The Strategic Approach and Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste - Beyond 2020

SAICM ASIA PACIFIC Regional Briefing
Toward the resumed Fourth Intersessional Process Meeting

25 January 2023, 10 am – 12 pm CET (online)
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Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting (10 min)

Opening remarks by Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar (Bureau Member) and Abbas Torabi (Regional Focal Point)

Opening remarks by SAICM Secretariat
Objectives of Briefing:

In preparation of the resumed Fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 to be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 27 February to 3 March 2023, the SAICM Secretariat has organized this Regional Briefing in advance of the meeting with the following objectives:

- To inform the region on progress of the IP Co-Chairs consultation process;
- To prepare for the resumed IP4 meeting, including presentation of the meeting documents;
- To give the region the opportunity to provide feedback to the SAICM Secretariat and IP Co-chairs;
- To give the region the opportunity to discuss their perspectives amongst themselves.
Agenda Item 2: Information on the IP Co-Chairs consultation process (15 min)

The IP Co-Chairs launched a stakeholder consultation process in November – December 2022 to inform and guide the organisation of work on the single consolidated document and other key issues to be considered in preparation for the resumed IP4 meeting.

Information provided by Judith Torres (IP Co-chair)

Background documents:

- Consultation process webpage
- Analysis of the feedback received for the IP Co-Chairs consultation process
Feedback considered the following questions and issues:

- Does the consolidated text help us achieve our vision?
- What are the gaps, enhancements or improvements to be made in the text?
- Does the text adequately strengthen and enhance sectoral and multistakeholder engagement and ownership including for the private sector?
- Could the placement of some text in the document be modified, or moved out of the consolidated text and into a resolution?
- What parts of the document could be considered static versus dynamic i.e., be more easily amended?
- Feedback on a resolution from ICCM5 on the name and adoption of the new framework.
- Feedback on a resolution from ICCM5 on transitional arrangements and early implementation.
- Feedback on legal and technical (editing) revision.
Feedback received:

The feedback was received under the IP Co-Chairs consultation process from:

- Africa
- Central and Eastern Europe (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- European Union
- WEOG (Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom and the USA)
- Health Sector NGOs
- Public Interest NGOs

All the submissions are posted online at the SAICM website [HERE](#)
Analysis of the submissions 1/2

Areas of converging or common views:
• Stakeholders agree that there are some gaps in the text and that enhancements or improvements could be made.
• Stakeholders agree that further work is needed to strengthen and enhance sectoral and multistakeholder engagement and ownership.
• Stakeholders share the view that IP4.2 should prioritize work on the single consolidated text but also agree with the need to prepare resolutions for ICCM5.

Areas of diverging views from stakeholders:
• Modification of the placement of some text in the document or moving some text out of the consolidated text and into a resolution.
• The timing of the discussions on ICCM 5 resolutions.
Analysis of the submissions 2/2

Areas of no clear convergence or divergence of views:
• The concept of static and dynamic parts of the text was in principle welcomed by stakeholders.
• However, some stakeholders may not have yet fixed views on this subject.
• Targets and indicators, as well as issues of concern, have been proposed to be included in the dynamic part of the text.
• However, one submission shows that what should be placed in the dynamic part of the text may need some further discussion.

Need of legal and technical editing of the single consolidated text:
• Stakeholders support such efforts but given that the work on the single consolidated document is still in progress, such revision could take place post resumed IP4 meeting.

Some of the comments received on the text of the vision for the future instrument could be addressed in a statement of needs.
Agenda Item 3: Preparation for the resumed IP4 meeting including presentation of meeting documents (20 min)

Information provided by the IP Co-Chairs and SAICM Secretariat followed by Q&A session (Agenda Item 4) on:

- IP4 Meeting documents
- Thematic groups and expected outcome of the resumed IP4
- Logistical Arrangements
Agenda Item 3: Preparation for the resumed IP4 meeting – presentation of meeting documents

Background documents:

- SAICM/IP.4/10 IP Co-Chairs Single Consolidated Document
- SAICM/IP.4/INF/1/Rev.2 Scenario note prepared by the co-chairs of the intersessional process
- SAICM/IP.4/1/Add.1/Rev.2 Annotations to the Provisional Agenda
- Practical Information

Link to the IP4 webpage Fourth Intersessional meeting (saicm.org)
Background documents:

- **SAICM/IP.4/INF/36** Indicators for chemical information transfer in the textile value chain
- **SAICM/IP.4/INF/37** Survey on Emerging Policy Issues and Other Issues of Concern
- **SAICM/IP.4/INF/38** A Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides
- **SAICM/IP.4/INF/39** Inventory and analysis report: existing indicators on chemicals and waste management
- **SAICM/IP.4/INF/40** Reporting mechanism and process for the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Link to the IP4 webpage [Fourth Intersessional meeting (saicm.org)](https://saicm.org)
Agenda Item 3: Preparation for the resumed IP4 meeting

In line with the Scenario note, thematic groups at the resumed IP4 may need to address:

- targets; mechanisms to support implementation, including taking stock of progress and capacity building; programmes and Issues of Concern; and financial considerations.

Informal dialogues on specific topics may be convened as necessary, i.e. an informal Friends of the Co-Chairs could consider the overall structure of the single consolidated document and how any gaps, as well as additional recommendations may be addressed.

The key outcome at this resumed fourth meeting is a finalised single consolidated document for consideration at the fifth session of the Conference. In addition, the meeting may develop additional recommendations to ICCM5, as well as agree on any possible intersessional work between IP4 and ICCM5.
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Venue

The resumed fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (IP4.2) is scheduled to be held from 27 February to 3 March 2023 at the UN Environment Programme Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. This meeting will be preceded by technical briefings on Saturday, 25 February 2023 and regional, stakeholder and sectoral meetings on Sunday, 26 February 2023.

Venue: United Nations Office in Nairobi,
Conference room 2 Address: United Nations Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya
Phone number: +254 20 7622034
Email: saicm.chemicals@un.org
Selection of regional representatives for the resumed IP4

Number of countries/representatives to be financed per region/constituency (excluding Bureau members)

- Africa: 32
  - Health sector: 7
- Asia Pacific: 32
  - Labor sector: 7
- CEE: 7
  - Civil Society: 15
- GRULAC: 20

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Meeting information

- Please note that the meeting will be a paper smart meeting and participants are kindly advised to bring their own laptop, as copies of meeting documents will not be printed or distributed.

- The meeting will be held in English and meeting documents will be in English. The meeting will be held in-person with online streaming.
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Visa

- It is the delegate's own responsibility to obtain a visa for Kenya, prior to departure.

- In relation to visa, please note that Kenya has discontinued the issuance of visas on arrival and therefore delegates requiring visas are required to apply for a visa online at this link: https://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html.

- Please note specific requirements for persons holding valid passports issued by Country of Nationality under Category 3 (Afghanistan, Armenia, Iraq, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan and Yemen).

- Please confirm your visa requirements at the following website: https://evisa.go.ke/eligibility.html.

- For more information, please visit: http://immigration.go.ke/visa-section/.
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Accommodation

- A list of hotels and guest houses cleared by the UN Department of Safety and Security in Nairobi can be found: [https://dcs.unon.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/Nairobi%20Hotels%20and%20Guesthouses%202020.pdf](https://dcs.unon.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/Nairobi%20Hotels%20and%20Guesthouses%202020.pdf)

- A list of hotels with suggested rates in Nairobi can be found: [https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/37891/Hotel%20Rates%202021.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/37891/Hotel%20Rates%202021.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y).
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Further information

Agenda Item 4: Q&A session (25 min)
Agenda Item 5: Closing remarks (5 min)

Closing remarks (Chair: ICCM5 President)
This agenda item will give the region the opportunity to discuss their perspectives amongst themselves.

Discussion chaired by Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar (Bureau Member) and Abbas Torabi (Regional Focal Point)
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