



 Strategic Approach to
International Chemicals Management

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HHPs: Catalyzing Global Action on Highly Hazardous Pesticides

Millions of farm workers, rural people including children and women of childbearing age are poisoned by pesticides every year, with an estimated 99% of cases being in the developing world.

At the SAICM ICCM3 many countries asked for action to take especially hazardous pesticides out of use- arguing that by removing a relatively small number of highly hazardous pesticides, a massive positive change in health and environmental impacts can be achieved very quickly.

The Rotterdam Convention, this week sees a proposal to list certain formulations of the herbicide paraquat in Annex III.

The Berne Declaration and PAN have long been active in highlighting risks from pesticides and advocating action to protect people and the environment.

FAO's governing bodies have also called for action on Highly Hazardous Pesticides, and the new Code of Conduct will address this.

This side event will explore the action being taken to reduce risks from Highly Hazardous pesticides in general and paraquat in particular.

PROGRAM

Chair: **Gladys Maina**, Managing Director, Pest control, Kenya

1. Addressing highly hazardous pesticides globally, including the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides: **Mark Davis** (FAO)
2. Reducing Risks of Highly Hazardous Pesticides, approaches in Mozambique: **Khalid Cassam** (FAO, Mozambique)
3. Paraquat – an example of a Highly Hazardous Pesticide
 - Paraquat as an HHP: **Meriel Watts**, Pesticide Action Network (PAN)
 - Paraquat, national regulations and voluntary standards: **Francois Meienberg**, Berne Declaration (BD)
 - Integrated weed management and agro-ecological methods in oil palm farms in Costa Rica: **Fernando Ramirez**, Pesticide Action Network (PAN)
4. Global Tools to support action on Highly Hazardous Pesticides: **Richard John Brown**, World Health Organization (WHO)

Discussion facilitated by **Leonor Alvarado**, SAICM Secretariat