

IPEN believes that the coordinated implementation of chemical multilateral environmental agreements can provide real opportunities for full life cycle management of chemicals at a national, regional and international level. The synergy initiative is one way of building effective international and regional frameworks to minimise and prevent the impacts of toxic chemicals and hazardous waste.

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 are looking forward to the ExCop in 2013, knowing that it is a great challenge. And we hope that it will result in a strong commitment to strengthen the Conventions and their implementation.