



# STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT



The Strategic Approach and Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste - Beyond 2020

SAICM Regional Meetings Toward the Fourth Intersessional Process (IP4)

## Agenda Item 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

Opening remarks by H.E. Muawieh Khalid Radaideh, Minister of Environment of Jordan

Opening remarks by H.E. Mohammed Khashashneh, Jordan

Opening remarks by Mr. Ved Prakash Mishra (on behalf of Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau member)

Opening remarks by Mr. Mohsen Naziri (Regional Focal Point for Asia-Pacific)

Opening remarks by Ms. Judith Torres and Ms. Kay Williams, IP Co-Chairs

Opening remarks by Ms. Nalini Sharma, SAICM Coordinator, SAICM Secretariat

Opening remarks by Ms. Anita Breyer, ICCM5 President (online)

## Agenda Item 2: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### Meeting documents:

SAICM/RM/AP.6/1: Provisional agenda

SAICM/RM/AP.6/1/Add.1: Annotated provisional agenda

### Objectives of meeting:

1. Undertake strategic discussions to prepare for the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, including on:
  - a. the outcomes of the Virtual Working Groups held between October 2020 – February 2021;
  - b. IP3 outcome text not considered during the Virtual Working Groups on vision, scope, principles and approaches, and strategic objectives.
2. Facilitate the exchange of regional information and knowledge, reviewing progress towards the current SAICM objectives.



## **Agenda Item 3: UPDATE FROM THE BRS AND MINAMATA CONVENTIONS AND IOMC**

- a. **Presentation by the BRS Convention Secretariat (Mr. David Ogden - online)**
- b. **Presentation by the Minamata Convention Secretariat (Ms. Claudia ten Have – online)**
- c. **Presentation by the IOMC (Ms. Gabriela Eigenmann, UNIDO – online)**
- c. **Presentation by the UNEP Regional Office (Mr. Mushtaq Memon - online)**

## Agenda Item 4: SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR IP4

### Meeting documents:

SAICM/RM/AP.6/2: Road map leading to IP4 and ICCM5

SAICM/RM/AP.6/3: Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

SAICM/RM/AP.6/4: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 1 on targets, indicators and milestones

SAICM/RM/AP.6/5: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 2 on governance and mechanisms to support implementation

SAICM/RM/AP.6/6: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 3 on issues of concern

SAICM/RM/AP.6/7: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 4 on financial considerations

SAICM/RM/AP.6/INF.1 Table comparing the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy, SAICM/IP.4/2

“Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020” and the outcomes of the Virtual Working Groups




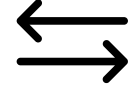





## Agenda Item 4: SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR IP4 (*cont'd*)

- a. **Agenda item 4(a) SAICM roadmap towards IP4 and ICCM5** – presentation by IP Co-Chair
- b. **Agenda item 4(b) Compilation of recommendations – vision, scope, principles and approaches and strategic objectives** – presentation by IP Co-Chair
- c. **Agenda item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations and outcomes of the VWGs** – presentation by the respective VWG co-facilitators



An **Independent Evaluation of SAICM** over the 2006 to 2015 period (SAICM/IP3/INF/3) noted SAICM has made progress but highlighted the following weaknesses:

- Government and stakeholder engagement needed strengthening incl. national focal points being able to fulfill their roles. 
- Greater integration needed across sectors, esp. health, agriculture, finance and industry. 
- Lack of involvement of academia, scientific bodies and industry. 
- Formal collaboration between the SAICM and MEA Secretariats lacking. 
- EPI workplans and outcomes limited in their ambition and scope. 
- Lack of monitoring progress of indicators. 
- **“A chronic shortage of funds,”** constrained SAICM Secretariat from delivering on its mandate. 



## SAICM Independent Evaluation of SAICM (cont'd)

Among lessons learned the evaluation highlights:

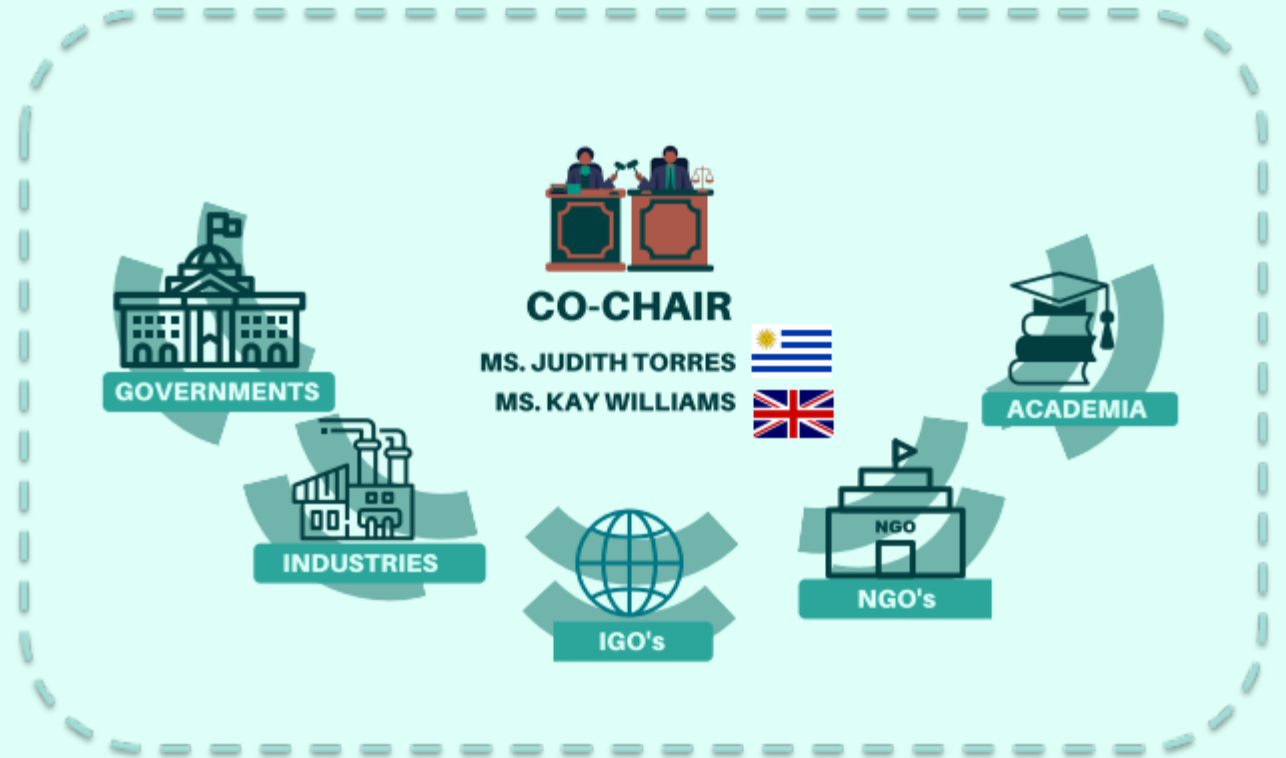
- coordination within government and stakeholder engagement and collaboration;
- the need to ensure that national focal points are able to fulfill their roles and engage with all stakeholders;
- integration across sectors, including health, agriculture, finance and industry; and
- participation of non-government actors in the SAICM process, allowing for their perspectives and priorities to be heard and considered.



## Mandate

Prepare recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and sound management of management of chemicals and waste.

## INTERSESSIONAL PROCESS CONSIDERING SAICM AND THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE BEYOND 2020



## Intersessional Process - timeline



## Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 AND ICCM5

### Timeline





## Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 & ICCM5: Preparations for IP4

Document symbol	Document name
SAICM/IP.4/1	Provisional agenda
SAICM/IP.4/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
SAICM/IP.4/2	Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (to be updated with current information)
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.1	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group 1 on Targets, Indicators and Milestones
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.2	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group 2 on Governance and Mechanisms to Support Implementation
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.3	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group on Issues of Concern
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.4	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations
SAICM/IP.4/3	Proposals for the name of the beyond 2020 instrument
SAICM/IP.4/INF.1	Scenario note (to be developed)
SAICM/IP.4/INF.2	Comparison table of the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy, SAICM/IP.4/2 "Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020", and the outcomes of the Virtual Working Groups
Other information documents to be determined	

## Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 & ICCM5: Expected Outcomes of IP4

### IP4 considers

- (i) Outcomes of IP3 and the VWGs as agreed by the Bureau;
- (ii) Any other issues or gaps identified in the compilation of recommendations (IP.4/2) and the comparison document (IP.4/INF.2).
- (iii) Continuation of the ICCM4 mandate, if necessary.

**IP4 expected to produce one single document for negotiations at ICCM5**



## Agenda Item 4(b) Compilation of recommendations: text not considered by VWGs

### MAIN GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Governments, international organisations, industry and the private sector, civil society, the scientific and academic community and all other relevant stakeholders should intensify and prioritise efforts on the sound management of chemicals and waste, towards the achievement of target 12.4 of the 2030 Agenda and thereby contribute also to numerous other SDGs.
2. Urgent and resolute action at all levels needed to implement the 2030 Agenda in relation to the sound management of chemicals and waste, including through an improved enabling framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste in the long term, as emphasized by the UN Environment Assembly. Such an improved framework should particularly address lifecycle approaches and the chemicals-product-waste interface; as well as materials, such as plastics, and the minimisation and where feasible prevention of hazardous substances in material cycles.



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### MAIN GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS (*cont'd*)

2. Urgent and resolute action at all levels needed to implement the 2030 Agenda in relation to the sound management of chemicals and waste, including through an improved enabling framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste in the long term, as emphasized by the UN Environment Assembly. Such an improved framework should particularly address lifecycle approaches and the chemicals-product-waste interface; as well as materials, such as plastics, and the minimisation and where feasible prevention of hazardous substances in material cycles.



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### VISION

[Strengthening the sound management of chemicals and waste in the long term requires a] [the] vision shared by all stakeholders:

(i) To protect human health and the environment from the [harmful] [adverse] effects of chemicals and [their] [associated] waste, [towards] [to enable] [promote] [for] [to ensure] healthy lives and a sustainable, safe planet for all.

ALT (i) Healthy lives and a sustainable, safe planet for all by protecting human health and the environment from the [harmful] [adverse] effects of chemicals and [their] waste.

**Note: These brackets apply to considerations regarding 'waste' across the entire paper. Policy guidance is required from SAICM stakeholders.**





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### SCOPE

The scope encompasses [the environmental, economic, social, health, agricultural and labour [all] aspects of managing chemicals and [their] [all] waste[s], in order to enhance sustainable development [and [non toxic] circularity [environmental integrity] [and the protection of human rights] [and resource efficiency]]. The instrument takes due account of the instruments and processes that have been developed to date and is flexible enough to take account of new ones without duplicating efforts.

The involvement of all relevant sectors and stakeholders across the life cycle at the local, national, regional and global levels is critical to the sound management of chemicals and waste. Stakeholders include [but are not limited to] Governments, regional economic integration organizations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, industries, businesses, the financial sector, development banks, academia, workers, retailers and individuals. Sectors are understood to include, but not be limited to, agriculture, environment, health, education, finance, development, construction and labour.



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## **PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES**

List of global principles, approaches and agreements. Stakeholders should also be guided by any relevant regional principles, approaches and agreements that are applicable to their specific region or a specific issue.

Appendix II: Additional suggestions received in response to the call for input made following OEWG3



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### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

**A:** [Measures are identified, implemented and enforced in order to prevent or, where not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste]

**B:** Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions;

**C:** Issues of concern [that warrant [global] [and] [joint] action] are identified, prioritized and addressed;

**D:** Benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and risks are prevented or, where not feasible, minimized through safer alternatives, innovative and sustainable solutions and forward thinking;

**E:** [The importance of the sound management of chemicals and waste as an essential element to achieving sustainable development is recognized by all]; adequate financial and non-financial resources are [identified and] mobilized; actions are accelerated; and necessary [transparent and accountable] partnerships are established to foster cooperation among stakeholders].



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### **OUTCOMES OF THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

*A. Prevent and minimize harm from chemicals and waste through strong national, regional and global capacities, systems and policies*

*B. increase knowledge, data and information to enable informed decision making*

*C. Address gaps through global action*

*D. Maximize the benefits of innovation in chemicals and waste including their management to advance the circular economy*

*E. Enhance implementation through incorporating best practice in partnership and co-operation*



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## **INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- A. International Conference [on Chemicals Management]
- B. Bureau of the international conference;
- C. Secretariat

## **Agenda Item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations and outcomes of the VWGs**

- A. Virtual Working Group 1: Targets, indicators and milestones
- B. Virtual Working Group 2: Governance and mechanisms to support implementation
- C. Virtual Working Group 3: Issues of Concern
- D. Virtual Working Group 4: Financial Considerations



## Agenda Item 5: LOGISTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR IP4

- IP4 is scheduled to take place from 29 August to 2 September 2022 in Bucharest, Romania
- Regional and stakeholder consultations are also scheduled to take place the weekend before IP4 from 27 to 28 August 2022
- IP4 will be held in face-to-face mode
- Venue of the meeting: ROMEXPO, 65-67 Marasti Blvd., District 1, Bucharest – Romania ([www.romexpo.ro](http://www.romexpo.ro))





## **Agenda Item 6: EXCHANGE OF REGIONAL INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE, REVIEWING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE CURRENT SAICM OBJECTIVES**



## **Agenda Item 7: OTHER MATTERS**

## **Agenda Item 8: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**



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