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Report on IPEN – EU Project Meeting in Shanghai, China

In the framework of the EU-funded project: *Strengthening the capacity of pollution victims and civil society organizations to increase chemical safety in China (China Chemical Safety Project)*

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The overall objective of this Project is to strengthen the capacity of pollution victims and civil society organization to promote chemical safety policies in China. The project aims to establish collaborative advocacy actions that contribute to building long-term relationships among cross-cutting sectors of stakeholders and to improve capacities and abilities of impacted communities and environmental groups for involvement in policy making. The first day of the Shanghai workshop serves as one of three multi-stakeholder conferences with civil society groups, pollution victims, and academic experts located in the southern part of China to be held under the Project. The second day of the meeting serves as one of six major trainings on public participation in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and right to know to be held under the Project.

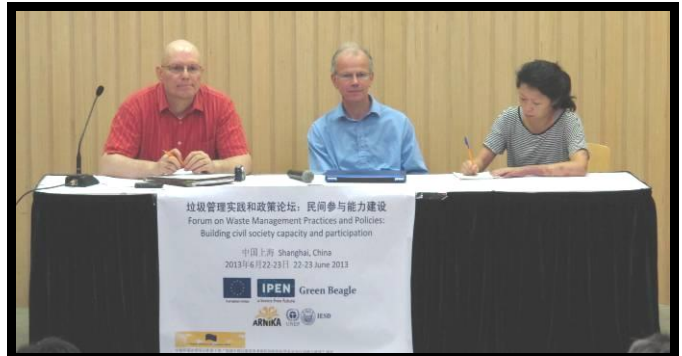
The meeting convened by the Project in Shanghai focused on EIA concerning waste management with the goal of advancing public participation and true compliance with EIA laws. The meeting was deliberately held in Shanghai since the city is often regarded as a trend setter for waste management issues in China. The first day included historical information on Shanghai's waste management; future plans for a large waste management facility; information about China's obligations under the Stockholm Convention; and sustainable waste management techniques utilized in the EU and elsewhere. The second day focused on training civil society groups and pollution victims on information access and legal aspects of EIA connected to waste management cases.

The combination of participants provided an excellent opportunity for two-way information sharing and capacity building. The meeting began with a historical presentation on Shanghai's waste management policies by Lin Dayuan, formerly of the Association of Sanitary Service of Shanghai. Modern plans for waste management in the city were presented by Zhang Yi, of the Shanghai Environmental Sanitation Engineering Design Institute, a strong proponent of waste incineration. IPEN participants Joe DiGangi and Alan Watson presented Stockholm Convention obligations for wastes and substances generated by incineration as well as sustainable waste management techniques and the special challenges in China. Hao Liqiong of the Shanghai civil society group, Aifen, presented citizen efforts to segregate waste and provided tangible examples in two apartment communities during the field trip later in the day. The second day provided opportunities for more detailed discussions and included technical input from Professor Ma Zengyi of Zhejiang University. For matters related to EIA, Yue Caixuan of the Wuhu Ecology Center presented a case study about seeking EIA information from 122 incineration facilities. There was an extensive time for discussion concerning questions and situations presented by pollution victims and information was provided by both technical experts on waste management as well as legal experts such as Xia Jun of the Zhongzi Law Offices. Feedback from participants indicated that the presentations were highly relevant and the opportunity to exchange experiences and plans for greater civil society participation was extremely useful.

Photos from the Shanghai workshop



Zhang Yi of the Shanghai Environmental Sanitation Engineering Design Institute presents plans for a massive waste management center in Shanghai.



IPEN experts, Alan Watson and Joe DiGangi, participate in a question and answer session about EU approaches and Stockholm Convention obligations assisted by Amy Zhang, doctoral candidate at Yale.



Meeting participants on a field trip in the control room of the Pudong Incinerator in Shanghai



Chen Yaping, villager from Binjiang District, Zhejiang Province describes incinerator pollution on the second day of the workshop.



Group photo of participants in the Shanghai Waste Forum at Tongji University

Annex 1. Agenda



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Forum on waste management practices and policies: Building civil society capacity and participation

In the framework of the EU-funded project: *Strengthening the capacity of pollution victims and civil society organizations to increase chemical safety in China (China Chemical Safety Project)*

Shanghai, China

22 - 23 June 2013

Environmentally sound waste management is a key component of chemical safety policy. Decisions on waste management practices often involve environmental impact assessment (EIA), but most residents are not familiar with EIA and do not know how to effectively participate in the process. According to the *Law on Environmental Impact Assessment*, *Interim Measure on Public Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment* and *Measure on Disclosure of Environmental Information* enacted in 2003, 2006 and 2008 respectively, participation and views of local residents should be an important part of developing EIA reports for new projects and those for expansion. However, during assessment of projects, authentic public participation in the EIA process is often weak or ignored. These problems are compounded by pressures to rapidly approve EIA reports and move ahead with projects. Lack of effective public participation in the EIA process undermines effective implementation of Chinese law and weakens efforts of local, provincial, and federal authorities to deal with concerns regarding harms to human health and the environment.

This conference seeks to explore issues surrounding waste management with the goal of advancing public participation and true compliance with EIA laws, relevant laws surrounding waste management, and compliance with Stockholm Convention obligations. Invited participants will include pollution victims, public interest civil society representatives, lawyers, reporters, researchers, government officials, and representatives of the European Union. The meeting will include opportunities for discussion so that pollution victims can discuss relevant issues with other victims, public interest NGOs, lawyers and experts and try to develop strategies for further actions to achieve chemical safety. This conference is a project activity of the EU-funded project; *Strengthening the capacity of pollution victims and civil society organizations to increase chemical safety in China (China Chemical Safety Project)*.

Venue: UNEP TONGJI Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development (IESD), and Shengxianju Hotel, Shanghai

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Agenda

June 22, 2013 Waste management practices and policies

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30-8:50	Registration	
8:50-9:00	Opening speech	Prof. Wang Xin, IESD
Section One: History and Reality		
9:00-9:20	History of waste management in Shanghai	Lin Dayuan, Shanghai Shirong Huanjing Zhiliang Jiance Zhongxin; formerly of the Association of Sanitary Service of Shanghai
9:20-9:40	Contemporary waste management system in Shanghai	Zhang Yi, Shanghai Environmental Sanitation Engineering Design Institute
9:40-9:50	Q&A	
Section Two: Public Participation		
9:50-10:10	Waste reduction in communities	Hao Liqiong, Aifen Environment
10:10-10:40	Q&A	
Section Three: International Perspective		
10:40-11:10	Stockholm Convention obligations for wastes and unintentionally produced POPs	Joe DiGangi, IPEN
11:10-11:50	Sustainable waste management: techniques and policies	Alan Watson, IPEN technical advisor
11:50-12:30	Q&A, Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 18:00	Field trip to Pudong Incinerator and Yangbo Community	

Abbreviations: EIA, environmental impact assessment; Q & A, question and answer

June 23, 2013 Capacity building on waste incineration

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00-10:10	Incineration: Formation and release of toxic substances and their sampling and other issues relevant to civil society	Alan Watson, IPEN technical advisor
10:10-12:00	Comments of other experts, discussion, and Q&A	Ma Zengyi, Zhejiang University Lin Dayuan, Shanghai Shirong Huanjing Zhiliang Jiance Zhongxin; formerly of the Association of Sanitary Service of Shanghai
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30-13:50	Hai'an incinerator Case	Xie Yong, villager from Hai'an County, Jiangsu Province

13:50-14:10	Binjiang Case	Chen Yaping, villager from Binjiang District, Zhejiang Province
14:10-14:30	122 MSW incinerators situation and information application	Yue Caixuan, Wuhu Ecology Center
15:00-15:30	EIA and MSWI	Xia Jun, Attorney, Zhongzi Law Offices
15:30-16:00	Reactions to presented cases	Alan Watson, IPEN technical advisor
16:10 – 17:00	Discussion section	
17:00-17:15	Summary and closing	

Strengthening the capacity of pollution victims and civil society organizations to increase chemical safety in China

This is an EU-funded project of IPEN with partner Green Beagle that aims to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and communities impacted by pollution to increase chemical safety in China. The Project (also known as the China Chemical Safety Project) is being implemented in China over two years with total EU funding of €344,580 and EU contribution of 77.84% of the total cost.

The Project includes:

- Improving capacities of impacted communities and civil society organizations for involvement in policy making
- Training on public participation in environmental impact assessment
- Generating new publicly available data about pollution and impacted communities that contribute to increased implementation of local and national chemical safety policies
- Raising awareness on emissions-related pollution

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Annex 2. Meeting participants

Name	Affiliation
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