

Working Group of NGOs

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1. What is the capacity (technical, advocacy role, etc.) within South American NGOs to participate in the design and implementation of a PRTR?

- Low knowledge level about PRTR issues for the time being;
- NGO's technical capacity for PRTRs is not yet appropriately developed for the Latin America Region;
- Despite few NGOs involved with PRTR so far, the NGOs have a recognized high capacity for mobilization (such as credibility and open dialogue with different social actors);

2. What are NGOs' needs and challenges?

- Open access to information (data);
- Development of PRTR Global Network “umbrella” such as the existing networks (IPEN and Ban Hg Network), which are always highly supported by UNEP Chemicals;
- Organizational and institutional support from UNEP Chemicals, UNITAR and governments including fund raising for awareness, dissemination, organizational strengthening, mobilization, technical capacity and dialogue with industry;
- Increase the participation by NGOs in consultative processes of UNEP Chemicals.



3. How can South American NGOs draw on the experience of NGOs in countries that already participate in PRTRs?

- Invite established networks/NGOs that have already worked closely within the UNEP Chemicals process;
- Support the exchange of best practices and experiences between southern and northern NGOs;
- Urge the ratification by Latin American governments of MEAs;
- Organize workshops between northern and southern NGOs on how to work with PRTRs with support of UNEP Chemicals and UNITAR.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- NGO's recommend the ratification by Latin American governments of MEAs;
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- a apresentação de um "draft" de Convenção/Protocolo para a região referente a PRTR para apresentação em dezembro no México
- diretório produzido pela UNEP Chemicals das ONGs interessadas no tema para ampla consulta e divulgação dos debates