

**Thematic Workshop on Governance, Civil Society Participation and Strengthening Partnerships for Chemicals and Waste Management and SAICM Implementation (20-22 June 2006, Geneva, Switzerland)**

**Draft Written Contribution from PAN UK and PAN Africa**

PAN UK and PAN Africa are working together on 2 projects that are particularly relevant for the themes of this workshop.

EC project Pesticides and Poverty: Implementing Chemical Conventions for safe and just development

The project embraces a 'multi-stakeholder' approach, and we have produced stakeholder 'maps' for each country as reference documents and to identify the baseline of existing projects and stakeholders working on chemicals management and implementation of the chemical conventions (including Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions). In 2005 national meetings were held to explore the process of implementing conventions, documenting opportunities and difficulties encountered, as well as to give stakeholders an opportunity to influence our project.

The project will also help develop capacity in monitoring ecological impacts of pesticides, giving regulators, NGOs and academics the opportunity to jointly participate in training and develop links and relationships between them. We are also working with EcoSphere in Brussels to compile a Guide to the Chemical Conventions, which will also be modified into a national guide to implementation for the 2 participating countries.

Africa Stockpiles Programme

The ASP started in 2005, and is structured around a series of country projects to dispose and prevent obsolete pesticides. The programme has a common format in each country, but individual projects are designed and managed by a national government team.

The ASP has proactively sought the participation of NGOs and other partners, and each country project works with a National Steering Committee, at which NGOs, universities, and private sector are all represented. PAN and WWF help to develop and support national networks of NGOs to facilitate their participation in project activities.