



International POPs Elimination Project

*Fostering Active and Efficient Civil Society Participation in
Preparation for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention*

Global Day of Action on POPs in Peru

Red de Acción en Alternativas al Uso de Agroquímicos

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About the International POPs Elimination Project

On May 1st 2004, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN <http://www.ipen.org>) launched a global NGO project called International POPs Elimination Project (IPEP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided core funding for the project IPEP, which has three main goals:

- Encourage and enable NGOs in 40 developing and transitional countries to engage in activities that provide concrete and immediate contributions to country efforts in preparing for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of NGOs to help build their capacity as effective stakeholders in the Convention implementation process;
- Help establish regional and national NGO coordination and capacity in all regions of the world in support of longer term efforts to achieve chemical safety.

IPEP will support preparation of reports on local situations, hotspots and regional policy activities briefs. Three main types of activities are supported by IPEP: participation in the National Implementation Plan, awareness training and seminars, and public awareness and information campaigns.

For more information, please see <http://www.ipen.org>

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Red de Acción en Alternativas al uso de Agroquímicos (RAAA), a member of RAPAL, conducted several activities on POPs. There was a press conference on April 22nd in the province of Huancayo, Junín in coordination with Centro Ecumenico de Promoción y Acción Social (CEDEPAS) about the health and environmental impacts of POPs, and the problems of obsolete stockpiles of pesticides especially in Valle Mantaro, Junin where there is a pilot project that wants to address this issue. It was attended by 27 people including Radios such as Cumbre, Andina, Huancayo, Karibeña, Armonía, Universitaria, Señorial, Escala de Oro, Super Latina, and the newspapers Correo y Primicia, and representatives of TV like TNP, Antena Sur, Canal 21 y PANTEL. It was completed with special interviews.

RAAA also organized a video conference about POPs and the Stockholm Convention and the Rotterdam Convention (PIC) in the city of Arequipa in the Peruvian-Northamerican Cultural Institute (Instituto Cultural Peruano Norteamericano) in coordination with the USA Embassy and the Universities in Arequipa: University of Alas Peruanas, University Andina and National University of San Agustín. It was attended by 200 people and was successful to inform and discuss with the university audience. Speakers included university professors and the RAAA coordinator. RAAA is an active participant in the National Coordination Committee of the Stockholm Convention in Peru