

Third meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Bangkok, Thailand, 1-4 October 2019

Remarks for delivery by acting IOMC Chair (UNITAR)

At the start of item 4 (“Development of recommendations for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020”)

Thank you, Co-Chairs,

The IOMC participating organizations are pleased to participate at this 3rd meeting of the Inter-sessional process.

Since OEWG-3, the IOMC organizations have been continuing to actively engage in activities related to the Beyond 2020 process, including input to the Co-Chairs papers, participation at the UK expert workshop on indicators and organizing and participating in the workshop on governance in September.

As we have observed at previous meetings, a strength and uniqueness of SAICM is its multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder character. However, in practice, the participation of the different sectors and stakeholders is uneven. This has resulted in some sectors and stakeholder groups being more strongly represented in SAICM than others. Therefore we would like to reiterate the importance of rethinking how to ensure a stronger multi-sector and multi-stakeholder engagement in the beyond-2020 framework.

The IOMC submission to the co-chairs on additional measures to ensure multisectoral engagement set out some shared ideas on the role we would like to play in the arrangements beyond 2020, including:

- To collaborate in the Beyond 2020 platform which will need to be a shared space for all and useful for all sectors, and different ministries in countries, for example through relevant agenda items, themed discussions that IOMC POs could lead etc. The organizations can play a leading and coordinating role for their sector (e.g. such as the sectoral meetings at IP3).
- Visibility of the key sectors (such as agriculture, environment, health and labour) in the objectives, targets and indicators, would create shared ownership and accountability, including by the development of sectoral road maps or action plans.
- As stated at the UK-hosted indicators workshop, custodians could be assigned to indicators (as per the SDG process) and the IOMC organizations can contribute the

IOMC indicators of progress as well as some new indicators under development by ILO and OECD.

- The IOMC POs could engage their sectoral networks in the beyond 2020 platform.
- The IOMC POs be invited to associate relevant sectoral events, scientific conferences etc with the Beyond 2020 work.

IOMC would like to reiterate its commitment to SAICM and the Beyond 2020 process in which we remain fully involved. We look forward, to constructive and active participation in the thematic discussions this week.

Additionally, please also feel free to explore materials of the IOMC organizations provided at the IOMC booth outside.