

Safe and Effective Alternatives to the Use of DDT in Malaria Vector Control

Stockholm Convention NGO side event on April 30, lunch time (1:15-2:45pm)

In May 2009, at its fourth meeting, the Stockholm Convention's COP endorsed the establishment of a Global Alliance for the development and deployment of products, methods and strategies as alternatives to DDT for disease vector control. One of the main goals of this Alliance is developing non-chemical products and approaches for vector control.

Pesticide Action Network (PAN), the Biovision Foundation and IPEN are three non-profit organizations with a history of working together to promote sustainable alternatives to hazardous pesticides. To further this goal, we aim to support the work ongoing in the Global Alliance's non-chemical products and approaches work group through this side event during the Stockholm Convention COP in Geneva in 2013.

The goals for this side event for the Stockholm Convention are to:

1. Discuss the concept of Integrated Vector Management (IVM) and highlight some key aspects of this approach
2. Highlight some proven successes in malaria control from the ground in Africa and Latin America, which utilize community-based, least toxic methods of malaria vector control.
3. Present a Malaria Management Model- with analysis of costs and benefits of DDT versus non-DDT malaria control.
4. Address the critical role foundations and development aid funders play in setting the course and direction of a malaria control program.

Topics and Speakers in the side event are as follows:

1. Chair of the Session- Mr. Fernando Bejarano, Director of RAPAM- PAN Mexico, and IPEN Hub for Latin America (Mexico)
2. Key elements of an Integrated Vector Management (IVM) approach for malaria control
Mr. Charles Mbogo, ICIPE/KEMRI (Kenya)
3. Learnings and highlights from a malaria control project in Senegal focused on the use of environmental strategies with community mobilization
Dr. Abou Thiam, Executive Director of PAN Africa (Senegal)
4. Malaria Management Models
Mr. Michael Brander, Biovision Foundation (Switzerland)
5. Funding for sustainable, non chemical approaches for malaria control
Ms. Carina Weber, Executive Director of PAN Germany (Germany)