

REPORT OF THE CO-FACILITATORS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE INFORMAL DIALOGUE
IP 4.2, February 28-March 3
Nairobi, Kenya

The “Informal Dialogue,” a subsidiary group to the Friends of the IP Co-Chairs, met on Monday, February 27, and on Thursday, March 2, to initiate informal work on the substantive content of the potential recommendations from the Intersessional Process (IP) for adoption by the Fifth Session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5) that are outside the text of the new instrument. The work of the Informal Dialogue is intended to initiate, but not finalize, discussion and make progress on such potential recommendations in preparation for the limited available time at ICCM-5.

The Informal Dialogue was open to participation by all stakeholders. The Informal Dialogue began its work by compiling a list of potential elements to be addressed by ICCM resolution text. At the end of the first session, there was broad agreement on a number of elements that could form the substantive basis for draft resolution text for the Beyond 2020 Intersessional Process to recommend to the ICCM. Those elements included:

- adoption of the new instrument,
- the name of the new instrument,
- status (continuation, replacement, sunset, conclusion, etc.) of SAICM, the OPS, the GPA, and the OOG going forward
- continued work on existing EPIs and IoCs
- development of indicators, including possibility of early action on some
- potential action/relationship with UNGA and other UN bodies
- rules of procedure

The informal dialogue had a preliminary discussion on short, concise potential draft resolution text put together by the co-facilitators on the above list of elements, but it was evident that without a finalized consolidated text for the new instrument and an agreed understanding of the needed procedural aspects for a transition to the new instrument, it was too early to move forward with negotiation of draft text. It was also evident in both meetings of the informal dialogue that there will be significant interest in the development and details of draft resolution text and appropriate time will need to be allocated.

Additional Elements for Consideration by the ICCM

In addition, there was a limited number of potential elements put forward by stakeholders, either within the context of the Informal Dialogue at its Monday meeting, through Conference Room Papers, or from thematic groups, for which broad agreement has not yet been expressed or reached regarding inclusion in the instrument or in an ICCM resolution. Therefore, further consideration will need to be given to such elements. Those elements included:

- The formation of a Global Alliance to promote a global phase out of Highly Hazardous Pesticides and the adoption of safer and more sustainable alternatives, as a voluntary

multi-stakeholder initiative under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO);

- The development of an International Code of Conduct on Chemicals and Waste Management under the auspices of the relevant IOMC organizations with support and engagement with governments, the private sector, and civil society.
- Encouragement for efforts on the sound management of chemicals and waste to help scale up local action to implement the new instrument and safeguard human health and the environment.
- Consideration of the development of a private sector outreach strategy designed to engage all stakeholders involved in the life cycle of chemicals.

Name of the Future Instrument

The group also discussed the name for the new instrument. There was no outcome on what the name of the future instrument would be; however, there was general agreement that the name should clearly reflect the scope of the new instrument in an understandable way.

Taking into account the options proposed in SAICM/IP.4/8/Rev.1, there was some general support for calling the new text a “framework,” with some preferring the term “instrument.” There was no support for including UN (United Nations) in the name and there was overwhelming support to not include a tagline to the name. Further work will need to be done in advance for ICCM-5.

Respectfully submitted,
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