

Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste beyond 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Intersessional Meeting

## HIGH LEVEL PANEL | 7 FEBRUARY 2017 | 3 - 5 PM

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*A holistic approach to addressing sustainable development*

*This paper provides details on the objective, outcome and context for inspiring debate. The paper also includes detailed information on the flow of the high-level panel.*

**Objective**

The high-level panel will provide a platform to inspire high-level stakeholder and sector engagement in the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

Keynote speakers and high-level panelists will provide forward looking ideas on how sound management of chemicals and waste can address the sustainable development challenges of the future by reflecting on the importance of multi-stakeholder and multi-sector engagement.

**Outcome**

A renewed vision for sound management of chemicals and waste may be achieved by building upon the Strategic Approach that have worked well, and by addressing gaps. The Dubai Declaration, the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action, the Overall Orientation and Guidance collectively provide a basis for forging an enhanced framework beyond 2020.

The long-term vision should also take into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Enhanced responsibility of stakeholders, promoting and reinforcing commitment and collective engagement will be important elements in achieving this vision. The high-level panel will stimulate wider stakeholder engagement and renewed commitment to this holistic approach to address sustainable development.

The outcomes of the high-level panel are to be reflected in the 1<sup>st</sup> Intersessional Meeting report.

**Context**

From food and clothing to transport and technology and virtually everything in between, chemicals are part of daily life. As chemicals are used in almost every area of the world economy, chemical safety is an important issue that affects us all.

Addressing sound management of chemicals and waste is at the core of addressing the sustainable development issues of today, including the eradication of poverty and disease, the improvement of human health and the environment and the elevation and maintenance of the standard of living in countries at all levels of development. It is urgent that all stakeholders commit to a chemical-safe future for health, environment and economic growth.

The Strategic Approach is sun-setting in 2020. An intersessional process has been established with the aim of developing recommendations for the sound management of chemicals and waste for adoption at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management in 2020.

### **Organization**

The high level panel will take place on Tuesday, 7 October from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., at Conference Room Brasil 1, in the Complexo Brasil 21, Brasília – DF, Brazil.

The high-level panel starts on Tuesday afternoon with an opening speech that provides the perspective from a developing country in addressing future chemicals and waste management followed by two keynote speeches taking a broad perspective on the future with an eye on the sustainable development challenges.

During the high-level panel Ministers, Heads of Agencies and Organizations, Chief Executive Officers, Heads of Delegation and CEOs and Stakeholders are invited to share views on future chemicals and waste management in the context of sustainable development and on how to make best use of SAICM's unique multi-sector and multi-stakeholder model.

The high-level panel ends with a closing speech with concluding reflections on the main driving forces for global urgent action and on how to build the necessary political momentum to ensure a chemical safe future for all.

Two hours are allocated for the interactive panels and planned accordingly:

- i. The moderator makes a short introduction
- ii. Brazilian Minister of the Environment provides an opening speech with initial reflections
- iii. Keynote speakers will provide a broad perspective on sound management of chemicals and waste
- iv. Each panel member will be asked 2 specific questions providing them the opportunity to give their brief introductory remarks and to promote dialogue between the moderator and the panelists
- v. Panelists are invited to deliver a “take home message”
- vi. Brazilian Minister of Health provides a concluding reflections
- vii. Brazilian Minister of Environment closes the high-level panel