

Overview of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and Global Status of Laws

Global Policymakers
Webinar on Eliminating
Lead in Paint through
Regulatory Action

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Eliminate Lead Paint

Outline

- Overview of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint
- Status of lead paint laws globally
- Advice available through the SAICM GEF project



Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

(Lead Paint Alliance)

- Voluntary global public/private partnership
- Modeled on successful Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles
 - Goal: Establish lead paint laws in every country
 - Only 40% of all countries in the world have lead paint laws, as of September 2020)
- Voluntary national standards not effective
- Promote proven successful approach in countries
 - Governments work with relevant ministries and stakeholders
 - They develop legal limit on lead in paint using Model Law



Global Alliance to
Eliminate Lead Paint

Lead Paint Alliance Advisory Council

Governments



Colombia



Kenya



Republic of Moldova



Thailand



United States of America (Chair)

NGOs



Health and
Environment
Alliance

Industry



World
Coatings
Council

AkzoNobel

Solving the Problem Together

How it can be done



The goal is to **establish lead paint laws** in every country



Lead paint elimination is gaining **momentum globally**



This problem can be solved in the **foreseeable future**



Key steps countries can take:

- Identify and obtain support from main government ministries and stakeholders for the development of lead paint laws
- Convene drafting committee to draft a law
- Conduct public review of draft law
- Promulgate the law

Growing Momentum

Global

Lead in Paint as a SAICM Emerging Policy Issue

2017: Resolution on lead paint at the Third UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 3)

2017: World Health Assembly Chemicals Management Roadmap

2019-2021: SAICM GEF project: Aim for 40 or more countries to pass lead paint new laws or improve existing laws

Regional

2012-2015: IPEN EU SWITCH-Asia Lead Paint Elimination Project (6 new regulations)

2014-2017: UNEP-IPEN GEF Lead Paint Elimination Project in Africa (3 new regulations)

National

Seventy-seven countries (40%) have lead paint laws

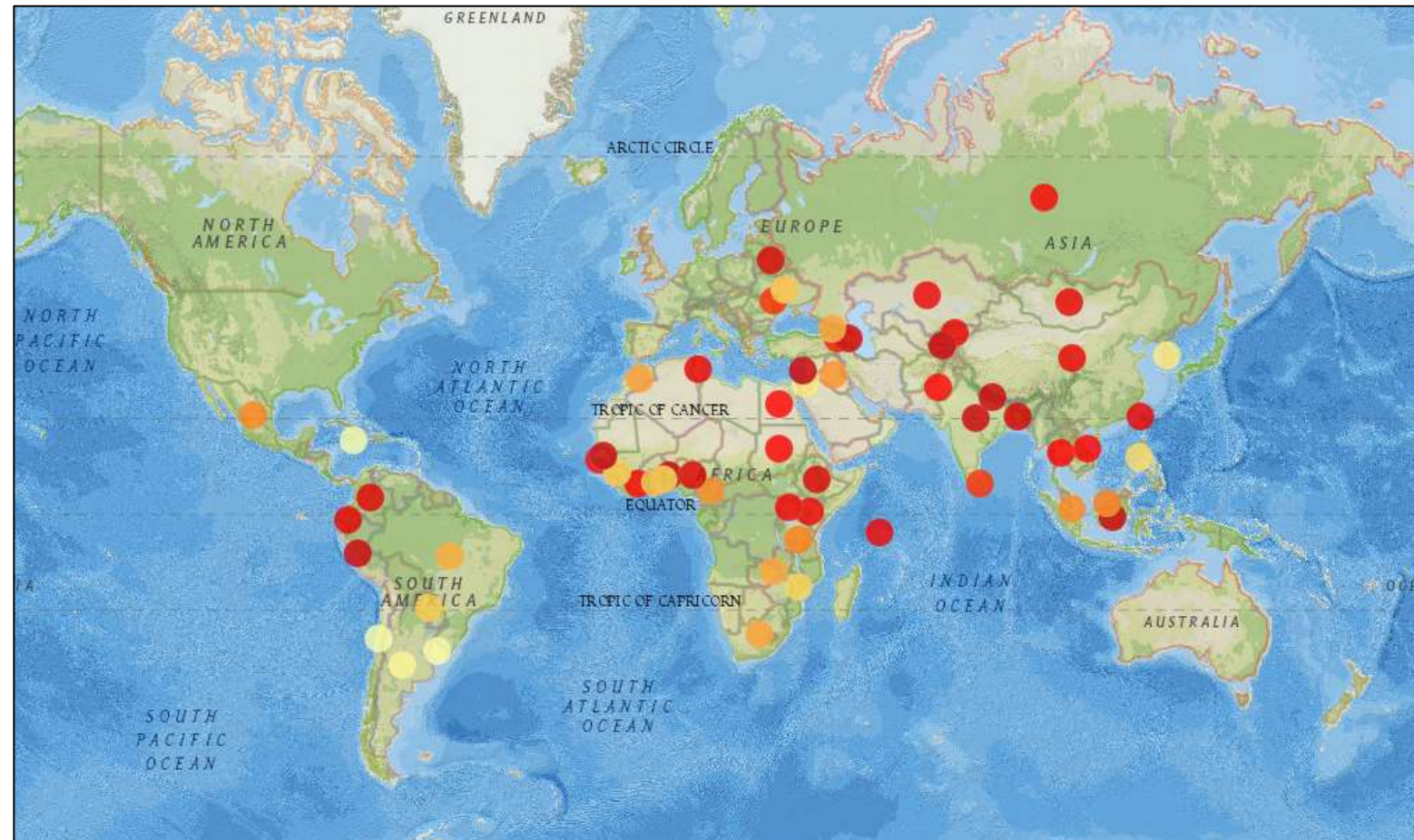
Global Lead Paint Testing



- IPEN member NGOs published studies in 59 countries to date
- IPEN studies showed that where no enforced regulation is in place, there will be lead paint on the market

Link to the map:

<https://ipen.org/projects/eliminating-lead-paint/lead-levels-paint-around-world>



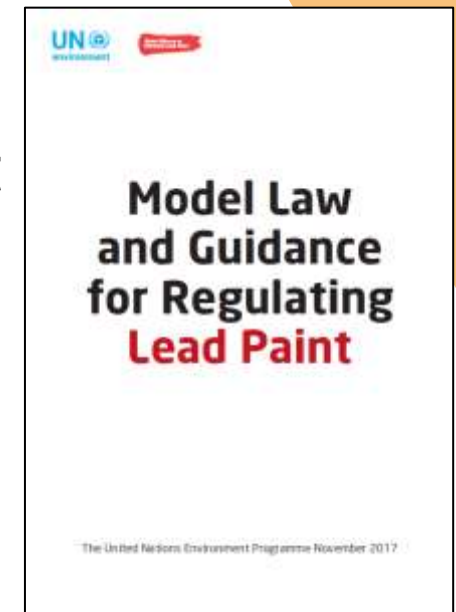
Model Law

- UNEP developed the **Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead Paint**
- Requested by governments; developed by the Alliance
- Supported by Industry and NGOs
- Provides best available and practical approach to a lead paint law
- Includes a 90 ppm total lead limit in paint
- Adaptable to each country's regulatory framework

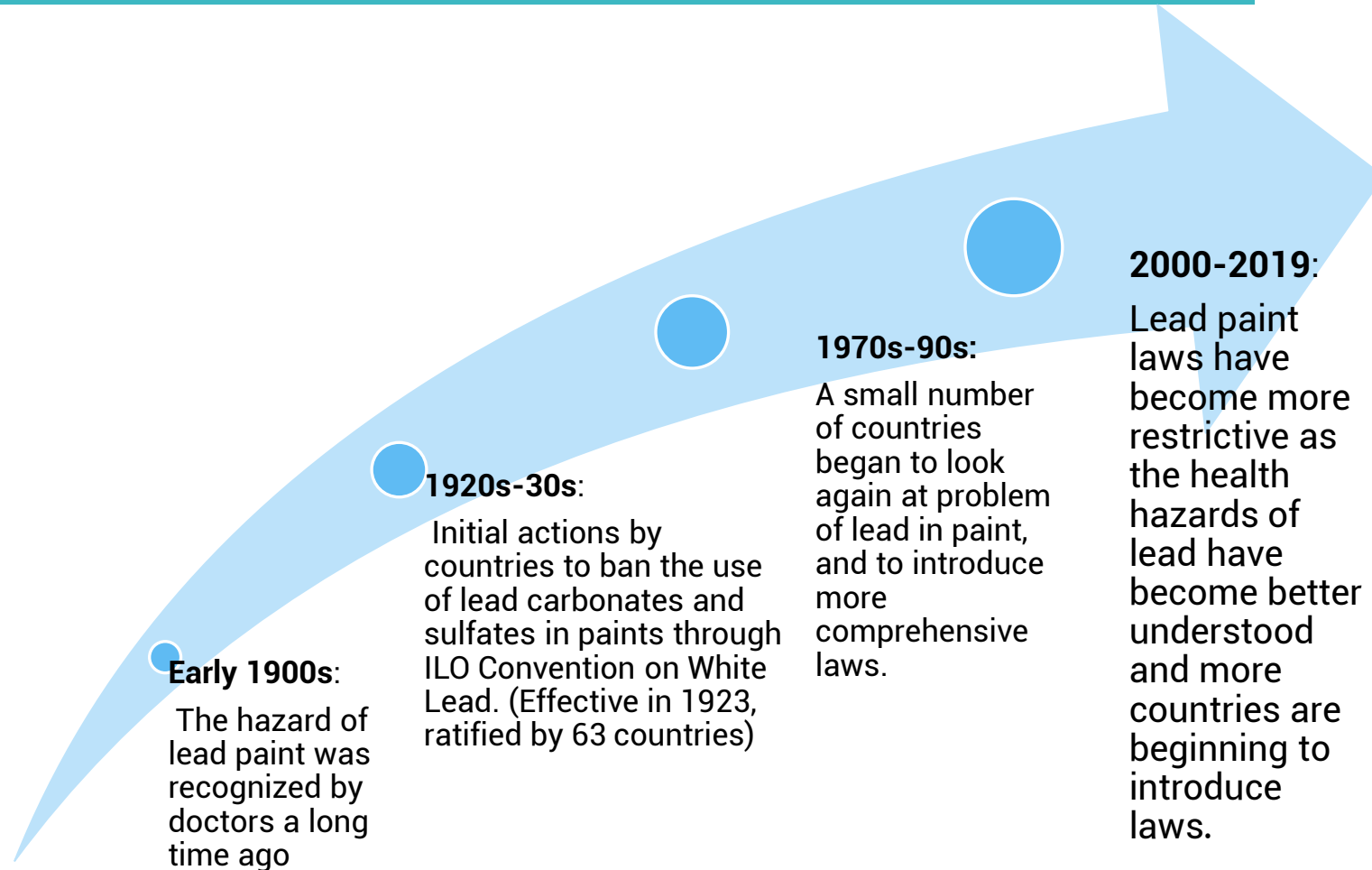
Lead Paint Laws

Legal mechanisms that establishes a binding, enforceable limit on lead in paint with penalties for non-compliance.

Examples: legislation, regulations, ordinances or mandatory standards

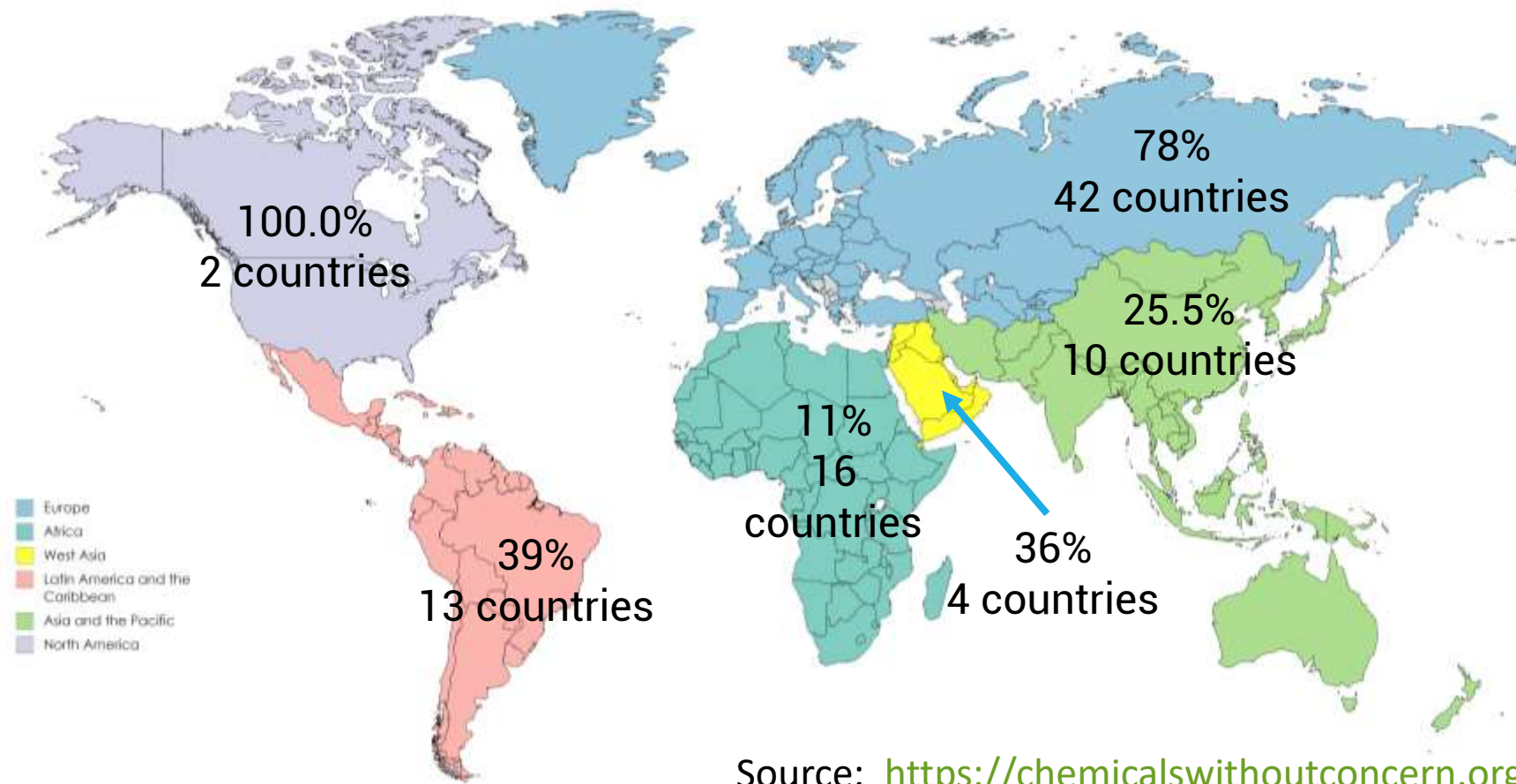


Brief Global History of Lead Paint Laws



Global Status Update

Percent of Countries with Lead Paint Laws in Each UNEP Region
(September 2020)



About **40%** of countries (77) have laws

Source: <https://chemicalswithoutconcern.org/content/lead-paint-law-map>

Lead Paint Law Status

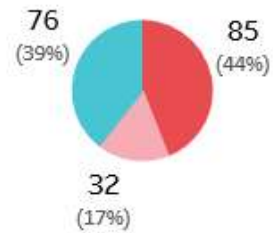
Interactive Map

Lead paint law status

as of June 2020

Lead Paint Law Status

- Yes
- No
- No data
- Not Applicable



Year when law was establ...

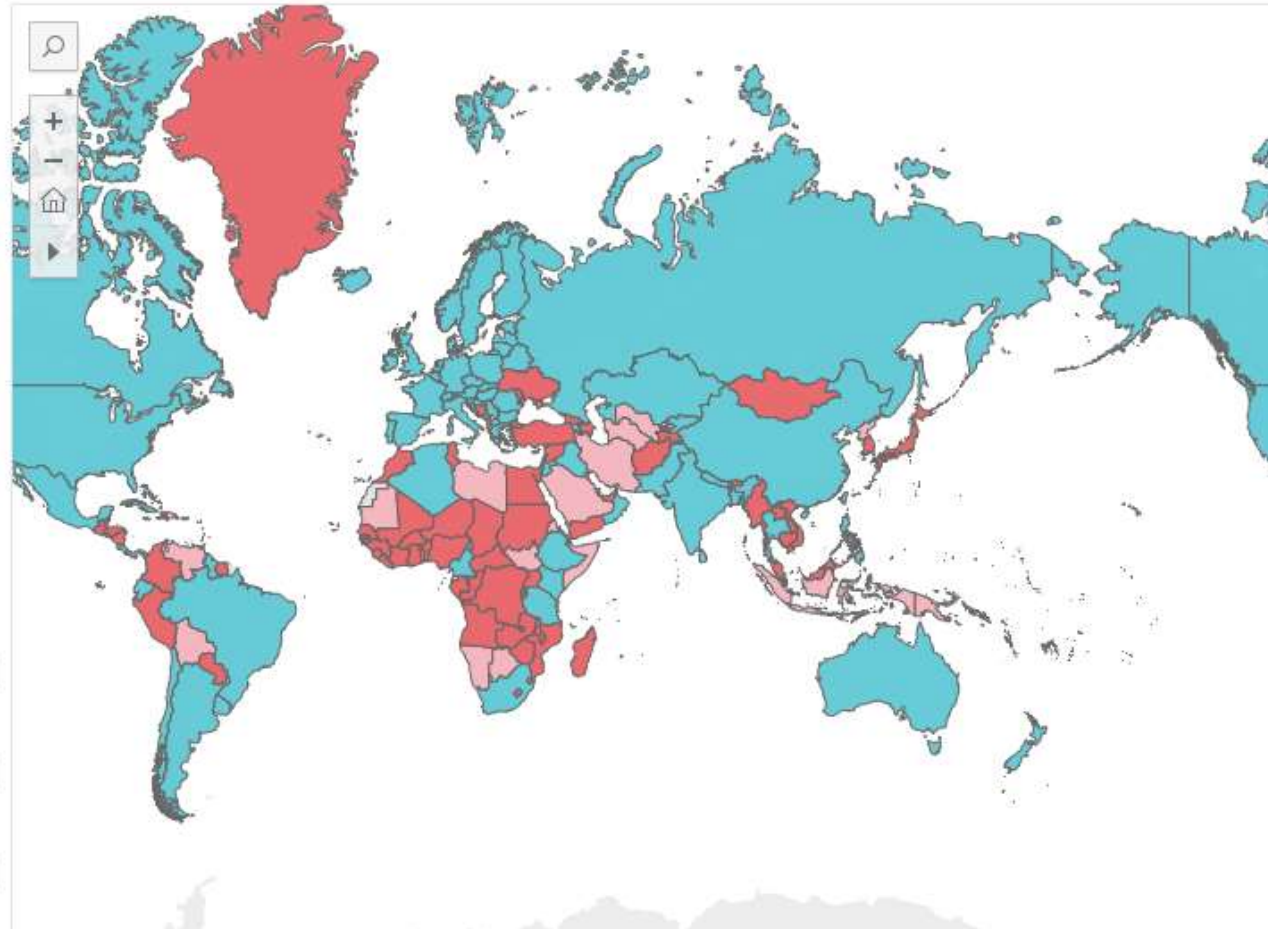
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Region

(All)

Country/Territory

(All)



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SAICM GEF project lead in paint component

Progress



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Countries passed/strengthened lead paint legislation since September 2018 (Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Israel and Pakistan)



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Countries at the **final stages of drafting lead paint laws** (Bosnia Herzegovina, Brazil, Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Jordan, Mexico, Peru, Rwanda, Ukraine, Vietnam and Zambia)



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Paint producer (Jordan and Ecuador) have finished the reformulation process and can now produce lead-free paint. Other 32 companies agreed to participate in the paint reformulation demonstrations and 15 are engaged in the reformulation process. Draft technical guidelines available



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Countries are being currently assisted by the project

How the Project Will Help Governments Establish Lead Paint Laws

ABA ROLI

Benin, El Salvador, Guatemala, Liberia, Palau, Sierra Leone

IPEN

Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Malaysia, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Ukraine, Zambia

UNEP

Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Guinea, Guyana, Jamaica, Jordan, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda

US EPA

Cambodia, Ghana, Mexico, Rwanda, South Africa, Vietnam

WHO

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Fiji, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Gabon, Georgia, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Russia, Tunisia, Sudan

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Countries are being currently assisted by the project (57 initially targeted and 4 additional)



Legal review/ drafting of lead paint legislation

(Organization of legal drafting meetings)
(ABA ROLI, UNEP, WHO, US EPA)



Awareness raising activities

(ILPPW and funding available from WHO for country-level activities)
(WHO and IPEN)



Stakeholder engagement and technical information

(Multistakeholder meetings)
(Technical documents, webinars)
(All partners)

Thank you!

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