

Webinar



**HIGHLY
HAZARDOUS
PESTICIDES (HHPS) –
A GLOBAL
CHALLENGE**

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ABOUT

In this webinar, you can deepen your understanding of highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs). You will get an overview about their characteristics, and an insight into their implications for human rights, human health, and the environment. And you can learn about policy options for a phase-out of HHPs.



Background

Today about 4.1 million tonnes of pesticides are used worldwide, compared to 2.3 million tonnes in 1990. Worldwide chemical sales, including pesticides, are predicted to increase from 3.47 trillion euros in 2017 to 6.6 trillion euros by 2030. Tackling the chemical burden on our environment and the associated damage to health and biodiversity is - together with climate change - one of the major global challenges of our time.

HHPs cause acute and chronic poisonings, endanger communities, especially children and agricultural workers, contaminate food chains and accumulate in our bodies where they can cause serious health harms. The impact of HHPs on human rights, human health and the global environment is profoundly concerning.

It is clear that the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cannot be achieved without substantial changes towards sustainable, non-chemical options. SAICM, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, under the roof of the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), has identified HHPs as a global so called “issue of concern”. Unfortunately, cooperative efforts to tackle the proposed global phase-out of HHPs and their substitution with agroecologically based alternatives are still lacking. A worldwide progressive ban on HHPs in agriculture would prevent the poisoning of millions of people and tens of thousands of deaths per year. Policy options to secure a future without harmful HHPs exist and are within reach, if there is political will.

The webinar will give an overview of HHPs characteristics and the harm they cause, explain which policy instruments are already in place that address HHPs, and identify gaps and options to improve the situation and bring about the envisaged global phase-out of HHPs.

Speakers:



Dr Marcos Orellana,
UN Special Rapporteur on
toxics and human rights



Susan Haffmans,
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Jayakumar Chelaton,
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Dr Meriel Watts,
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Sarojeni Rengam,
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Lars Neumeister,
Pesticide Expert

Please join us to learn from the involved experts, pose your questions and share your comments.

Note that participants need to register in advance (registration is required, but free).

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Highly hazardous Pesticide & the human rights perspective

Dr. Marcos Orellana, UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights,

What are HHPs?

Lars Neumeister, Pesticide Expert

The suffering behind the classification - What is hidden behind “acute and chronic toxicity”?

Pesticide Poisonings and deaths in Yavatmal, India,

Jayakumar Chelaton, Director of PAN India

Occupational Pesticide poisoning among smallholder farmers in Africa and Eastern Europe,

Dr. Keith Tyrell, Director of PAN UK

Chronic illness from pesticides, Dr. Peter Clausing, Toxicologist, PAN Germany

Double standards in trade of highly hazardous pesticides

Laurent Gaberell, Public Eye Switzerland

“No” to double standards: Two countries lead the way and stop the export and import of banned pesticides.

Example of France, Arnaud Apoteker, Justice Pesticide France

Example of Palestine, Dr. Meriel Watts, PAN Asia Pacific

Securing a future without HHPs – ways towards a global phase-out and ban of HHPs

Sarojeni Rengam, Director of PAN Asia Pacific