

## CREPD Post-OEWG3 Submission

CREPD is delighted to make herein, its contribution in response to the invitation to SAICM stakeholders by the Secretariat echoing a request made by SAICM stakeholders at OEWG3, to provide inputs on some key elements in the draft Co-Chairs' paper (SAICM/OEWG.3/4) and contribution on means of SAICM implementation in preparation for the next meeting of the intersessional process. These elements are:

- For follow-up by the co-chairs of the intersessional process, please share your inputs on other mechanisms to support implementation; additional measures to achieve multisectoral engagement; issues of concern; and 'Principles and Approaches' as set out in document (SAICM/OEWG3.3/4).
- For follow-up by the SAICM secretariat, please share your inputs on examples of successful mechanisms for cost recovery and implementation of the polluters pay principle.

### Concerning "*other mechanisms to support implementation*"

We propose the following additional considerations under some points in SAICM/OEWG3.3/4:

- Appropriate and effective mechanisms for taking stock of progress  
Each country could first be requested to establish or develop its national situation of reference concerning the sound management of chemicals and waste;  
Then a periodic (every 03 years) national reporting, prepared by the National SAICM Coordination Committee (established by a decision of the Head of Government or the relevant Minister) made up by the representatives of all relevant sectors and stakeholders including NGOs, academia, research institutes and Industry;  
SAICM 2.0 could request the establishment of such a committee in all countries.
- Mechanisms for capacity-building  
Capacity building needs for developing country should be country driven resulting from the evaluation of the national SAICM coordination committee;  
Workshops should not be the systematic mechanism through which IGOs and other stakeholders conduct capacity building in developing countries. Efforts should be made to implement capacity building through a "learning by doing approach" apply to specific situation and context.
- A mechanism to update the instrument over time  
A mechanism to update (or amend?) the future SAICM should be built on mechanisms existing under other MEAs, but that feed to the specific nature of SAICM. Government or group of countries should be given the lead to propose updates to the consideration of the governing body of the future SAICM.
- Mechanisms for collaboration and multi-sectoral/multi-stakeholder engagement

First of all, a predictable and sustainable financial mechanism for the sound chemicals and waste management is key to provide the path to collaboration and engagement by all actors;  
The setting up of National SAICM Coordination Committee is a royal way, at least for developing countries, to guarantee collaborations, sectors and stakeholders' engagement at national levels;  
At international levels, IGOs involvement including taking the lead on EPIs and issues of concerns can ensure collaboration; efficiency and vehicle to engage more stakeholders working in the areas of expertise of those IGOs;  
A good mechanism for information exchanges on work under SAICM focal areas, EPIs and issues of concerns.

*Concerning the inputs on examples of successful mechanisms for cost recovery and implementation of the polluters pay principle.*

CREPD suggests the followings:

1. The full implementation of the integrate approach to financing the sound management of chemicals, including instruments to fix the current market failure that allows chemicals industry to externalize the costs to manage their products and resulting wastes;
2. The establishment of an International Fund for the sound management of chemicals in line with the joint CRP submitted by GRULAC and the African Region at the SAICM OEWG3;
3. Apply the levy of 0.01% on the annual turnover of about 5 trillions USD of the chemicals industry as suggested by IPEN.

***Learn from the SAICM independant evaluation report***

CREPD believes that it is important to build on the recommendations of the SAICM independant report related to the elements above and others.

Thank you for considering our inputs

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