IPEN ICCM5 Side Event
Driving Change: Empowering Communities to Advance SAICM Across the Planet
27 September, Wednesday, 6:15-7:45 PM, Bonn Room

IPEN's side event, "Driving Change: Empowering Communities to Advance SAICM Across the Planet," aims to present inspiring success stories on how SAICM was harnessed for significant national impact, effectively addressing critical issues like e-waste management, highly hazardous pesticides, toxic recycling, and chemicals in products, and contributing to Agenda 2030. Through valuable insights from NGO-contributed Global Citizens' Reports, the event will showcase effective strategies and collaborative efforts that promote safer chemical management worldwide. It will also highlight the need for continued efforts under the new framework, and emphasize the pressing need for increased support and attention to address these challenges on a global scale comprehensively.

The panel of speakers will include public interest groups from Asia, Africa and other Low- or Middle-Income Countries (LMIC) who have successfully implemented SAICM-related initiatives promoting human rights and chemical safety through citizen science, multi-stakeholder engagement, and public outreach, along with government representatives who have been vital partners in implementing these projects. The event intends to facilitate a lively discussion sharing valuable lessons learned in fostering equitable and sustainable solutions for chemical safety.

Program

1. Introduction and Overall Moderator | 5 minutes
   – Lia Jasmin M. Esquillo, IPEN Programs and Policy Coordinator

2. IPEN’s Citizens’ Reports: Overview of NGO Contributions Across the Globe on SAICM | 10 minutes
   – Bjorn Beeler, IPEN International Coordinator

3. Driving Change for National and Global Impact | 25 minutes
   3.1 Showcase Story 1: Eliminating lead paint in the Philippines
      – Aileen Lucero, Ecological Waste Coalition National Coordinator, Philippines
   3.2 Showcase Story 2. Toxic recycling
      – Gilbert Kuepouo, CREPD Executive Director, Cameroon
   3.3 Showcase Story 3. Revealing gender issues in electronics production
      – Hang Pham, CGFED Deputy Director, Vietnam
   3.4 Showcase Story 4. J&J talc in products
      – Semia Gharbi, AEEFG Executive Director, Tunisia

4. Panel Discussion | 20 minutes
   • Rep from Swiss Government – Name to be confirmed
   • Rep from an African Government - Name to be confirmed
   • Rep from Civil Society – Dr. Tadesse Amera, IPEN Co-Chairperson
5. **Q&A Session** | 20 minutes

6. **Closing Remarks** | 5 minutes
   - Dr. Tadesse Amera, IPEN Co-Chairperson