

## Secretariat document SAICM/IP.2/8 Proposal on objectives in support of the 2030 Agenda and related milestones

### Strategic Approach overall objective

*The overall objective of the Strategic Approach is to achieve the sound management of chemicals throughout their life-cycle so that, by 2020, chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment.*

### Proposed objectives and related milestones

The proposed objectives and related milestones are intended to provide a practical program of work that is measurable, that makes and tracks progress toward achieving the eventual vision for beyond 2020. They recognise that chemicals production is shifting and that not all countries and stakeholders are currently at the same level of capacity to achieve the sound management of chemicals and waste. Objectives and milestones/targets also reinforce existing decisions and targets, as appropriate.

The proposed objectives are centred on the eleven elements, aspirational in nature, and limited in number. They are grouped around four key areas:

- I. Legal and institutional frameworks, implementation and enforcement*
- II. Stakeholder participation and sectoral engagement*
- III. Knowledge and information, risk assessment/reduction and monitoring*
- IV. Political leadership, outreach, education and promotion*

For each of the proposed objectives, a limited number of more specific targets or milestones have been developed (see Table 1) and all stakeholders are expected to work to achieve them in countries, as appropriate. In order to make all these actions more measurable, consideration will need to be given to developing timeframes (e.g. that target x is achieved by 2026) or more specific indicators (each target/milestone could have one or more indicators). Although some of the proposed objectives, such as legislation, are mainly the responsibility of governments, the intention is that all stakeholders would have roles and responsibilities in meeting the objectives.

The objectives are for all relevant stakeholders and sectors to develop and promote:

#### **Key Area 1: Legal and institutional frameworks, implementation and enforcement**

Objective 1: Legal frameworks that address the life-cycle of chemicals and waste

Objective 2: Strong institutional frameworks and coordination mechanisms among relevant stakeholders

Objective 3: Implementation of chemicals and waste-related multilateral environmental agreements, as well as health, labour and other relevant conventions and voluntary mechanisms

#### **Key Area 2: Stakeholder participation and sectoral engagement**

Objective 4: Industry participation and defined responsibility across the life cycle

Objective 5: Strengthened capacity to prevent, prepare for and respond to chemicals accidents, including institutional-strengthening for poison centres

#### **Key Area 3: Knowledge and information, risk assessment/reduction and monitoring**

Objective 6: Collection and systems for the transparent sharing of relevant data and information among all relevant stakeholders using a life cycle approach

Objective 7: Chemicals risk assessment and risk reduction through the use of best practices

Objective 8: Monitoring and assessing the impacts of chemicals on health and the environment

Objective 9: Development and promotion of environmentally sound and safer alternatives

#### **Key Area 4: Political leadership, outreach, education and promotion**

Objective 10: Inclusion of the sound management of chemicals and waste in national health, labour, social, environment, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, research, education and economic budgeting processes and development plans