First meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
Brasilia, Brazil, 7-9 February 2017
Item 4(a) of the provisional agenda*

Taking stock of progress: Update on the independent evaluation of SAICM 2006 – 2015

Independent evaluation focus group sessions – Note by the Independent Evaluator

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, information prepared by the independent evaluator setting out information on the independent evaluation focus groups, including the schedule of the focus groups.

2. All participants in the first meeting of the intersessional process are requested to take part in their respective focus group session.
Annex

Independent evaluation focus group sessions: Note by the Independent Evaluator

1. The focus group sessions will inform my evaluation. The interim independent evaluation report is available to participants in meeting document SAICM/IP.1/5. The aim of the focus group sessions is to promote an inclusive and participatory evaluation process, such that as wide a range of stakeholders as possible will provide their perspectives and input into the evaluation. The intention is to maximize the likelihood of buy-in and support for the final results presented.

2. The focus groups will comprise of:
   a) ICCM5 Bureau members;
   b) Regional focal points;
   c) Sector representatives on the ICCM5 Bureau;
   d) All government participants in the intersessional meeting from the five regions (one meeting for each region);
   e) All civil society representatives (including public interest, health and trade union representatives);
   f) All industry representatives.

3. Each focus group will be up to two hours in length and attended by a different stakeholder group. A schedule is available on the following page. Please plan to arrive five minutes in advance of the session. The meeting location will be made available on the screens at the meeting venue.

4. The focus groups will enable the different stakeholders groups to articulate their views. The focus groups will explore how change happens in the pursuit of the goal of the sustainable management of chemicals and waste, and the role that each stakeholder group plays in facilitating this change. The outcome of the focus group discussions will be a model, or theory, of change, that will be used to evaluate the Strategic Approach over the period 2006-2015. Specifically, participants in the focus groups will discuss the following questions / topics:
   a) What does the achievement of the goal of sound management of chemicals and waste look like for the stakeholder group?
   b) What is the role of the stakeholder group in achieving this goal?
   c) What are the steps, or pathways, by which the stakeholder group fulfills its role?
   d) What and who are the significant influences on the ability of the stakeholder group to fulfill its role?
   e) What success has the stakeholder group had in fulfilling its role?
   f) What barriers and limitations have the stakeholder group experienced in fulfilling its role?
   g) What is needed for the stakeholder group to fulfill its role more effectively?
   h) What are the views regarding the main impact(s) of the Strategic Approach?

5. I will also take the opportunity of attending other stakeholder meetings over the course of 2017 as and when they arise. A focus group discussion will be held with representatives of intergovernmental organizations through the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) on 31 March 2017. A similar range of topics covered during the focus group discussions in Brasilia will be addressed.

6. I plan to follow up with stakeholders to further explore the issues raised during the meetings. This follow-up process will be conducted over skype and email.

7. If you have any questions in advance of the session, please contact me at robertnurick@gmail.com.
# Timetable for the Independent Evaluation Focus Groups

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* The civil society focus group will include public interest, health and trade union NGOs. The evaluator will explore with this group whether additional more targeted focus groups would be beneficial in moving forward and when to organize such sessions.