



Text proposals for IP4: integrating gender in the compilation document

III. Principles and Approaches:

- Add *“the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)”*
- Add *“the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW 1979)”*

V. Institutional arrangements:

A. International conference [on Chemicals Management]

- Add (xiv) *“To ensure that gender equality is an integral part of the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument, including the Secretariat activities”*

C. Secretariat

- Add (ix) *“To ensure that gender mainstreaming is firmly embedded in activities undertaken by the secretariat”*

VI. Mechanisms to support implementation:

D. Enhanced sectoral and stakeholder engagement

1. The involvement [and commitment] of all relevant sectors and stakeholders at the local, national, regional and international levels ***including in particular women, gender experts, youth and indigenous peoples*** is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste.

F. Mechanisms to support capacity building

9. Recognize the need for ***gender equity mainstreaming*** in all relevant aspects of its work.

Background:

Why gender and chemicals?

Chemicals and waste are gender issues:

- Gender, as a social category, is linked to gender-specific norms of behaviour and roles in society, and to the development of 'feminine' and 'masculine' identities. These, in turn, influence people's behaviour, including their impact on the environment, their affectedness by environmental degradation, and their access to and power over resources.
- Gender, as a biological category, shows that women's and men's bodies are affected differently by certain chemicals– exposure, risk, and impacts can be different between the sexes.
- Gender analysis allows to ask questions that help us understand and unpack root causes of unsustainable behaviour and societies, and therefore have a transformational potential. We need to tap into this potential in order to bring about sustainable development, justice and peace.

Gender and SAICM Beyond 2020

Gender is a crucial cross-cutting task for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Without mainstreaming gender across all policy fields, the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals will be impossible.

Various UN processes have successfully implemented this via different strategies and instruments and SAICM Beyond 2020 shouldn't stay behind that.

For a new framework it is necessary to integrate gender aspects on the content and structural level.

Further policy recommendations:

the Beyond 2020 instrument needs

- A gender action plan
- A gender focal point
- Women's full and equal participation

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