

Although my organization was not present at “**the First meeting in the intersessional process to consider the Strategic Approach and the Sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020**”, Please find below some points that may give some light on sound management of chemicals in a developing country such as Cameroon:

- Strengthening the capacity of NGOs, CBO, Public and private sector on the health and resource benefits of the sound management of chemicals and wastes. Chemicals are mostly used in the small and medium size enterprises in the developing countries where the primary safety practices are ignored by the users. Then, there is good benefit for the health of the workers in these sectors to build capacities on the sound management of chemicals. In addition, there is very lack of knowledge on the resources that can be gained with the sound management of wastes. This should also be strengthened to give opportunity for the unemployed people
- NGOs may play a crucial role for the sound management of chemicals and waste in developing countries where the national policies are neglected by many governments. Then, there should be a mechanism that facilitate NGOs from the developing countries to get capacity building and know how without a serious intervention of national government from the north countries.
- There is also need for the academics and educators in the developing countries to be involved for the sound management of chemicals and wastes in these developing countries
- There should be a mechanism of rapid intervention in the developing countries in case hazards related to the mismanagement of industrial chemicals and wastes
- Specific session to take into account the management of chemicals and waste with heavy metals in developing countries

These are point that may deepen the problem of sound management of chemicals and waste in some developing countries. There are more contributions from my organization that are going to be added as this process continues.

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