



Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America

Joint Meeting of the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) and the Expert Advisory Board on Children's Health and the Environment in North America

Thursday, 7 March 2002

Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel, Paseo de la Reforma 325, Room Constitución A
Mexico City, Mexico

Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- To involve stakeholder groups and the public in the development of a trilateral 'Cooperative Agenda for Children's Health and the Environment in North America';
- To share information on children's environmental health initiatives at the national, regional and global levels;
- To facilitate collaboration between the JPAC and the Expert Advisory Board in advising the CEC Council on matters pertaining to children's environmental health.

Co-Chairs: Jon Plaut and Dr. Irena Buka

- 9:00 Welcome and opening remarks — *Jon Plaut, JPAC Chair, Irena Buka, Chair of the Expert Advisory Board on Children's Health and the Environment in North America*
- 9:15 Review of meeting objectives, adoption of agenda
- 9:20 Introductory presentation: Why especially children? — *Dr. Irena Buka*
- 9:35 National Updates on Children's Health and the Environment
- Canada— Julie Charbonneau, Environment Canada
 - Mexico—Leanora Rojas Bracho, Secretaría de Salud
 - United States—Ramona Trovato, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:20 Global Update: What is happening around the world on children's health and the environment? (speaker to be confirmed)
- 10:35 Overview of the CEC's Project on Children's Health and the Environment in North America — *Erica Phipps, CEC*
- 10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Discussion of the Draft Cooperative Agenda on Children's Health and the Environment in North America

For each issue area, there will be brief presentation of the activities proposed in the draft Cooperative Agenda, followed by an opportunity for JPAC, the Expert Advisory Board and the public to provide input and suggestions.

- Asthma and other respiratory diseases
- Lead poisoning and other effects of lead exposure
- Effects of other toxic chemicals including pesticides

13:00 Lunch (not provided)

14:30 Discussion of the Draft Cooperative Agenda on Children's Health and the Environment in North America (*continued*)

- Risk assessment and economic valuation
- Strengthening the knowledge base for long-term solutions
- Public information, outreach and education

15:30 Coffee break

15:50 Open discussion of children's environmental health issues of priority concern in North America

Members of the Expert Advisory Board, JPAC and the public will have an opportunity to share ideas and views on other issues of concern related to children's health and the environment in North America, and opportunities for North American leadership in this area.

16:50 Wrap up and next steps

17:00 End of public session

17:30 Expert Advisory Board discussion of follow-up (in camera)

18:30 Close of in camera session

Meeting Document:

- ***Cooperative Agenda for Children's Health and the Environment in North America (DRAFT, February 2002)*** Note: This and other related documents are available from the CEC secretariat or via the CEC website at: <http://www.cec.org>.