

## **IPEN Intervention on Governance and Institutional Arrangements**

Dear Madame co-chair, Distinguished Delegates. I make this statement on behalf of IPEN.

IPEN believes that the SAICM is key to advancing the sound management of chemicals and waste considering human health and the environment.

We have achieved some success since the adoption of SAICM in 2006 but we have a long way to go considering the pressing challenges of chemicals and waste the world is facing. Particularly in addressing emerging policy issues and other issues of concern already identified more work needs to be done.

In this context the negotiations for the proposed instrument should consider the following issues:

- SAICM should strengthen its open, inclusive, participatory and transparent structure which should be multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder;
- Reporting back and stocktaking of the progress on national implementation plans is very critical to measure the progress of implementation and national plans and should be made public for all stakeholders to review; Including a universal periodic review method for reporting;
- Issues of concern agreed by the International Conference on Chemicals Management should be carried forward into the new instrument.
- The science-to-policy panel should be a tool to raise awareness about the existing scientific knowledge and allow it to take action on emerging issues and issues of concern that were already agreed upon in SAICM;

- The Science-to-policy panel should also have inclusive participation, allow the consideration of different forms of knowledge including from indigenous peoples and take into account gender-specific dimensions.
- Finally, we should not allow the Science-to-policy panel to be a tool for delaying the need for action on chemicals through corporate capture.

We look forward to engaging in these discussions these weeks

Thank you, Madame chair.