global Toxics-Free Future Meeting and Forum in San Francisco, U.S. from the 14th to the 18th of November. The meeting will bring together some of the most influential NGO activists and leading institutions working on toxic chemical issues in the world today. IPEN's goal for the meeting is to stimulate rich discussion and cross-cultural interactions that broaden and deepen the collaborative (global) movement for a toxics-free future.

IPEN recently completed its 2020 Global Plan, which identifies clear programmatic goals in its key areas of work and the concrete outcomes IPEN hopes to accomplish by 2020 to advance those goals. To achieve its objectives, in 2016 IPEN launched a 5-year Global Program that will provide financial and technical assistance to support many of IPEN's on-the-ground and international activities that advance national chemical safety policies and global policy goals.

The Global Toxics-Free Future Meeting and Forum will bring together 80-120 IPEN Participating Organizations from over 40 countries, along other NGOs that work closely with IPEN in the national arena. The Center for Environmental Health (www.ceh.org), based in Oakland, CA, will serve as IPEN's local organizing partner for the events.

Objectives of the IPEN Global Toxics-Free Future Meeting & Forum:

- **Strengthen the Toxics-Free Future Global Movement:** Build and deepen relationships among IPEN Participating Organizations and allies working on chemical issues.
- **Learn from each other/Skillshare:** Elevate awareness via learning from each other and sharing skills/ experiences on IPEN priority issues.
- **Promote Organizational Capacity-Building & Development:** Conduct practical trainings on several of the following issues: communication/message framing, organizational management/planning, fundraising, and international policy process orientation.
- **Celebrate Achievements & Prepare for 2020 Targets:** Take stock of achievements in advancing the Toxics-Free Future agenda and prepare for future activities.



Events

- **IPEN Global Meeting** (November 14th -16th):
The Global Meeting will focus attention on IPEN's 2020 Goals, 5-year Global Program and building/strengthening relationships among IPEN participating organizations, as well as on capacity-building/trainings (see organizational development and training sessions, below). Participants: 80-120 NGO representatives from 40 countries, plus invited technical experts
- **IPEN Toxics-Free Future Forum** (November 17th -18th):
The Forum will focus on networking, capacity-building, skillsharing, and promoting collaboration among the participants for future activities. The format for the Forum will include plenary presentations, keynote speakers, and parallel sessions focused on specific, substantive chemical/toxics issues such as pesticides; waste; contaminated sites; chemicals in products/electronics; international chemical policies; fracking; and endocrine disruption chemicals (see thematic session, below). Participants: 80-120 NGO representatives from 40 countries, plus invited technical experts, donors and international groups/agencies working on chemical/toxic issues.

Participants & Invitees:

IPEN Participating Organizations are invited to all events. Additionally, IPEN will invite partner organizations, institutions, donors, and others working on international chemical issues to specific events.

IPEN Participating Organizations (POs): 80-120 IPEN POs from across the globe

Representatives from partner organizations/institutions: Scientific & public health institutions engaged in international chemical issues

Donors: International funding agencies, and U.S. private foundations with an interest in international and/or chemical issues

Other pending participants include:

United Nations agencies: Potential speakers include representatives from the United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Development Programme

Government representatives: Potential speakers include representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the European Union

Media: San Francisco Bay Area reporters covering chemical/toxics issues



Sessions at the Global Meeting & Forum:

Organizational Development & Technical Trainings Sessions at the Global Meeting

Trainings to including the following issues: Communications (messaging, storytelling and photography); Resource Mobilization & Fundraising; International Policy Preparation & Participation; Organizational Management & Planning

Thematic Chemical Safety Sessions at the Global Forum

Reduce and Eliminate the World's Most Hazardous Chemicals (Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Stockholm Convention), including the following issues: *Stockholm Convention Developments & National Policies efforts; New POPs (Brominated Flame Retardants, PFOS/PFOA); and Dioxins & Wastes*

Halt the Spread of Toxic Metals (Lead and Mercury), including the following issues: *the Global Elimination of Lead from Paint; the Minamata Convention on Mercury (Ratification & Implementation); Mercury Monitoring and Contaminated Sites; Artisanal Small Scale Gold Mining (ASGM); and Mercury in Products*

Emerging International Chemical Policies & Strategies (SAICM), including the following issues: *International Chemical Policy Landscape (SAICM & Beyond 2020); Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs); Chemicals in Products; Hazardous Substances in the Life-Cycle of Electronic Products (E-Products); Nanotechnology; and Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)*

Emerging and Cross-cutting Areas for Exploration, including the following issues: *Fracking; Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Climate and Chemicals*

