

Children at the *frontline* of pesticides contamination

How children are exposed and what
needs to be done to better protect them
from pesticide harm



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WEDNESDAY

November 2026

6 am

California

8 am

Mexico City

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Concepción, Chile

3:00 pm

Berlin (CET)

7:30 pm

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📺 Online on Zoom · 90 minutes

🌐 English, with French & Spanish interpretation



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The *programme*

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Since 1990, global pesticide use has more than doubled. All over the world, children are growing up in an environment that is increasingly affected by pesticides. In soil, water, air and food – pesticides are everywhere. Children are exposed to pesticides even before they are born -- with lifetime consequences.

The webinar gives an overview over the dimension and far-reaching impact of pesticide exposure on children's health, development and rights, and draws attention to the urgent need for action – from phase out of highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs) to better protection from exposure. With the upcoming first International Conference (IC1) of the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC), the webinar will examine what the conference can do to advance the protection of children from pesticide contamination.

The webinar is organised by Pesticide Action Network International Working Group on Highly Hazardous Pesticides.

I WELCOME & HOUSE RULES

Susan Haffmans & Emily Marquez, on behalf of the PAN Working Group on HHPs

II OUTLINING THE SITUATION: VULNERABLE AND EXPOSED

Underestimated and overlooked: the silent impact of pesticides on children

10 min

Dr Ruth A. Etzel, MD, PhD · Environmental Health, UNICEF

III OUTLINING THE SITUATION: POISONINGS AND CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

From acute poisonings to chronic illnesses: how pesticides impact children's health and lives

10 min

Maria Elena Rozas, RAPAL · Dr Peter Clausing, Toxicologist, PAN Germany

A threat to early life: endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs)

5 min

Dr Angeliki Lysimachou, PAN Europe

IV CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AT RISK

Pesticides & children: the human rights perspective

10 min

Isabelle Kolebinov, Child Rights International Network (CRIN)

V HOW TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM PESTICIDE EXPOSURE?

The Protect Our Children campaign in Asia

5 min

Dinesh Rajendran, PANAP

Children's protection through agroecology

5 min

Jayakumar Chelaton, PAN India

From global responsibility to action: how the Global Framework on Chemicals and the Global Alliance on HHPs can progress children's protection from pesticides

5 min

Fredrick Otieno, Centre for Environment Justice and Development (CEJAD)

● Discussion

