6th African regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
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**Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting.

2. Organizational matters:
   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Objectives and expected outcome of the regional meeting and regional representation in Strategic Approach related efforts.

3. Implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management:
   (a) Progress review on implementation of the SAICM Overall Orientation and Guidance within the region:
      (i) Setting the scene: an overview of the region;
      (ii) Country experiences, including financial mechanism and QSP experiences;
      (iii) Information exchange on emerging policy issues:
         a. Update from the IOMC on progress on emerging policy issues and other issues of concern;
         b. Discussion on country experiences and impact of emerging policy issue efforts in the region;
         c. Update on the Strategic Approach GEF projects;
      (iv) Status of regional input to the SAICM Report on Progress, 2014-2016;
   (b) Provision of guidance on implementation:
      (i) Implementation of the WHO “Roadmap to enhance health sector engagement in the strategic approach to international chemicals management towards the 2020 goal and beyond” and its implementation;
      (ii) Update on the Global Chemicals Outlook II.

5. SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020:
   (a) Overview of the intersessional process;
   (b) Regional input to the independent evaluation for 2006-2015;
   (c) Updates from the co-chairs on the second meeting of the intersessional process;
   (d) Dialogue on regional perspectives¹:
       (i) Vision, policy principles, objectives and milestones;
       (ii) Implementation arrangements and governance;
       (iii) Communication and engagement, securing high-level political commitment and visibility;
   (e) Nomination of regional representatives at the second intersessional meeting.

6. Moving forward:
   (a) Identification of priority needs in the region to achieve by 2020;
   (b) Promoting stakeholder engagement;
   (c) Review of regional outreach, coordination and subregional initiatives.

7. Preparations for the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

8. Other matters.

9. Closure of the meeting.

¹ Participants should be prepared to discuss the questions set out in the scenario note for the intersessional process (SAICM/IP.2/3)