

BRS COP Side Event Programme

Shaping the future - SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Tuesday 25 April, 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. / Room 15

An event hosted by Government of Germany and the SAICM secretariat

Over the years, SAICM has created a pro-active, inclusive and overarching platform for engagement and commitment for all of its 250 sectors and stakeholders. In the future, there will be continued need for a mechanism to bring all stakeholders together to address important issues which form the core of the chemicals and waste agenda to protect human health and the environment.

The first meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 took place from 7-9 February 2017 in Brasilia. This was the first of three intersessional meetings preparing decision-makers for the launch of a future approach for chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

This side event will allow participants to reflect upon how a future platform for sound management of chemicals and waste might be realized, its link to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and how it could be designed to complement existing mechanisms and frameworks. The side event will provide a platform for participants to discuss and exchange views and perspectives. The moderator will encourage active participation of the audience.

Key-note speaker:

Ms. Gertrud Sahler, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety Germany, President of the SAICM International Conference on Chemicals Management

Panellists:

Ms. Leticia Carvalho, Ministry of Environment Brazil, co-chair of the beyond 2020 intersessional process

Ms. Maria Neira, Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization (WHO)

Mr. Juan Miguel Cuna, Director, Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines

Ms. Abiola Olanipekun, Chief of the Scientific Support Branch, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Moderator: Mr. Jacob Duer, SAICM secretariat

Questions for consideration:

- *What are the key achievements of SAICM? What is the value of a voluntary approach?*
- *How can we use the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to link chemicals and wastes efforts more strategically to other cross-cutting issues, ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all?*
- *How can Parties to the BRS Conventions and SAICM stakeholders work pro-actively together to build the necessary political momentum for the sound management of chemicals?*
- *What work areas benefit from enhanced collaboration between BRS Conventions and SAICM?*
- *Is there a need to strengthen the link between science and policy for chemicals and waste beyond 2020? Why? Can existing organizations perform these functions, or is there a need for a new body?*