



VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON TARGETS, INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

THIRD REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

Group Mandate: make proposals that progress work on this topic in lead-up to IP4, building on the outcome of the Technical Working Group as presented in meeting documents SAICM/IP.4/3 and SAICM/IP.4/INF/15. Specific tasks include:

- (i) Finalize the targets proposal currently set out in SAICM/IP.4/3, with a view to enable multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral commitment and action, where appropriate;
- (ii) Develop a set of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones for finalized targets.

Instructions for providing electronic feedback:

Please provide electronic feedback on:

Part (i) General comments and proposed text edits to existing text on targets under **Strategic Objective C**.

Part (ii) General comments on **co-facilitators proposal for a process to establish indicators and milestones**.

Please refer the following meeting documents for more detailed information on each target:

- [SAICM/IP.4/3](#) - Proposed targets prepared by the Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
- [SAICM/IP.4/INF/15](#) - Supplementary information on proposed targets prepared by the **Technical Working Group** on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Please submit your feedback, if possible in a **microsoft word file** to the SAICM Secretariat at saicm.chemicals@un.org, with a copy to delfina.cuglievan@un.org by **21 December 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)
Pesticide Action Network (PAN)
groundWork South Africa
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
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PART (i) Provide *a)* general comments and *b)* proposed text edits on existing text for targets under **Strategic Objective C**

**please try to insert comments in revisions mode below*

Strategic Objective C: Issues of concern ~~that warrant [global][and][joint] action~~ are identified, prioritized and addressed.

Considerations: Intended to cover the need to effectively identify, select and address issues of concern that warrant ~~global~~ **joint** action. The intention is to cover topics similar in nature to those covered by the Strategic Approach, emerging policy issues and other issues of concern, as well as topics such as managing specific chemicals, the burden of disease and financing. There ~~may be~~ **is** a need to develop and identify the criteria for issues of concern.

(extracted from SAICM/IP.4/3)

Target C.1: Programmes of work including timelines are established, adopted and implemented for identified issues of concern. (original)

Target ALT. C1: As an ongoing process, stakeholders nominate, and the international conference adopts issues of concern with specific goals. (extracted from SAICM/IP.4/3)

Target Bis. C1: As an ongoing process, stakeholders nominate, and the international conference decides on issues of concern, with programmes of work, with outcome-specific targets,

indicators, and milestones, including timelines, to be implemented by governments and all other stakeholders, and reported and independently evaluated on a regular basis.

Target C.2: Information on the properties and risk management of chemicals across the supply chain and the chemical contents of products is available to all to enable informed decisions. (original)

~~Target ALT. C2: As an ongoing process, stakeholders implement workplans for adopted issues of concern and report on progress achieving their goals, such that the use of sustainable solutions is maximized and significant negative impacts on human health and the environment are prevented or minimized. (extracted from SAICM/IP.4/3)~~

PART (ii) General comments on co-facilitators proposal for a process to establish indicators and milestones

We have concerns about how the targets, indicators and milestones are currently formulated. The majority of the now proposed targets, indicators and milestones are process-based rather than outcome-based. In particular for the Strategic Objectives A and B with respect to the existing IoCs, they should be specific, with outcome-based and time-bound targets, indicators and milestones, focusing on implementation and concrete risk reduction activities. Regular independent monitoring and evaluation should be mandatory.

It is not clear to us if the specific outcome-based and time-bound targets, indicators and milestones for the IoCs will be formulated separately by VWG3, or if VWG1 is responsible for this.

Specific outcome-based and time-bound targets, indicators and milestones for the IoCs should be developed before ICCM5 so that they can be negotiated and adopted then. Any new IoC that is added by ICCM6 or successive ICCMs should be accompanied with a workplan that includes specific outcome-based and time-bound targets, indicators and milestones for the IoC in question.