

ICCM4 SIDE EVENTS □ 28 SEPTEMBER - 2 October 2015

This guide provides a brief description of side events happening at ICCM4.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Coordination Meeting of Health Sector Representatives: Engagement of the Health Sector in SAICM

Hosted by WHO

This meeting of health sector representatives, which will take the form of an interactive discussion, aims to provide an opportunity to discuss health sector priorities in the context of the Overall Orientation and Guidance (OOG), activities to support implementation of the health sector priorities to 2020, and other matters of particular importance to the health sector that are in discussion at ICCM4.

The OOG reflects on progress made towards the 2020 goal of sound management of chemicals, and includes information on what needs to be done to achieve the 2020 goal including gaps in implementation and prioritizing actions. WHO has undertaken a survey of health sector representatives in order to develop updated health sector priorities (SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/11). It will be timely to discuss how the priorities of the health sector can be given prominence, and what activities could be undertaken that support their implementation.

Sustainable Development Goals: Make it happen for chemical and wastes

Hosted by BRS, Minamata, UNEP and UNITAR

The objective of the interactive panel discussion is to reflect on what could be the role of the government authorities and other stakeholders responsible for the management of chemicals and wastes in their countries in implementing the post-2015 development agenda at national level. Speakers will reflect on:

- What can *WE* the chemicals and waste community, offer to solve broader development challenges?
- What is *OUR* role in implementing the post-2015 development agenda at national level?
- How do *WE* communicate with stakeholders about the important role of the sound management of chemicals and wastes?

The outcome of the side-event will be a summary report to be available to the side-event participants. It will also aim to prepare and support the discussion of the SDGs issue in the plenary.

Nanotech and Manufactured Nanomaterials - Experiences from the Regions

Hosted by UNITAR, OECD and the Government of Switzerland

This side event focuses on UNITAR activities, notably the 2015 regional workshops on nanosafety, and a national project developing nano policy. The emphasis will be on future activities as we strive to reach the 2020 Goal. As such, a case study will also be presented from a country with well-established nano policies in place. Audience members will be invited to provide updates on their nano activities and pose questions to the panel.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Supply Chain Partnerships for Sound Chemicals Management

Hosted by ICCA

The event will bring together chemical manufacturers with representatives of the building and construction, electronics, and apparel industries to discuss best practice examples of sound chemicals management and information sharing within the supply chain. Close cooperation between chemical industry and downstream users is key for the development of sustainable solutions, thereby improving people's lives and addressing challenges of today's society. Participants for the side-event will be geographically diverse, reflecting the global nature of modern supply chains.

Building Momentum Toward Global Lead paint Elimination by 2020

Hosted by Lead Paint Alliance

Lead in paint is an emerging policy issue under SAICM, and governments, industry and other stakeholders are actively working toward a global phase out of lead in paint. The Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, now commonly known by its short name of the Lead Paint Alliance, was established in 2009. This side event will review the current efforts of the Alliance and discuss how it proposes to address the elimination of the use of lead paint by 2020.

Ensuring Global Access to Crop Protection Products

Hosted by CropLife International

This event presents a variety of perspectives on how to improve access to crop protection products in order to support sustainable food production. CropLife International promotes the responsible and sustainable use of crop protection products globally. While ensuring responsible use is critical, it is equally important that farmers have access to crop protection products to increase productivity and the quality of their harvest. Ensuring farmer access requires investment in knowledge sharing, capacity building, infrastructure and sound risk-based regulatory systems.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

Going global towards sound management of per-fluorinated chemistries

Hosted by OECD and UNEP Global PFC Group

This side event aims to present progress in reducing the global impact on the environment and human health of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs). PFASs have been in use since the 1950s for assorted industrial and consumer applications. However, some of the unique physicochemical properties of PFASs that popularised their widespread use are also associated with serious environmental and human health concerns. The presentations from the side event will highlight measures developed to move toward safer alternatives as well as programmes to monitor and research risks associated with these chemicals. Presentations will also aim to increase understanding on uses of PFASs and product content. A number of countries are not producing or processing PFASs, but import products containing PFASs. It is important that more information is available that could help to identify products of concern.

***Closing the Gap on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs):
Agroecology & the Global Alliance to Phase-out HHPs***

Hosted by IPEN and PAN

Harms associated with pesticide exposure disproportionately impact low- and middle-income countries. There are cost-effective proven methods of phasing out HHPs across the globe through agroecology, and high level support for this approach. At this side event, delegates will learn about agroecology, the proposed Global Alliance to Phase-out HHPs and discuss how ICCM4 could effectively move countries toward safer alternatives and fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on sustainable agriculture. PAN will also release its new book, *Replacing Chemicals with Biology: Phasing out Highly Hazardous Pesticides with Agroecology*, with a free copy of all attendees

10 Years of the Quick Start Programme: What has been the impact?

Hosted by SAICM Secretariat

To showcase the outcomes and achievements of the Quick Start Programme (QSP), the SAICM secretariat will be organizing a side event at ICCM4 entitled "10 years of the Quick Start Programme - what has been the impact?". Drawing from an expert evaluation of the QSP, the event will explore the impact that the Programme has had on-the-ground in partner countries in building national capacity for sound chemicals management. Combining an expert presentation from the evaluators and a panel discussion with partner and donor countries, the event will aim to highlight the significant contribution of the Programme and lessons learned for moving ahead towards the 2020 goal.

The secretariat will also present a suite of new QSP info graphics at the event which communicate the impressive scope and overall achievements of the Programme.

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Sustainable chemicals management at the nexus of innovation and policy

Hosted by UNIDO

How can policy-makers energize and motivate industries to innovate in the sustainable management of chemicals and chemical waste? What are promising strategies, concepts and best practices to promote the inclusive and sustainable industrial development? The event: Sustainable chemicals management at the nexus of innovation and policy highlights UNIDO's innovative approaches to promote Sustainable Management of Chemicals and Chemical Waste and brings together experiences and from industry and policy.

GAHP-Cost of Inaction: chemical burden of disease

Hosted by PureEarth

This side event presents successful experiences of members and observers of the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP), including Uruguay, Madagascar, Germany, the GEF, and Pure Earth on how GAHP can assist developing countries to tackle their chemical, waste and pollution problems. According to UNEP, "increasing production and use of chemicals, particularly in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, result not only in benefits but also in costs to human health, the environment and economic development". Come learn more about GAHP and how it can be a tool to help implement SAICM and promote effective interventions to protect health.

Implementing the Overall Orientation and Guidance document for achieving the 2020 goal. Elements of Legislation on Chemicals Management – Experiences in Brazil and Serbia

Hosted by the Governments of Brazil, Serbia and Sweden, UNEP and ICCA

This side event aims to present "case studies" focusing on the legal arrangements supporting chemicals control and management in Brazil and Serbia, pointing the challenges, difficulties and needs. The Swedish government and UNEP will bring their experiences in supporting developing countries to strengthen their legislation on chemicals control. ICCA will present the role that industry associations in developing countries play on this process. The main idea of the side event is to demonstrate, using these two cases, the main challenges to developing countries in developing their national legislation on chemicals control and how bilateral cooperation, UNEP and ICCA can support these countries on this task.

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

The 2020 Goal: the EU contribution to international chemicals management

Hosted by EU, ECHA and EFSA

Come and hear how your work may be benefitting from the efforts of the EU. The European Commission, European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) will give you some examples. We will tell you how information on chemicals is soon easier to access and what is being done to make sure that pesticide levels are safe. In late 2015, ECHA will launch an improved dissemination portal with unique publicly accessible information on chemical substances in three levels of detail. InfoCards will be tailored for the general public while brief profiles and base data will serve professional users.

EFSA provides scientific advice on the risk assessment of PPPs, including the development of risk assessment methodologies and also peer reviews the safety of all active substances in PPPs, proposes Maximum Residue Levels in food and feed and prepares the Annual EU Report on Pesticides Residues.

Transfer of knowledge from science to policy

Hosted by IPCP

The International Panel on Chemical Pollution, IPCP, is a global network of academic scientists working on all aspects of chemical pollution problems. This side event draws on an extensive body of scientific work on chemicals assessment and science-policy interaction; several aspects of chemicals assessment and management that are relevant to the last stage of SAICM and to the set-up of a post-2020 agenda for chemicals and waste will be presented. Lessons learned from a multi-country SAICM QSP Project implemented by the governments of Armenia, Chile and Ghana and executed by the IPCP, thoughts on the science-policy interface and lessons learned from earlier cases of chemical pollution problems with long-term impacts and the concept of planetary boundaries for chemical pollution will be presented. Implications for chemicals assessment and management for the last stage of SAICM (and beyond SAICM) will be discussed in an interactive panel discussion.

Occupational exposures

Hosted by ITUC - SustainLabour

Every year, the ITUC and the Global Union Federations raise awareness on a particular occupational health and safety issue. In 2015, the theme chosen was reducing toxic exposures at the workplace.

On 16 September 2015, the UN Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes presented his first full report to the Human Rights Council on the right to information in the context of hazardous substances and wastes. Occupational exposures are one of the areas explored in this document.

The side event will present the Trade Unions campaign, their experiences around SAICM implementation and workers priorities towards 2020. It will also link to the stories shared in the Special Rapporteur Report and launch of the video "Fighting toxic work"

FRIDAY 01 OCTOBER, 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Fighting Illegal Traffic of Chemicals and Chemical Waste

Hosted by OECD, FAO, BRS, UNEP and Governments of Brazil and Germany

The objective of this side event is to raise awareness about illegal shipments of chemicals and wastes happening worldwide causing economic losses, environmental damage and human health impacts; to stress the importance of strengthening regulatory systems and enforcement capacities in countries and of improving cooperation between countries; and to discuss the main barriers faced by countries in fighting illegal trafficking of chemicals and wastes. This event will highlight the activities of countries being at the forefront of the fight as well as the work of those international agencies in helping governments to strengthen their capacities and guiding them in fighting illegal traffic of chemicals and wastes.

From prevention to response and recovery:

An integrated approach to chemical accidents management

Hosted by OECD, UNEP, OCHA, UNECE and WHO

This side event aims to highlight areas that have been identified by the international community as requiring particular attention. The side event will discuss how industrial accidents fall into approaches for disaster risk management, presenting progress in addressing, for example, Natural Hazard Triggered Technical Accidents (Natech). It will also be looking at programmes to strengthen local community awareness and preparedness and will bring to the fore the issue of long term recovery that has been identified as a major gap in the management of industrial accidents - after 30 years, Bhopal is still a contaminated site.

Launch the 'Practical Sourcebook on Mercury Storage and Disposal'

Hosted by UNEP and the Government of Japan

UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch, the International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC), the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) and the Ministry of Environment Japan are jointly launching the 'Practical Sourcebook on Mercury Waste Storage and Disposal' at a side event during the 4th International Conference on Chemicals Management.

Lead Battery Recycling: Hazards and Opportunities for Improvement

Hosted by OK International

Lead battery recycling is a hazardous industry with environmental sustainability benefits that is growing rapidly along with the demand for vehicles, backup power for cell phone towers, server farms, and solar power. This event will highlight the environmental and public health hazards associated with this industry. A case study on the response and cleanup of a lead battery recycling site in Senegal and an overview of global lead emissions and environmental releases of lead from the use, recycling and disposal of lead batteries will be presented. The ongoing hazards and legacy contamination posed by lead battery recycling in Kenya to workers and the environment and the global trends in the industry and opportunities for improvement will be discussed along with future initiatives to raise the profile of this global problem.

ICCM4 SPECIAL EVENTS □ 1 October 2015

This guide provides a brief description of the special events happening at ICCM4

THURSDAY 01 OCTOBER, 1.00 p.m. to 2.10 p.m.

ISC₃-Moving sustainable chemistry forward!

Hosted by the Government of Germany

ISC₃ sounds like chemistry, doesn't it? And it is! But ISC₃ is much more besides. ISC₃ stands for International Sustainable Chemistry Collaborative Centre.

The organizers aim to promote this sustainable chemistry initiative launched by the German government. This event will help participants and stakeholders understand the ideas behind ISC₃ and what it plans to do, why this is important in terms of moving sustainable chemistry forward, when key activities will take place, how stakeholders might follow or become involved in the initiative in the next phase and to whom they might address enquiries or input. The Special Event will be opened by Barbara Hendricks, Federal Environment Minister. Henning Friege, who is in charge of ISC₃ project management, will present a status report. In a panel discussion chaired by Paul Hohnen, Maria Krautzberger (President of the Federal Environment Agency), Véronique Garny (CEFIC), Yonas Chebude (University of Addis Ababa) and David Constable (American Chemical Society) will propose some recommendations for the centre's tasks and further development. The audience will be invited to ask questions and to comment.

The ISC₃ is an institution which is still "under construction" - and ***you can help to build it!***

THURSDAY 01 OCTOBER, 2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Announcement of the Global Commission on Pollution, Health and Development

Hosted by the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution

This event launches the Global Commission on Pollution, Health and Development—an initiative of The Lancet, the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution, and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Environmental pollution, including that from chemicals, is the single largest cause of disease and death in low- and middle-income countries. In 2012, exposures to polluted air, water and soil resulted in an estimated 8.9 million deaths worldwide. The disease burden attributable to pollution is greater than that of HIV, malaria and tuberculosis combined. In addition to impacts on human health, pollution carries significant economic costs that are often overlooked. Despite the tremendous impacts on health and economic development, environmental pollution has been undercounted and insufficiently addressed in national policies and international development agendas. The Global Commission on Pollution, Health and Development aims to change this. The Commission will quantify and communicate the full health and economic costs of pollution globally, provide solutions to policy-makers, and dispel the myth of pollution's inevitability. This special event features speeches from the panellists, including Carlos Salinas de Gotari (former President of Mexico), Barbara Hendricks (Minister for Environment, Germany), Achim Steiner (Executive Director, UNEP), Jairam Ramesh (former Minister of Environment, India) and Richard Fuller (Pure Earth/GAHP Secretariat).

THURSDAY 01 OCTOBER, 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

ICCA High-Level Event and Reception: The SAICM Journey to 2020 and Beyond

Hosted by ICCA

The global chemical industry is fully committed to the SAICM 2020 goal of creating a future where chemicals can be produced and used sustainably. The ICCA-hosted event, "The SAICM journey to 2020 and beyond," will feature CEOs from leading chemical companies around the world in a high-level, multi-stakeholder panel discussion. ICCA is also honored to host Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director, and Richard Fuller, President Pure Earth. Together, we will share our views on sound chemicals management, review our collective progress and the work that still needs to be done, and share how industry and governments can continue to work together to pave the way to a more sustainable future and ensure the safety and protection of human health and the environment. ICCA looks forward to welcoming all ICCM4 delegates to our discussion on the SAICM journey to 2020 and beyond.