## IPEN Intervention on Synergy

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IPEN believes that the success of the synergy initiative is dependent on the effective involvement of civil society both in chemical safety issues across the 3 conventions as well as in public awareness and outreach.

We consider that the synergy activities would benefit from the development and provision of advice to assist parties in the coordination of community engagement in the synergy activities at a national level.

We also believe that it would be invaluable to involve NGOs and civil society in the consultation over the joint secretariats' global public awareness and outreach activities; and utilise the skills and expertise of NGOs in the critical evaluation of the success and effectiveness of the common system for the development, management and distribution of information and outreach materials.