

ACB publications and media report

SA People's Tribunal on Agrotoxins and other related work



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Publication Title	Type	Publication date	Reposts/ reach	Mail list General (G) Media (M)	Mail open	Mail click	Web view/ Downloads	FB Reach (FR) Share (FS) Engagement (FE) / X Impressions (XI) Engagement (XE)
<u>2,4-D GM Maize and the regulatory anomalies regarding GMOs and associated pesticides</u>	Web post	17/03/2023					113	197 (FR), 3 (FS); 309 (XI), 17 (XE)
<u>2,4-D GM Maize and the regulatory anomalies regarding GMOs and associated pesticides</u>	Briefing paper	17/03/2023		3920	728	43		
<u>South African People's Tribunal on AgroToxins welcomes UN Expert's assessment highlighting human and environmental rights violations</u>	Press release	17/08/2023		4016	925	45	95	1171 (FR), 4 (FS); 97 (XI), 2 (XE)
<u>South Africa's list of highly hazardous pesticides researched and published by the network Unpoison</u>	Web post	21/08/2023		320	55	3	51	166 (FR), 3 (FS); 545 (XI), 5 (XE)
<u>Ambitious action to phase out world's most dangerous pesticides urged</u>	Press release	26/09/2023					339	
<u>Call on South Africa to deregister agrototoxin 2,4-D</u>	Web post	07/12/2023					126	444 (FR), 13 (FE), 380 (XI), 12 (XE)
<u>Review and deregistration toxic pesticide 2,4-D in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947</u>	Submission	07/12/2023		2801	899	159		
<u>Stop the chemical war on the bodies of farm workers, farm dwellers and their children!</u>	Press release	5/07/2024						177 (FR), 7(FE)

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<u>Submission regarding the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents</u>	Submission	5/07/2024						
<u>Civil society coalition says: Heads must roll for Terbufos regulatory failure</u>	Press release	01/11/2024	Mirror: <u>Vuka.news</u> Mention: <u>Mail and Guardian</u>				559	62 (FR), 6 (FE), 44 (XI), 2 (XE)
<u>Petition – Reckless endangerment: Hold South African government and chemical industry to account for deaths and serious illnesses from toxic pesticides on the farm and in food</u>	Petition	22/11/2024	Interview: <u>SAfm, SABC</u>				75	9033 (FR), 1731 (FE), 112 (XI), 6 (XE)
<u>Ban Terbufos and HHPs or face legal action Minister Steenhuisen, says civil society alliance</u>	Web post	05/12/2024	Mirror: <u>EnviroNews Nigeria</u>				174	115 (FR), 8 (FE), 69 (XI), 4 (XE)
<u>Letter of demand concerning the organophosphate Terbufos, addressed to Minister of Agriculture and The Registrar Act 36 of 1947</u>	Letter	05/12/2024	<u>South African Human Rights Commission</u> <u>Mail & Guardian</u> <u>SAfm</u> <u>Radio Turf Newzroom</u> <u>Afrika</u> <u>Smile FM</u> <u>PowerFM</u> <u>Cape Times</u> <u>CapeTalk</u>					

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			eNCA Mirror of Cape Times: <u>MSN</u>					
<u>One year later and no substantive response to our call for a review of 2,4-D</u>	Web post	06/12/2024					52	
<u>Media campaign highlights urgent need to ban Terbufos, HHPs</u>	Web post	16/01/2025					131	264 (FR), 8 (FE), 60 (XI), 4 (XE)
<u>Food for Mzansi and CropLife's Palesa's Brave Discovery: A violation of Children's rights, rights protected under the Consumer Protection Act, and several Codes of conduct</u>	Complaint	28/01/2025		4452	1386	204		
<u>"Palesa's Brave Discovery" violates children's and consumers' rights</u>	Press release	30/01/2025					222	15608 (FR), 128 (FE), 53 (XI), 4 (XE)
<u>On-going assaults on our food system and peoples' health</u>	Web post	03/03/2025					121	448 (FR), 19 (FE), 612 (XI), 18 (XE)
<u>On-going assaults on our food system and peoples' health</u>	Objections	03/03/2025		4214	1550	868		
<u>Pesticide poisons on farms, poisons in the streets: People's Tribunal puts government, agrarian feudalism on trial in South Africa</u>	Press release	18/03/2025	<u>IOL</u> <u>EWN</u> <u>EWN</u>	4566	1811	745	36	203 (FR), 11 (FE), 31 (XI), 3 (XE)
<u>South African People's Tribunal on AgroToxins exposes government's failure to protect right to life</u>	Web post	24/03/2025					18	136 (FR), 6 (FE), 36 (XI), 4 (XE)

General media coverage

Date	Article Title	Publication	Description
5/07/2024	Farm workers demand transparency on pesticide regulations	<u>Groundup</u>	The article covers a protest that took place on Friday 5 July which linked to a joint submission - signed by ACB - regarding the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents as well as the DAs move to eliminate minimum wage which will have dire impact on agricultural workers.
8/07/2024	Farmworkers call for a ban on pesticides and reject the DA's Steenhuisen as Agriculture Minister	<u>MSN</u>	The article covers a protest that took place the week before. The protest is linked to a joint submission - signed by ACB and other organisations - regarding the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents as well as the DAs move to eliminate minimum wage which will have dire impact on agricultural workers.
11/07/2024	Draft regulations on hazardous chemical agents leave farmworkers at risk	<u>Mail and Guardian</u>	The article covers a coalition of farmworker trade unions and civil society organisations, which have rejected the department of employment and labour's draft regulations on hazardous chemical agents under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
14/07/2024	Durban residents aim for up to R1.5bn damages in aftermath of UPL chemical explosion	<u>Daily Maverick</u>	Durban residents have filed papers in the high court seeking substantial financial damages against India's UPL agrochemical giant. The residents' claim was filed just hours before the provisions of the Prescription Act of 1969 threatened to extinguish avenues for legal redress for alleged damage to their health, livelihoods and wellbeing – including the potential of developing further significant health damage several years from now. This is a win for all organisations fighting for biosafety.
04/11/2024	Big Agriculture is watching critics, pesticides and GMO food	<u>Mail & Guardian</u>	This article reveals more about an industrialised smear campaign, with big backing in the United States. The campaign wrote and distributed more than 3500 profiles on people and organisations who have been critical of GMOs and factory-made pesticides, branding them as being “opportunistic stakeholders” in a “protest industry”. Mariam Mayet, who was included on this list, was interviewed for the article.
21/11/2024	Practical steps to stay safe as another spaza shop killer snack in Diepkloof leaves 1 child dead, 3 critical	<u>Now in SA</u>	This article links to UnPoison's press release published on the ACB website which provides a list of highly hazardous pesticides still in use in South Africa.

21/11/2024	Growing urgency to strengthen SA regulations on harmful pesticides	Daily Maverick	This article unpacks the double standards when it comes to highly hazardous pesticides. It cites the Pesticide Tribunal's press release on the use of terbufos in SA. And links to UnPoison's press release published on the ACB website which provides a list of highly hazardous pesticides still in use in South Africa.
21/11/2024	Watch: Terbufos found at spaza shop linked to Siyabonga Mnisi's death	Swisherpost	This article links to UnPoison's press release published on the ACB website which provides a list of highly hazardous pesticides still in use in South Africa.
21/03/2025	Farm workers challenge government over agrottoxins: Colette Solomon weighs in	SABC News	SABC News covers the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, interviewing coalition partner WFP.
22/03/2025	Calls for govt to protect farm workers	Newzroom Afrika	Newzroom Afrika covers the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, interviewing coalition partner WFP.
24/03/2025	Agrotoxin tribunal Pesticides health risks for farm workers and communities	eNCA	eNCA covers the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, interviewing ACB's Mariam Mayet.

Meetings attended/hosted by ACB

Date	Title of meeting	Host Name	Attended by	Description
28-30/06/2024	SA People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins prep meeting		Mariam Mayet	ACB supported and attended the preparatory meeting held in Cape Town, for the Peoples' Tribunal on Pesticides, which will principally be rooted in a struggle for social and environmental justice and the lived experience of impacted communities.
22-23/02/2025	SA People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins prep meeting		Mariam Mayet Rutendo Chirape Sindy Peters	ACB supported and attended the preparatory meeting held in Cape Town for the Peoples' Tribunal on Pesticides attended by affected farm workers and communities and partner organisations.
21-23/03/2025	South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins		Mariam Mayet Rutendo Chirape Sindy Peters Deidre May Dr Stephen Greenberg	The South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins was led by the lived experiences of farm workers and dwellers on South Africa's industrial farms, community members affected by the UPL chemical warehouse fire, and expert testimony from academics, researchers, and support organisations. These testimonies exposed the normalisation that underpins not only the use of agrottoxins in South Africa, but also the impacts on farm workers, society, and the environment.