

Canada: Submission on the on essential elements for a possible ICCM5 High-level Declaration (HLD) on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

- What would you consider the most important aspects and key messages for strengthening the sound management of chemicals and waste and political commitment for a just and resilient world that require anchoring in an HLD?
 - Sound management of chemicals and waste is an integral component of achieving many, if not all, of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. In particular, in line with the SDGs and Agenda 2030, it is essential to make the link between environmental and human health in an integrated fashion in reference to sustainable development.
- What should the scope, key elements and messages of the ICCM5 HLD cover? Considering, *inter alia*:
 - The current context (COVID-19, economic recovery interventions, and the need to make significant progress on SMCW).
 - Recognizing environmental health and worker safety is critical to a healthy and resilient population, natural world and economy and one cannot achieve these goals without SMCW.
 - Re-commit and update para 9 of Dubai Declaration as appropriate:
 - “a spirit of solidarity and partnership to achieving chemical safety and thereby assisting in fighting poverty, protecting vulnerable groups and advancing public health and human security”; (particularly in light of covid-19 and the importance of SMCW to all these cases.)
 - Achieving sound management of chemicals and waste globally will mean strengthening domestic implementation in all countries, enhancing global readiness to address emerging issues and encouraging greener production/growth through innovation. This will require the engagement of multiple sectors and stakeholders.
 - Recognizing that scope of the new framework encompasses the environmental, health, labour, agricultural, economic, and social aspects of managing chemicals and waste and that collaborative involvement of all relevant sectors and stakeholders is critical.
 - Awareness and action is needed throughout the supply chain and society in general – designers, manufacturers, distributors, consumers, regulators, workers (including but not limited to health sector workers), educators, finance sector, political leaders etc.
 - The cross-border trade of chemical-intensive products as well as the increasing complexity of global supply chains creates challenges in regulating chemicals domestically. There is a need for increased collaboration with industry through new and existing mechanisms in order to increase supply-chain transparency and the safe and effective management of chemicals.
 - A strong commitment for countries to enhance action to implement relevant agreements to which they are party, while ensuring that HLD language respects other authorities and doesn't modify any rights and obligations under these other agreements or international treaties.
 - Strong commitment to the beyond 2020 framework (as agreed to at ICCM5).
 - Statement on the need for capacity building.
 - Recognition of the importance of the integrated approach to financing and ensuring financing mechanisms are accessible to relevant sectors and stakeholders.
 - Given the projection in growth for chemicals globally and changing trends in production, the chemicals industry's leadership, commitment and partnership within SAICM are essential to achieving the global sound management of chemicals and waste.

- Be aligned with/take into account other environment/health declarations/processes – either recent or in progress (e.g. post-2020 biodiversity framework, WHO strategy on Environment, Climate Change and Health).
- The enhanced contribution of the SMCW to implement the 2030 Agenda and address present and future needs.
 - As noted above, the Sound management of chemicals and waste is an integral component of achieving many, if not all, of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.
- Progress in efforts undertaken to date, and critical gaps to be addressed.
 - Recognition that progress against 2020 target has been too slow and that more needs to be done.
- How should the ICCM5 HLD be structured, including participation, responsibilities, and processes to address current challenges?
 - Should be as short as possible, high level
 - Should briefly acknowledge successes to date, recognize where we are now, and most importantly be forward-looking (identify where we need to go from here).
 - Recognition and endorsement by all relevant sectors and stakeholder groups within their appropriate bodies, to the extent possible.