



VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE AND MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION

REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

TOPICS: NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION; SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION; AND ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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Mandate: Make proposals that progress work in lead-up to IP4.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2020

Using the compilation text of recommendations from the outcome of IP3 regarding SAICM (SAICM/IP.4/2), which can be found in the documents section of the website related to this Virtual Working Group at <http://www.saicm.org/Beyond2020/IntersessionalProcess/VirtualWorkingGroups/tabid/8563/language/en-US/Default.aspx>, the co-facilitators request electronic input on the relevant sections, identified paragraphs, proposals, or questions related to the existing text as noted below on the following sections:

- (B) National Implementation (please see page 2);
- (C) Sub-regional, Regional, and International cooperation and Coordination (please see page 3); and
- (D) Enhanced Sectoral and Stakeholder Engagement (please see pages 4 and 5).

In your electronic input, please identify clearly to which paragraph your comments belong. If you would prefer, you are welcome to insert your answers or views below each item upon which you wish to provide your input.

As agreed by the Bureau, relevant documents for this Virtual Working Group may include:

[SAICM/IP.4/2](#) 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/IP.4/INF/4](#) Promoting multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral participation – Summary of known obstacles and possible incentives

[SAICM/IP.4/INF/5](#) Stakeholder input on contributions to achieve enhanced sectoral and stakeholder engagement for beyond 2020

[SAICM/IP.4/INF/6/Rev.1](#) Stakeholder workshop on strengthening governance for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020: Summary Document

[SAICM/IP.3/5/Corr.1](#) Other mechanism to support implementation prepared by the co-chairs of the intersessional process – corrigendum

[SAICM/IP.3/INF/4](#) Submission from the German Environment Agency – Enhancing the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Submission from the following organizations and stakeholders:

Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)
Pesticide Action Network (PAN International)
groundWork South Africa
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
Toxisphera

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B. NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION (Page 8, Section VI.B)

Paragraph 1. *Comments not requested (no existing brackets)*

Add to paragraph VI. B.1.: [National action plans should be aimed at achieving the targets and indicators for the Strategic Objectives and IoCs.]

Paragraph 2. *Based on the first sentence of the compilation text, please explain in no more than two sentences your organization's view on the government focal point(s) and the primary role of the focal point(s). The first sentence reads as follows:*

To facilitate communication, nationally and internationally, each Government should designate a political and a technical national focal point to communicate on the SAICM matters and develop a network at the national level of coordinators that represent the multi-stakeholder and multisectoral nature of [SAICM] [the instrument to communicate on the sound management of chemicals and waste matters].

Paragraph 3. *It has been noted that the parenthetical should include the environmental sector. Given the environmental nature of this instrument, the co-facilitators intend to remove the brackets in the parenthesis in further iterations of this section.*

Paragraph 4. *There is no existing text on "reporting back on national plans." Therefore, the co-facilitators, noting that there is no requirement for any stakeholder to have a national plan, propose and request views on the following text for the consideration of this Virtual Working Group on Nov. 19th:*

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All governments in cooperation with all other stakeholders shall develop and implement a national plan of action or program of implementation and report back on progress made to the International Conference on Chemicals Management.¹

(i) Each country should periodically report back to the secretariat on the steps it has taken to meet the targets and indicators for the Strategic Objectives and IoCs. This plan is submitted to the Secretariat and is open to access to all.
(ii) A multi-stakeholder periodic review group (panel) is set up to prepare an outcome report in cooperation with the secretariat that summarizes the discussion of the national report on country implementation including responses from the country under review along with recommendations for implementation.

(iii) States are grouped and reviewed according to reporting cycles. Every third year, each state is evaluated by a multi-stakeholder periodic review group for its progress in fulfilling the National Implementation Plan. Recommendations are formulated for the next three-year cycle of work.

Paragraph 5. *Paragraph 5 is currently in brackets. Based on the progress of the Virtual Working Group on Targets and Indicators and the importance placed on the implementation of the targets at IP-3, the co-facilitators recommend the removal of the brackets on this paragraph.*

[5. All stakeholders should undertake actions accompanied by adequate support for eligible stakeholders to ensure progress on implementation of targets at the national and subnational level.]³

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² Adequate support can mean both technical and financial.

C. [INTERNATIONAL,] REGIONAL AND [SUBREGIONAL] SECTORAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION (Page 9, Section VI.C)

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 contain a very limited set of brackets with respect the levels of geographic engagement. Based on the understanding that the engagement of all stakeholders, regardless of their geographic level, has been highlighted as important throughout the IP process, the co-facilitators propose that the text reflect all of the geographic levels proposed by removing the limited brackets in paragraphs 1-4 and correcting the punctuation in further iterations of this section.

Paragraph 1. regions [and] subregions [and countries]

Proposed by co-facilitators: regions, subregions, and countries

Paragraph 2. [International,]

Proposed by co-facilitators: International, subregional

Paragraph 3. [International and]

Proposed by co-facilitators: International, subregional, and

Paragraph 4. Regions and subregions [and countries]

Proposed by co-facilitators: Regions, subregions, and countries

Paragraph 5. *Comments not requested (no existing brackets)*

Commented [Ga4]: AGREED: We agree to the proposition made by co-facilitators, to reflect all of the geographic levels. BUT we see that "interregional" and "subregional" is not considered in all 1,2,3 and 4. There for we kindly ask to make the additions as indicated.

**D. ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
(Pages 10-11, Section VI.D)**

This section was considered extensively at IP-3. Views are requested only on the existing language in the remaining brackets.

Paragraph 1. [and commitment] The involvement and commitment of all relevant sectors and all relevant stakeholders – including social and environmental organisations, women, youth, workers and indigenous groups – at the local, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste.

Paragraph 2. At the national level, governments, as appropriate, should undertake, in accordance with their laws, regulations and policies, [taking into account their national circumstances,] actions to build or improve regulatory and non-regulatory frameworks and institutional structures and capacities for multi-sectoral coherence for the sound management of chemicals and wastes in the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument, as well as promote complementary action by relevant stakeholders.

Paragraph 3. conventions,

Paragraph 4. It is also essential that at the international level, relevant international organizations and bodies, in particular the IOMC organizations and the chemicals and waste-related conventions, also support national, regional, and sub-regional efforts to enable and enhance the participation of stakeholders and sectors and to promote awareness regarding the crosscutting nature of the sound management of chemicals and waste as an essential element to achieve the sustainable development goals.

Paragraph 5. In addition, mindful of the need to avoid duplication and taking into account their respective mandates, relevant international organizations and bodies are invited to endorse and adopt the beyond 2020 instrument and strengthen their own engagement on and ownership of policies and actions for the sound management of chemicals and waste through establishing a mechanism to coordinate activities and further include them in their programmes of work and budgets, relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its sustainable development goals and targets.

Paragraph 6. the sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle and waste,

Paragraph 7. throughout the value chain of chemicals and waste,

Paragraphs 8-10. *Comments not requested (no existing brackets)*

Paragraph 11. *The second half of the sentence contains a single bracket related to the assessment of the levels of achievement [resulted in progress]. The co-facilitators recommend the removal of the brackets on this paragraph.*

Paragraph 12. All efforts to enhance sectoral and stakeholder engagement should be expected to lead to strengthened cooperation and coordination with respect to the sound management of chemicals and waste, following a common and shared and timeless vision to be adopted by ICCM-5, and formally recognized by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), other relevant international bodies such as the governing bodies of the IOMC members, and relevant MEAs.

Paragraph 13. *Paragraph 13 is currently in brackets. Based on the discussion at IP-3 and the importance placed on the existing role of the IOMC Organizations, the co-facilitators recommend the removal of the brackets on this paragraph.*

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