

International Appeal for a Ban of Highly Hazardous Pesticides

What is the HHP Appeal and why this Appeal?

The “International Appeal for a Ban of Highly Hazardous Pesticides“ was initiated by PAN International in 2014. Many organisations in more than 430 countries have already signed this appeal. The Appeal states that highly hazardous pesticides urgently need to be phased out and replaced by safe, sustainable, agroecological approaches to farming in order to stop the globally widespread harm to human health and environment caused by these pesticides.

This appeal is different from many other appeals that focus on a specific date and matter such as a specific regulatory governmental decision.

In contrast this appeal is an expression of will – making visible that numerous organisations, globally, are convinced only a ban of highly hazardous pesticides can solve the entrenched and devastating impacts of pesticides on people and the environment. It is a global declaration of intention, demanding new policies supporting safe alternatives to hazardous pesticides.

All the organisations that sign this appeal make clear that they either at present are actively working towards a global ban of highly hazardous pesticides or that they support the aim idealistically. How they do this is diverse in nature. Some work towards the ban of a specific hazardous pesticide in their country or region or globally. Others develop ecological plant protection methods jointly with farmers. Others again implement projects to support woman as key stakeholders of sustainable food production or they support projects financially. The diversity of activities gives reason for hope that a global phase-put of HHPs, to avoid the collateral damage from chemical pesticides in the future, is achievable.

At the same time this Appeal provides the opportunity for all organisations who sign it to get in contact with each other if they want cooperation for a specific activity, or just an exchange of information. Another role of the Appeal, which should not be underestimated, is that it backs up all those working towards a ban of HHPs so they can show that their voice is not a single one.

Therefore it is important that many more organisations sign this Appeal, by sending the following information to carina.weber@pan-germany.org: 1) full name of the organisation, 2) country, 3) name of the contact person, 4) email of the contact person

The Appeal with the list of sign-ons is available in four languages:

- English: <http://pan-international.org/wp-content/uploads/HHP-Appeal-with-signatures-en.pdf>
- French: <http://pan-international.org/wp-content/uploads/HHP-Appeal-avec-signatures-fr.pdf>
- German: http://www.pan-germany.org/download/HHP-Appeal_mit_Unterzeichnen_DE.pdf
- Spanish: <http://pan-international.org/wp-content/uploads/HHP-Appeal-con-firmantes-es.pdf>

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