

**Ninth Teleconference of the Bureau of the
International Conference on Chemicals Management for its fifth session**
21 July 2021 from 14:00 – 16:30 CET

Draft Decision 3: Programme of Work and Budget for the period 2021 - 2023

Note by the Secretariat

1. In November 2020, the ICCM adopted the decision on adoption of procedural decisions on organizational, administrative and budgetary matters during the COVID-19 pandemic via a silent procedure when the ICCM is not in session.
2. In this decision, it was decided that ICCM may take a limited number of procedural decisions on organizational, administrative and budgetary matters via a silent procedure in order to ensure the continuation of the mandated activities of ICCM and its Secretariat until ICCM convenes again.
3. At its Fifteenth meeting held in March 2021, the Bureau agreed that the Secretariat develops a draft Programme of Work and Budget for the period 2021 - 2023 (SAICM/ICCM.5/Bureau.TC.7/Report).
4. At the Sixteenth Bureau meeting held in May 2021, the Secretariat presented the first draft of the Programme of Work and Budget for the period 2021 – 2023 and the document SAICM/ICCM.5/Bureau.TC.8/6 was subsequently circulated for review.
5. The Annex to this current document presents the draft procedural decision that would accompany the Programme of Work and Budget for the period 2021 – 2023 as presented in document SAICM/ICCM.5/Bureau.TC.9/4 for consideration by the Bureau.

The International Conference on Chemicals Management,

Taking note of the report on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat from July 2015 to December 2020, as well as activities undertaken against the functions set out in resolutions of the Conference on the Quick Start Programme and emerging policy issues.

Also taking note of the expenditure report against the approved 2020 – 2021 budget that was approved by the silent procedure and reflects expenditures from the period 2020 to June 2021.

Recognizing the voluntary contributions from donors in support of the work of the Strategic Approach,

Welcoming with appreciation the Secretariat's work on the presentation of the Programme of the Work and Budget for the period 2021 – 2023,

Having considered the proposed Programme of Work and Budget for the period 2021 – 2023, subject to the availability of resources,

Recalls that ICCM through the silent procedure approved a budget for 2021, subject to the availability of resources.

Decides as follows:

1. To approve the Programme of Work and Budget for the period 2021 – 2023, as set out in the Annex to this draft decision, to be taken note of by the fifth session of the International Conference of Chemicals Management;
2. Invites the Global Environment Facility, in line with resolution IV/1, to continue to support projects that implement the Strategic Approach, taking into account the areas identified in the overall orientation and guidance, and to consider enhancing funding for the Strategic Approach;
3. Further invites the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and relevant conventions and countries, in line with resolution IV/1, to enhance support to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to achieve the 2020 goal and to continue close and coordinated cooperation between IOMC participating organizations regarding activities to implement SAICM.
4. Encourages stakeholders to make further voluntary contributions to support the work of the Strategic Approach;
5. Requests the Secretariat to report to the Conference on its activities, staffing and budget at its fifth session.