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

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1
Opening of the meeting and key remarks

1. The third meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 will open at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 1 October 2019.

2. A representative from the Government of Thailand will open the meeting. Additional opening statements will be made by Ms. Gertrud Sahler, President of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

3. The meeting will be co-chaired by Ms. Judith Torres (Uruguay) and Mr. David Morin (Canada) who have been appointed as co-chairs of the intersessional process.

Item 2
Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The meeting may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda as set out in meeting document SAICM/IP.3/1.

(b) Organization of work

5. The work of the third meeting of the intersessional process will be conducted in plenary sessions and thematic groups. It is proposed that plenary be held on Tuesday, 1 October from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. A closing plenary session will be held on Friday, 4 October from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. There are no provisions for evening meetings of the plenary. It is further proposed that thematic groups will be held on Wednesday, 2 October and Thursday, 3 October from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. as well as on Friday, 4 October from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Before beginning the thematic groups on Thursday, 3 October and Friday, 4 October, co-chairs of the thematic groups will be invited to provide brief reports on progress to a short session of the plenary at 9.30 a.m. Immediately following those reports, the thematic groups will resume their deliberations.

6. As set out in Conference resolution IV/4, the meeting will be conducted in English only. The plenary sessions will be livestreamed to allow stakeholders not able to participate in the meeting to hear the discussions.
Item 3

Reflections on and outcomes of the third meeting of the Strategic Approach Open-ended Working Group (OEWG3)

(a) Reflections of the co-chairs of the contact group on SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

7. Under the agenda item, the co-chairs of the OEWG3 contact group on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia) and Mr. Sam Adu-Kumi (Ghana), will be invited to present and provide their reflections on the outcomes of the OEWG3 contact group on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

8. Participants may wish to refer to the outcome document of this contact group as set out in the annex to the OEWG3 meeting report and available to the present meeting as document SAICM/IP.3/INF/1. The outcome document will serve as the starting point for further deliberations of the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 at the third meeting of the intersessional process.

(b) Introduction of related papers

9. In accordance with requests made by OEWG3, a number of documents have been made available in advance of the third meeting of the intersessional process. Participants may wish to review and consider these documents prior to and during related deliberations.

i. Co-chairs of the intersessional process to present the papers drafted at the request of OEWG3

10. The co-chairs of the intersessional process will present the following papers, prepared as per the request of OEWG3:

   i) Document SAICM/IP.3/3 that considers additional measures to achieve multisectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement setting out a number of ideas for measures to achieve multi-sectoral participation beyond 2020.

   ii) Document SAICM/IP.3/4 reviews issues of concern, proposing text for the definition, criteria and possible modalities for adopting issues of concern. The proposed text is based on lessons learned to date on the implementation of the Strategic Approach emerging policy issues as well as on input received from stakeholders to date.

   iii) Document SAICM/IP.3/5 on other mechanisms to support implementation that is set out in three parts including: appropriate and effective mechanisms for taking stock of progress; mechanisms for capacity-building; and, a mechanism for updating the instrument over time.

   iv) Document SAICM/IP.3/6 on 'Principles and Approaches' (that compiles input received from stakeholders after the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group).

ii. Secretariat to present the draft report on successful mechanisms for cost recovery and implementation of the polluter pays principle for financing the sound management of chemicals and waste

11. The secretariat will present a draft report on successful mechanisms for cost recovery and implementation of the polluter pays principle for financing the sound management of chemicals and waste, prepared as per the request of OEWG3. The draft report is available as document SAICM/IP.3/7.

iii. UNEP to present assessment of linkages with other clusters related to chemicals and waste

12. UNEP will present a draft report on linkages and options to coordinate and cooperate between chemicals and waste management and other policy agendas, prepared as per the request of OEWG3. The finalized document will be presented to the Conference for consideration at its fifth session. The draft report is available as document SAICM/IP.3/8.
iv. United Kingdom to present results from the technical expert workshop on indicators

13. The Government of the United Kingdom will present the results of the technical expert workshop on indicators that was held from 3 to 5 September in Cambridge, United Kingdom. Participants may wish to take note of and consider the outputs from this workshop, which are available as document SAICM/IP.3/INF/2.

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

14. The meeting will deliberate and develop recommendations for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020. Participants may wish to make progress and further develop the outcome document of the OEWG3 contact group as set out in the annex to the OEWG3 meeting report (SAICM/IP.3/INF/1).

15. In opening the agenda item, regions, sectors and the IOMC may wish to provide their views and overarching perspectives on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, including their priorities for making progress at the present meeting.

16. During the deliberations, participants may also wish to reflect on and consider the results of the finalized Independent Evaluation of the Strategic Approach to international chemicals management 2006-2015, as set out in documents SAICM/IP.3/INF/3 and its Executive Summary SAICM/IP.3/9.

17. In line with requests from various stakeholders, a number of additional documents linked to this agenda item have been made available to support the meeting deliberations. These are available at www.saicm.org.

18. In addition, participants may wish to consider inputs received from stakeholders since OEWG3. These inputs are available at www.saicm.org.

(a) Targets, milestones and indicators

19. The meeting will deliberate on the draft targets as well as consider possible milestones and indicators in the beyond 2020 context.

20. Participants may wish to recall that the OEWG3 contact group considered objectives and targets. As noted above, the results of these considerations are found in the outcomes of the contact group as set out in the annex to the OEWG3 meeting report (SAICM/IP.3/INF/1). In addition, participants may wish to consider the outcome of the technical workshop hosted by the United Kingdom (SAICM/IP.3/INF/2) during the agenda item.

21. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, targets, milestones and indicators will be taken up in a thematic group throughout the rest of the week with the aim of advancing the text.

(b) Institutional arrangements

22. Participants may wish to deliberate on and discuss institutional arrangements within the voluntary, multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approach of the Strategic Approach structure.

23. Participants may wish to recall that OEWG3 discussed institutional arrangements as set out in the annex to the OEWG3 meeting report (SAICM/IP.3/INF/1). The institutional structure is currently set out in three sections: the International Conference [on Chemicals Management], the Bureau of the International Conference and the Secretariat.

24. Furthermore, participants may wish to reflect on and consider possible enhancing governance arrangements for the sound management of chemicals and waste in line with SAICM/IP.3/INF/4.
25. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, institutional arrangements will be taken up in a thematic group so that text on this issue will advance.

(c) Mechanisms to support implementation

26. Participants may wish to recall that OEWG3 discussed mechanisms to support implementation as set out in the annex to the OEWG3 meeting report (SAICM/IP.3/INF/1). These mechanisms are set out within the contact group outcome document as: rules of procedure; national implementation; [International,] Regional and [sub regional] sectoral cooperation and coordination; engagement of intergovernmental bodies, international organizations, the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and chemicals and waste-related conventions; engagement of non-government actors; subsidiary and ad hoc expert bodies; and, other mechanisms to support implementation.

27. Participants may also wish to consider and reflect on elements in the related papers drafted by the co-chairs: additional measures to achieve multisectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement (SAICM/IP.3/3); addressing issues of concern (SAICM/IP.3/4); and, other mechanisms to support implementation (SAICM/IP.3/5). Furthermore, participants may wish to refer to SAICM/IP.3/10 setting out detailed options for modalities to assess progress beyond 2020.

28. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, mechanisms to support implementation will be taken up in a thematic group so that text on this issue will advance.

(d) Financial considerations

29. Participants may wish to recall that financing elements were discussed at OEWG3 in alignment with the integrated approach to financing for the sound management of chemicals and waste. The results of the contact group are set out in the annex to the OEWG3 meeting report (SAICM/IP.3/INF/1) reflecting the views brought forward during these discussions.

30. Participants may wish to also take into consideration elements in the secretariat paper, prepared as per the request of the OEWG3 (SAICM/IP.3/7).

31. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, financial considerations will be taken up in a thematic group so that text on this issue will advance.

Item 5

Any other business

32. Participants may wish to consider SAICM/IP.3/11, a proposal from the secretariat for Strategic Approach progress reporting for 2017-2019, as requested by the OEWG3.

33. Participants may wish to consider any other business during this session.

Item 6

Closure of the meeting

34. It is expected that the meeting will close by 6 p.m. on Friday, 4 October 2019.