

### Technical briefings programme Monday 30 September 2019

This guide provides a brief description of the technical briefings happening at IP3.  
All technical briefings will take place in the United Nations Conference Centre meeting room CR2.

#### TECHNICAL BRIEFING 1, 9:30- 10:30

##### Co-Chairs briefing

Hosted by *David Morin (Canada), Judith Torres (Uruguay)*

##### Background

The third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG3) held in Montevideo, Uruguay, 2-4 April 2019, requested that the co-chairs of the intersessional process, **Judith Torres** (Uruguay) and **David Morin** (Canada), prepare the following papers to contribute to the work of the intersessional process.

- i) Other mechanisms to support implementation [SAICM/IP.3/5](#);
- ii) Additional measures to achieve multisectoral engagement [SAICM/IP.3/3](#);
- iii) Issues of concern [SAICM/IP.3/4](#); and,
- iv) 'Principles and Approaches' as set out in document [SAICM/IP.3/6](#).

##### Main objectives

This technical briefing is being held to provide an opportunity to present the:

- Overall structure of the third intersessional meeting;
- Expectations for the third intersessional meeting; and
- Content of the papers the co-chairs prepared at the request of OEWG3.

##### Expected outcomes

This technical briefing will set the background for the third intersessional meeting and facilitate early discussions so that participants may begin to share views, insights and perspectives on important topics of relevance to the intersessional process throughout the rest of the week.

##### Session agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
<i>Welcome and background</i>		
9:30-9:35	Welcome and introduction	Tim Kasten, SAICM Secretariat
<i>IP3 structure and expectations</i>		
9:35-9:45	Overall structure and expectations for the third intersessional meeting.	Jose de Mesa, SAICM Secretariat
9:45-10:15	Co-chairs to present the content of the papers they prepared at the request of the OEWG3.	Judith Torres, David Morin
<i>Questions and answers</i>		
10:15	Opportunity for participants to ask questions and exchange views with the co-chairs.	All
10:30	Closing of briefing	

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING 2, 10:45-11:45**

*Enhancing the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020*

Hosted by *German Environment Agency*

**Background**

The technical briefing will present the findings, ideas and suggestions presented in a paper SAICM/IP.3/INF/4 on the future governance for the sound management of chemicals and waste. The paper is available to meeting participants as [information document INF4](#), is relevant to institutional arrangements.

The governance landscape in the chemicals and waste cluster is currently fragmented, despite some successful efforts to enhance synergies. Global progress towards the achievement of the 2020 chemicals goal is insufficient in view of increasing global trends in production and consumption of chemicals, as demonstrated by the Global Chemicals Outlook II which called to establish “an ambitious and comprehensive global framework for chemicals and waste beyond 2020”.

The intersessional process is mandated to develop recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and SMCW beyond 2020. The paper, commissioned by the German Environment Agency, builds on an earlier paper by the same authors that was discussed at OEWG3 in May 2019. It describes options for enhanced future governance for the sound management of chemicals and waste and possible steps towards such governance arrangements.

The technical briefing will present the paper's key findings and suggestions and provide opportunity for sharing perspectives and questions from participants.

**Main objectives**

- Briefing on the content of the paper;
- Providing an opportunity to share views, insights and perspectives on the contents of the paper;
- The Technical Briefing may serve as background for the thematic discussion on enhanced governance/institutional arrangements.

**Expected outcomes**

Increased shared understanding of the needs and opportunities for enhanced governance.

**Session agenda**

Time	Topic	Presenter
10:45	Welcome and introduction	Dr. Jutta Emig, BMU Germany
10:55	Enhancing the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 / Summary of the paper	Alf Wills, Summit Outcomes
11:10	Main points of discussion and conclusions from the UNITAR workshop	Oliver Wootton, UNITAR
11:20	Discussion	Oliver Wootton, UNITAR, Alf Wills, Summit Outcomes
11:45	Close	Dr. Minu Hemmati

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING 3, 12:00-13:30*****Outcomes of the Technical Expert Workshop on Indicators****Hosted by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom***Background**

In early September 2019 nearly 50 technical experts from 30 countries, covering all aspects of chemicals and waste, gathered in Cambridge, UK to discuss how the draft targets for the Beyond 2020 process could be measured. The discussion ranged from considering the data and indicators that already exist elsewhere to suggesting ways in which the targets as currently drafted might be made more easily measurable. This technical briefing will present the findings of this workshop and invite participants to discuss the implications of these findings for IP3. This will be an interactive session, with participants given time to challenge the workshop findings and to discuss the issues both in plenary and in smaller groups.

**Main objectives**

- To communicate, and invite challenge on, the main findings of the workshop and the major issues that united or divided the attendees;
- To promote discussion among the briefing participants on the implications of these findings for IP3 and beyond;
- To ask participants to consider how the process of developing indicators in parallel with the targets should be continued after IP3.

**Expected outcomes**

Briefing participants leave with an understanding of the key messages of the workshop and how these might be used as the Beyond 2020 targets continue to be discussed.

**Session agenda**

Time	Topic	Presenter
12:00pm	Introducing the workshop methods and presenting the key findings, including examples of the indicators discussed and what these infer about the draft targets, followed by Q&A.	Philip Bubb, UNEP-WCMC
12:50pm	UK Government conclusions and how they intend to use the workshop results.	Julia Sussams, United Kingdom
1:05pm	Group discussion on how the workshop results are relevant to IP3.	All
1:30pm	Close	

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING 4, 13:45-14:45**

*From science to policy – Addressing issues with emerging evidence, fostering collaboration across sectors, advancing green and sustainable chemistry*

*Hosted by UNEP and co-hosted by the Governments of Switzerland and Germany*

**Background**

The technical briefing will serve to present and discuss initial insights and ongoing work to respond to mandates received from OEWG3 and UNEA4 on topics considered relevant in the context of the intersessional process. OEWG3 invited UNEP to provide an assessment on linkages with other clusters related to chemicals and waste management and options to coordinate and cooperate on common areas of interest. Resolution 4/8, adopted at UNEA4, requested UNEP among others to prepare manuals on green and sustainable chemistry; a report on issues where emerging evidence indicates a risk to human health and the environment; and an assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level for the sound management of chemicals and waste. The generous financial support of the Government of Switzerland for the report on issues with emerging evidence of risk and the assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface, and of the Government of Germany for the manuals on green and sustainable chemistry and the assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface is gratefully acknowledged.

**Main objectives**

- Inform participants of the approach to be taken in preparing the report on issues where emerging evidence indicates a risk and the assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface;
- Explore initial insights from the assessment on linkages with other clusters and options to coordinate and cooperate on areas of common interest; and
- Exchange initial views on the draft concept note on the preparation of manuals on green and sustainable chemistry, including the proposed conceptual framework.

**Expected outcomes**

- Stakeholders' perspectives on linkages with other clusters and the manuals on green and sustainable chemistry are gathered and inform further work by UNEP; and
- Discussions in the context of the intersessional process are informed by the approach to be taken in responding to relevant mandates received from OEWG3 and UNEA4.

**Session agenda**

Time	Topic	Presenter
<i>Introduction and opening remarks</i>		
15 min	Welcome of participants and flow of briefing	Jacqueline Alvarez, UNEP
	Opening remarks: Government of Switzerland	Felix Wertli, FOEN, Switzerland
	Opening remarks: Government of Germany	Jutta Emig, BMU, Germany
<i>Matters with emerging evidence of risk and strengthening the science-policy interface</i>		
10 min	Ongoing work and approach to be taken	Jost Dittkrist, UNEP
	Q&A	All participants
<i>Linkages with other clusters and options to coordinate and cooperate</i>		
15 min	Initial insights from the report on linkages	Jacqueline Alvarez, UNEP



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## 3rd Meeting of the Intersessional Process considering the Strategic Approach and Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste beyond 2020



Bangkok, Thailand | 1-4 October 2019

	Stakeholder perspectives and Q&A	Participants
<i>Manuals on green and sustainable chemistry</i>		
15 min.	Proposed approach and conceptual framework	Jost Dittkrist, UNEP
	Stakeholder perspectives and Q&A	Participants
<i>Closing remarks and next steps</i>		
5 min	Closing remarks and next steps	Jacqueline Alvarez, UNEP



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**TECHNICAL BRIEFING 5, 18:30-13:45*****Knowledge management and information sharing for the sound management of industrial chemicals***

*Hosted by The International Council of Chemicals Associations (ICCA) and UNEP*

**Background**

SAICM's Overarching Policy Strategy recognizes that knowledge, information and public awareness are the foundations of sound decision-making, on the management of chemicals and products containing chemicals. However, the Policy Strategy also underlines that there is a lack of clear, timely and appropriate information easily accessible to local populations about the health and safety effects of chemicals. It is for this reason, that knowledge and information sharing are critical components of the SAICM 2020 goal.

A collaborative analysis recently published by UNEP and the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) aims to provide a comprehensive inventory of the publicly available databases on industrial chemicals in commerce. The study provides a thorough review and analysis of the existing databases on Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) information that are available to the public. In addition, the study discusses the scope, strengths, and limitations of each database.

**Main objectives**

To introduce the Study and its contribution to the SAICM objective on knowledge and information sharing. Participants are invited to present their views on how to improve the current database portals in order to support the SAICM objectives.

**Expected outcomes**

A dialogue among stakeholders takes place on the significance of a global data repository available to the public on chemicals and the role of this report as one of the first steps in analysing the strengths of the existing platforms on chemical information and identifying the multiple gaps in several areas.

**Session agenda**

Time	Topic	Presenter
18:30-18:40	Introduction and welcome	Servet Goren, ICCA, UNEP
18:40-19:20	Presenting the findings of the Study Knowledge Management and Information Sharing for the <u>Sound Management of Industrial Chemicals</u>	Dr. Gregory Bond
19:20-19:45	Discussion and Q&A with the participants	Servet Goren, ICCA