

# InforMEA Session

**Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Workshop  
on the Establishment of Legal Limits on Lead in Paint  
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# InforMEA

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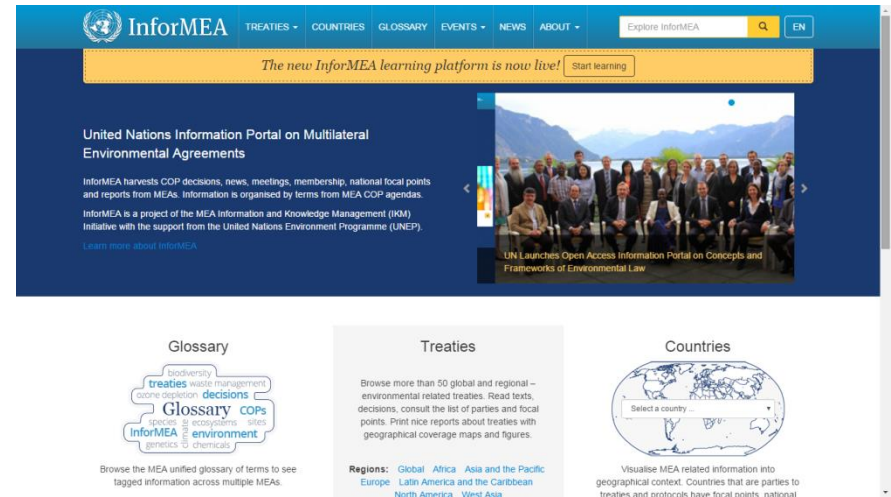


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# Presentation Overview

1. Challenge
2. MEA Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) Initiative
3. InforMEA
4. Demonstration



# Introduction to InforMEA



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# Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)



- MEAs share common features
- They require Parties to designate national focal points, submit periodic reports, and to develop national action/implementation plans
- They provide for periodical meetings of governing bodies (Conferences of the Parties - COPs), who further refine the treaty and annexes listing substances, species or sites through decisions or resolutions



# Challenges



- Large number of MEAs
- Proliferation of governance processes / challenges of policy coordination at the global level
- Information overload
- How can Governments keep track with limited implementation capacity at the national level?
- Complex reporting requirements
- How can a strong unique body of international environmental law be ensured?



# Filling the Gap



- How can Parties to MEAs with limited resources keep track of their obligations?
- How can Parties participating in different fora achieve more coherence in decision making?
- How can Parties contribute to ONE strong and coherent body of International Environmental Law?



# MEA International Knowledge Management Initiative



## Cooperates on knowledge management to support Parties

- Promotes common standards
- Enhancement of technical expertise in MEA Secretariats
- Maintains a one-stop web portal on MEAs (InforMEA)







LEAD PAINT ALLIANCE

# MEA IKM Initiative

- CBD
- CITES
- CMS (and AEWA)
- Plant Treaty ITPGR-FA
- Ramsar
- UNESCO-WHC
- UNCCD
- UNFCCC
- Ozone (Montreal Protocol)
- Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- Minamata Convention
- [SAICM]
- UNECE (5 MEAs)
- Regional Sea Conventions
- Further regional Conventions (Carpathian, Caspian Sea)

**Observers:** EMG, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, FAO

**Contractors:** IUCN Law Centre (with FAO) , IUCN Academy, IISD Report Services, Legal Resource Initiative, Eau de Web DELC IKM Team in Geneva, DEWA, DEPI, DCPI...

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# InforMEA

## Key word search: UNEA



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Summary  
Treaty text  
Decisions  
Parties  
National reports  
National plans

**VI**  
**Lead and cadmium**

25. Recognizes the significant risks to human health and the environment arising from releases of lead and cadmium into the environment;

26. Welcomes the upcoming third meeting of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and the associated workshop focusing on the development of national legislation to phase out lead in paint, and requests the United Nations Environment Programme, in coordination with the World Health Organization, to continue to build capacity on lead paint through possible regional workshops;

27. Looks forward to the compilation of information on techniques for emission abatement and on the possibility of replacing lead and cadmium with less hazardous substances or techniques; VII Waste 28. Requests the Executive Director to consider the interlinkages between chemicals and waste policies in the global outlook on waste prevention, minimization and management, which is currently being developed;

Resolution 1/5 Chemicals and waste

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# InforMEA E-learning

**Objective:** Build knowledge and understanding of International Environmental Law

**Principles:** Self-paced, open and free of charge

## Courses:

- 21 short and structured introductory courses on MEAs
- Developed with the MEAs
- Over 1800 registered users from 170 countries obtained more than 800 certificates since early 2015
- Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish translation ongoing
- Lessons, quizzes, audiovisual material also from MEA Secretariats,
- Future ambition – MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)

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# LEO – Thesaurus

Voluntary Semantic Standard in the field of International Environmental Law which will enhance possibilities to share information and research across institutions if and when agreed:

- Linked glossaries (e.g. use of the term ‘fracking’ as a sub-term in context of ‘emissions/mitigation’)
- Ecolex, InforMEA, Sustainable Development Goals, Global Environmental Goals, etc., would demonstrate convergence and evolution around terms



# LEO – Thesaurus

LEO Law & Environment Ontology  SEARCH About LEO InforMEA

Treaties Countries Jurisprudence Legislation Goals and Principles Contact

A-Z Hierarchical

Type to filter

- acceptance
- access and benefit sharing
- access right
- access to genetic resources
- access to information
- access to justice
- accession
- acid precipitation
- adapatation

Water

Oceans

Freshwater

Chemicals and Wastes

Waste

Hazardous waste

substance

Biodiversity

species ecosystem conservation

food indigenous people sustainable use

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## access and benefit sharing

### Definition:

According to Article 1, it is the: "fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, including by appropriate access to genetic resources and by appropriate transfer of relevant technologies, taking into account all rights over those resources and to technologies, and by appropriate funding", including (Art. 8j) the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (Source: CBD)

### Other relations

- Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (CBD)
- access and benefit-sharing (ECOLEX)
- Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing (CBD)

- Broader** access to genetic resources
- Narrower** multilateral system  
mutually agreed term
- Related** indigenous knowledge
- Synonyms** access to genetic resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits  
ABS

# LEO – Thesaurus “Lead Terms”

<http://leo.informea.org/legislation/Lead-Terms>



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## lead paint

Ordonnance sur la réduction des risques liés aux produits chimiques, ORRChim.  
Read more

Chemicals Prohibition Ordinance.  
Read more

Notice under the Hazardous Substances Act, 1973: Declaration of Leaded Paint as Group I Hazardous Substances (GN. 801 of 2009).  
Read more

Arrêté interministériel 28 décembre 1997 fixant la liste des produits de consommation présentant un caractère de toxicité ou un risque particulier ainsi que les listes des substances chimiques dont l'utilisation est interdite ou réglementée pour la fabrication des dits produits.  
Read more

Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council

- Lead Paint Legislations
- Lead-acid Battery Legislations

# Future Directions

- Integrate InforMEA with Lead Paint Alliance's activities
- Create an e-learning course in relation to lead in paint
- Provide access to other countries' legally-binding legislation for lead in paint
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