



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

Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

Any other business

Proposal from the secretariat for Strategic Approach progress reporting for 2017-2019

Note by the secretariat

1. The third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group requested the secretariat to develop a simple progress report for the period 2017–2019 that, using existing data, provided an overview of Strategic Approach activities, accomplishments and challenges for consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session.
2. The annex to the present note sets out the proposal from the secretariat for developing the progress report. Participants may wish to provide feedback to the secretariat on the proposal.
3. Furthermore, participants may wish to take note that the annexed proposal requests stakeholder groups who are intending to prepare progress reports in advance of the fifth session of the International Conference to do so by 28 February 2020. That deadline would allow sufficient time for the secretariat to analyze the submissions and use them as input to the overall progress report.

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Annex

Proposal from the secretariat for Strategic Approach progress reporting for 2017-2019

1. The secretariat will prepare a report on the progress and accomplishments of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and present it to the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session using existing data.
2. The report for the period 2017-2019 will be a concluding report which will cover the progress made toward implementation of the five Overarching Policy Strategy objectives (SAICM/ICCM.2/15, annex III) and the 20 indicators of progress since the inception of Strategic Approach in 2006 until 2019. The existing data from the baseline report (2006-2008) and three previous progress reports for the periods 2009-2010, 2011-2013 and 2014-2016 will be examined for an in-depth analysis of the progress. The report will review and summarize the global and regional progress made so far since the baseline report (2006-2008) and will demonstrate the data on the objectives and indicators using engaging infographics.
3. The data that was collected between 2006 and 2016 will be closely evaluated to understand the gaps for the full implementation of the above-mentioned five objectives in all regions. The Overarching Policy Strategy objective(s) that did not show progress or had inconsistent progress over the years will be discussed. This discussion will help to identify the areas that require more concerted effort for the actions beyond 2020.
4. The progress report on the overall orientation and guidance for achieving the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management, as requested in Conference Resolution IV/1, will be merged into the progress report for the period 2017-2019 in order to provide one comprehensive overview.
5. The report will showcase the countries and the regions with consistent reporting and/or most progress achieved. The countries that submitted their progress report in at least two out of three reporting periods will be analyzed. The report will include a section on the countries that have responded “in progress” to certain critical activities such as, development of legislation under certain indicators, during the period 2014-2016. Any discrepancies in the data or inconsistent progress such as increase or decrease on the reported level of activities over the years without any justification will be identified and reflected. Furthermore, reporting data will be showcased on Strategic Approach online country profiles, currently under development, as well as in the progress report.
6. The secretariat will engage with the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals to include data on the eight indicators of progress for any updates during the 2017-2019 progress report. The review will also project and discuss the progress made toward the indicators of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals since 2006.
7. In addition, the progress report will discuss the lessons learnt and the best practices by reviewing the previous progress reports. The discussions will elaborate on the effectiveness and shortcomings of the online questionnaire as a self-assessment and review tool. For that purpose, a short survey on ‘what has worked and what has not on the self-assessment form of reporting’ would be sent to all SAICM stakeholders. In addition, an on-line discussion group

will be organized for further detailed discussion and review. The results of the survey and on-line discussions will be reflected in the progress report and will provide information for stakeholders to consider in establishing any mechanism and processes for assessing progress in the beyond 2020 context.

8. The report will include an analysis of the projects under the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund and the Global Environment Facility between 2006 and 2019. This will help to identify the countries that have undertaken capacity building activities through the funded projects. The progress made will be discussed and reflected in the progress report. The analysis will underline the effectiveness of the funded projects in implementing the Overarching Policy Strategy objectives of Strategic Approach and will complement the data submitted by the countries over the years.
9. The progress report will include reflections set out in the independent evaluation of the Strategic Approach for 2006-2015 in the context of reporting to underline the lessons learnt.
10. The Strategic Approach secretariat invites all the stakeholder groups to submit progress reports they intend to submit to International Conference on Chemical Management at its fifth session by 28 February 2020. That will ensure the secretariat has sufficient time to thoroughly analyze and review all submissions and include relevant information in the overall Strategic Approach progress report for the period 2017-2019. In addition, all the submissions will be made available as information documents for the fifth session of the Conference.
11. The secretariat would like to acknowledge the following stakeholder groups who provided submissions on progress to the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management in 2015: Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC), World Health Organization (WHO), Global Environment Facility (GEF), International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), Pesticides Action Network, International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN), the participating organizations of IPEN, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), and International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC).

Table 1- Proposed timeline for the Strategic Approach progress report for the period 2017-2019

Steps	Timeline
1. Draft proposal for the progress report 2017-2019 discussed at the fifth session of the Conference Bureau	9-10 July 2019
2. Proposal for the progress report 2017-2019 provided to the third intersessional process for consideration	1-4 October 2019
3. Deadline for stakeholder group submissions on the Strategic Approach progress to the secretariat	28 February 2020
4. Short survey to stakeholders on the Strategic Approach self-assessment tool and on-line discussion	November 2019 -January 2020
5. Secretariat completion of the progress report	May 2020
6. The regional meetings of the fifth session of the Conference	July-September 2020
7. The fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management	5-9 October 2020