

Stakeholder Statement on the Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides

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On the First Anniversary of The Global Framework on Chemicals ([GFC](#)), global stakeholders call for the urgent establishment of the Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides.

On 30th September last year, the international community took a [landmark decision](#) to endorse the formation of a Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs), with the goal of prioritizing effective measures to phase out their use in agriculture.

The proposal - adopted at the 5th International Conference on Chemical Management ([ICCM5](#)) - had been tabled by the entire Africa region and was unanimously supported by all stakeholders attending the UN conference, including governments, civil society organizations, unions and other stakeholders. Among them were [373 civil society and Indigenous Peoples organisations](#) from 74 countries, and even the world's biggest pesticide and chemical industry lobby groups.

[According to FAO/WHO](#), HHPs constitute a relatively small share of all pesticides registered globally, and yet they can cause the most harm. With adequate investment in scaling-up alternatives, especially existing and new ecological options for pest control, these pesticides that pose unacceptable risks to humans and the environment can be phased out from agriculture. Highly hazardous pesticides already banned in high-income countries are still used in low-and middle-income countries, where the risk of human and environmental exposure is, almost without exception, much higher than in those countries where they have been banned.

The Global Alliance was agreed to facilitate the implementation of target A7 of the new Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC), a critical new policy instrument adopted at ICCM5. The target aims at phasing out the world's most hazardous pesticides – HHPs. Target A7 and the Global Alliance were arguably the most concrete commitments in the GFC to urgently address the intentional and systematic release of highly toxic chemicals into the environment worldwide.

Reflecting this, international support for the establishment of the Global Alliance was further cemented in a [resolution \(6/11\) of the 6th meeting of the United Nations Environment Assembly \(UNEA6\)](#) in March 2024, the world's highest-level environmental decision-making body.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) accepted an [invitation](#) to coordinate the work of the Global Alliance, with the FAO taking the lead role.

However, while some preparatory work is reportedly underway, one year on the Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides has not yet been established, and no mechanism nor transparent timeline has been announced for interested governments, companies, and civil society organizations to join, or develop actionable work plans.

The creation of the Global Alliance is urgently needed to harness political momentum to tackle the global problem of HHPs, and support countries in their transition away from the use of these dangerous pesticides in agriculture.

Delivering the phase-out of HHPs, including through the Global Alliance, will be critical to the successful implementation of complementary international commitments on biodiversity and climate change in other global agreements. This includes historic commitments to reduce risks to biodiversity from pesticide pollution mandated by Target 7 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), and commitments under the auspices of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to tackle the major contribution of unsustainable agriculture and food systems to the climate crisis.

Mindful of the need for due process, the undersigned Organizations and Indigenous Peoples call on the FAO and the other UN organisations, to establish and launch the Global Alliance on HHPs, as a matter of utmost urgency, so that it can start working and deliver on its mandate to identify and promote safer alternatives and more sustainable agricultural practices, including agroecology, and support low and middle-income countries in phasing out highly hazardous pesticides.

Signatories:

International and Regional organizations

Agroecology Coalition
Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
Development Indian Ocean Network (DION)
Ecological Restorations
Feedback EU
Feedback Global
Gallifrey Foundation
Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
International Pesticide Standard Alliance (IPSA)
International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)
Movimiento Agroecológico de América Latina y el Caribe (MAELA)
Pesticide Action Network Africa (PAN Africa)
Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific (PAN Asia Pacific)
Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe)
Pesticide Action Network International (PAN International)
Pesticide Action Network Latin America (RAP-AL)

Toxic Action Network Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan and neighbouring districts)
The Caribbean Poison Information Network
The International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied
Workers Associations (IUF)
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)

Argentina

Centro de estudios sobre Tecnologías Apropriadas de la Argentina (RAPAL Argentina)

Armenia

Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
EcoLur informational NGO

Australia

Toxics Free Australia

Brasil

AMAR Environmental Defense Association
Maiz Brasil - treemedia e.V.
TOXISPHERA Environmental Health Association

Chile

Alianza por una Mejor Calidad de Vida, RAP-Chile

Colombia

Red de Desarrollo Sostenible

Cuba

Asociación Cubana de Técnicos Agrícolas y Forestales (ACTAF)

Ethiopia

Pesticide Action Nexus Association (PAN Ethiopia)

France

Friends of the Earth France

Germany

Coordination gegen BAYER-Gefahren (CBG)
German NGO Forum und Environment and Development
INKOTA-netzwerk
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Pesticide Action Network Germany (PAN Germany)

India

Association For Promotion Sustainable Development
Pesticide Action Network India (PAN India)

Indonesia

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Nexus for Health, Environment, and Development Foundation (Nexus3 Foundation)
Pesticide Action Network Indonesia (PAN Indonesia)
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Kazakhstan

Center Cooperation for Sustainable Development
Ecoforum of Kazakhstan
PA ECOM

Kenya

Centre for Environment Justice and Development (CEJAD)
Indigenous Women and Girls Initiative (IWGI)

Kyrgyzstan

Civil Society Association ECOIS-BISHKEK
Network for the Protection of Public Environmental Interests of the Kyrgyz Republic
Public foundation EkoMiR - Environmental monitoring and investigations
Public Association Independent Ecological Expertise
Public Association Union of Photojournalists

Mali

Coalition des Alternatives Africaines Dettes et Développement (CAD-Mali)
Le Réseau Wassa Mali

Mexico

Alianza Maya por las Abejas de la Península de Yucatán Kaabnalo'on
Asociación de Consumidores Orgánicos
Asociación Nacional de Empresas Comercializadoras de Productores del Campo (ANEC)
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Colectivo de Comunidades Mayas de los Chenes
Grupo de Estudios Ambientales (GEA)
Red de Acción sobre Plaguicidas y Alternativas en México (RAPAM)
Red Maíz
Red Mexicana de Acción Frente al Libre Comercio (RMALC)
Red de Toxicología de Plaguicidas

Mauritius

Pesticide Action Network Mauritius

Népal

Health Environment and Climate Action Foundation (HECAF360)

Nigeria

Chen Education and Development Empowerment (CEDE)
Community Action Against Plastic Waste (CAPws)
Foundation for the Conservation of the Earth (FOCONE)
Sustainable Environment Development Initiative (SEDI)

Sierra Leone

National Consortium for the Elimination of Malaria NaCEM

Switzerland

Public Eye

Tajikistan

FSCI, Dastgiri Center

Tanzania

Networking for Society Development Organization (NESODO)

The Republic of Moldova

Public Association Republican Center Gutta-Club

Uganda

Association of Uganda Professional Women in Agriculture and Environment (AUPWAE)

United Kingdom

Pesticide Action Network UK (PAN UK)

The Center for Pesticide Suicide Prevention (CPSP) at the University of Edinburgh

United States of America

Alaska Community Action on Toxics

Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA)

Uruguay

Pesticide Action Network Latin America (RAPAL - Uruguay)

Uzbekistan

Union for Defence of the Aral Sea and Amudarya

Venezuela

Fundación Aguaclara