

## MESSAGE TO STAKEHOLDERS

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**Subject: Recent updates on SAICM**

Dear SAICM stakeholders,

We hope that you, your families and loved ones are safe and healthy. We would like to connect with you on a number of important updates relating to SAICM.

### **IP4, Bucharest, Romania – postponed until further notice**

Please accept this kind reminder that after careful consideration, in consultation with the ICCM5 President and Bureau, IP Co-Chairs and host country Romania, the IP4 meeting has been postponed until further notice due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainties.

We sincerely appreciate the patience and understanding of all delegates under these exceptional circumstances. SAICM, in further consultation with the ICCM5 Bureau and IP Co-Chairs, will provide updates on any further developments on rescheduling.

In the meantime, please note that all available documents for IP4 have been published for your review and consideration via the below link:

<http://saicm.org/Beyond2020/IntersessionalProcess/FourthIntersessionalmeeting/tabid/8226/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

### **NEW DATE for ICCM5 has been set! 5-9 July 2021, Bonn Germany**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the German government, in consultation with the ICCM5 President and IP Co-Chairs, has recently announced the necessity of postponing the Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) from 5 to 9 October 2020 to 5-9 July 2021. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Please find here the full message from ICCM5 President Gertrud Sahler: [http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/Documents/Messages/2020-04-03\\_SAICM-message-to-stakeholders.pdf](http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/Documents/Messages/2020-04-03_SAICM-message-to-stakeholders.pdf)

### **Call for nominations: Future Policy Award for the Protection from Hazardous Chemicals**

Please submit any nominations by 31 May 2020 for the Future Policy Award for the Protection from Hazardous Chemicals. We welcome submissions focused on celebrating comprehensive policies, laws and legal frameworks that protect children, human health and the environment. The award ceremony will take place during ICCM5.

More information: <http://www.saicm.org/Resources/SAICMStories/FuturePolicyAward/tabid/8362/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

### **Survey to inform future SAICM progress reporting**

SAICM has prepared a short survey to evaluate stakeholder experiences when using the online questionnaire for progress reporting. Collected responses will remain anonymous and confidential. They will also be carefully analyzed by SAICM and included in the progress report for the 2017-2019 period. Information received will help inform considerations for beyond 2020.

The survey deadline has been extended to 30 April 2020 and is available at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchEvw-E8L9nqwagRJWoxhtLJWUZemBEynImd5laPow\\_spydw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchEvw-E8L9nqwagRJWoxhtLJWUZemBEynImd5laPow_spydw/viewform)

### **SAICM Knowledge Management Platform**

SAICM has just released a Knowledge Management Platform developed under the framework of the SAICM project on '*Global Best Practices on Emerging Chemical Policy Issues of Concern under SAICM*', funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). This new

platform provides a valuable space for knowledge exchange on emerging policy issues (EPIs) amongst SAICM stakeholders. It also facilitates the tracking of data and progress at national and global levels and is accessible at [www.chemicalswithoutconcern.org](http://www.chemicalswithoutconcern.org).

SAICM would like to reiterate a request to stakeholders for any recent (last 3 years) relevant content produced on EPIs (e.g., technical documents, best practices documents, case studies, etc.) so these may be included in the new Knowledge Management Platform. Please send any submissions to: [saicm.chemicals@un.org](mailto:saicm.chemicals@un.org)

Stakeholders are also invited to provide [feedback](#) on the content and use of the Knowledge Management Platform via the website so SAICM may further enhance the tool.

Finally, we are happy to invite you to register on the platform as an expert working on chemicals for a healthier environment [here](#). This will allow SAICM to build a network of practitioners who can contribute to relevant communities of practice and other knowledge exchange initiatives.

### **Relevant events held in first quarter of 2020**

#### **Governance Workshop, Frankfurt, Germany, 14-16 January 2020**

A special workshop to strengthen governance for beyond 2020 was organized by UNITAR and held from 14 to 16 January 2020, in Frankfurt. A summary document of the workshop is available as [SAICM/IP.4/INF/6](#).

#### **Eighth ICCM5 Bureau meeting, Frankfurt, Germany, 16-17 January 2020**

The eighth meeting of the ICCM5 Bureau was held back to back with the Governance Workshop, from the afternoon of the 16 through to 17 January 2020, in Frankfurt. The meeting report is available as [SAICM/ICCM.5/Bureau.8/11](#)

#### **Technical Working Group meeting on Targets, Milestones and Indicators, Geneva, Switzerland, 13-14 February 2020**

A technical working group meeting on targets, milestones and indicators, was held from 13 to 14 February 2020, in Geneva. The outcome of the meeting can be found as document [SAICM/IP.4/3](#).

#### **Technical Expert Workshop on Criteria for Substances of International Concern Beyond 2020, Gothenburg, Sweden, 24-25 February 2020**

A technical expert workshop on criteria for substances of international concern Beyond 2020, was held from 24 to 25 February 2020 in Gothenburg. Relevant documents are available [here](#)

### **Staffing Updates**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff members: Monika G. MacDevette, Chief of the Chemicals and Health Branch, Economy Division, UN Environment Programme and Nalini Sharma, SAICM Coordinator, SAICM Secretariat.

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Many thanks for working with us to be the change beyond 2020 for the sound management of chemicals and waste.

Best regards,

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