

Comment for co-chair summary

Vision

We fully agree that it should be complementary to and foster coordination with the work of, other environmental multilateral agreements or frameworks, whether legally binding or voluntary recognizing that the sound management of chemicals and waste is an essential prerequisite for sustainable development. However in order to implement sound management of waste, it should be most critical to raise awareness at consumer level. Hence clear definition of role of citizens should be developed to get more participation from them on global basis.

Scope

It should be addressed that chemical management should be thoroughly based upon sound scientific data and information. For sound management of chemical and waste, more attentions have to be paid in risk-based management – particularly reduction of exposure from misuse and/or inappropriate management of chemical products. In addition, for further risk management, “Hazard Information” should be fully disclosed and available for public access. Clearer definition of roles for tier companies, end user and waste management parties should be developed for more engagement from them. Target should be focused on “Execution of proper use of chemicals together with multiple stakeholders as including of “women, children, and through them future generations” to prevention policies seems too broad.

Governance

Besides multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approach, approach to SME and developing countries is essential to achieve the goal.

New and emerging issues / Issues of concern

Deeply consider industry initiative such as LRI (Long Range Research Initiatives) driven by ICCA in conjunction with academia to handle those issues. For current and future issues/concerns, stakeholders have to discuss based upon scientific evidences at the time of finding the issue. Continuation of deeper discussion should be done from scientific perspective. Cross regional issues such as waste management (especially micro-plastic) and CiP should be addressed.

Financing

In order for further promotion of chemical management in developing countries, more focus is required on Capacity Building such as being done by the efforts from ICCA. As a matter of fact, effective use of funding should be available by institutionalizing & integrating existing capacity building activities run by different parties.

National Implementation

Need to verify what sort of (concrete) description is expected as “National Action Plans” as a possible tool with the support of international cooperation in terms of the sound management of chemicals and waste.