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LARCF Overview
Challenges

The lack of specific knowledge on the instruments and regulatory models, and the urgency translated from the Executive Offices to regulators, commonly derives in:

- Replication of international models (e.g. REACH or TSCA) without local adaptation or Regulatory Impact Assessment
- Conflicting regulatory frameworks and approaches being adopted within the country and the region.
- Unjustified time and costs requirements for companies to comply with regulations.
- Negative impacts on commerce, trade and innovation and, in the end, a lost opportunity for cooperation.
The Forum aims to work on continuous dialogue and capacity building so that LATAM countries establish convergent regulations for chemical management, strengthened by the interaction between the public and private sectors, increasing transparency and public confidence in regulatory decisions.
ICCA
International Chemical Council
Associations

- Global, virtual organization. Founded in 1989. Worldwide voice of the chemical industry
- Promoting and coordinating industry voluntary initiatives, such as Responsible Care
- Coordinating associations and their members.

LARCF
Latin America Regulatory Cooperation Forum

- Accounts for +90% of global chemical sales
- +16.5 million employed directly or indirectly.

- A network of industry associations aimed to promote dialogue and regulatory cooperation.
- Strengthening cooperation with international organizations (UNEP, UNITAR, OCDE) governments and NGOs.
- Adopted a Regulatory Cooperation Strategic Plan to drive the establishment and implementation of a consistent and effective chemical management systems in Latin America.

- Improving cooperation among Latin America associations, governments and the industrial sector.
- Providing capacity building for regulators and industry.
- Signed a letter of agreement on regulatory cooperation benefits and principles.

- ABIQUIM (Brazil) - ANDI (Colombia) - ANIQ (Mexico) - ASIQUIM (Chile) - ASIQUUR (Uruguay) - CIQYP (Argentina) – ASOQUIM (Venezuela)
ICCA support to LARCF´s Strategic Projects

Capacity building

- Objective: Drive the establishment and implementation of consistent and effective chemical management systems in LATAM
- Main Activities: Webinars, Dialogues and Advisory on regulatory best practices

Regional dialogues

- Objective: Fostering regulatory cooperation and achieving common technical understanding among private and public sectors
- Main Activities: VWG-SMC-LA
Capacity building

Open webinars
- SAICM beyond 2020, MEAs + UNEA
- GHS Vol. I
- SMC Roadmap
- LATAM chemicals management schemes
- Chilean chemicals management scheme
- PRTR
- WTO ICCA paper
- GHS vol. II
- Green and sustainable chemistry

Private sector Webinars
- Economic instruments for the SMC, Plastics, ANIQ annual conference, ASOQUIM
- APEC, Globalchem, Chemical Watch, USTR

350 REGISTERED AVERAGE
220 ATTENDEES AVERAGE
21 COUNTRIES
Regional Dialogues

VWG-SMC-LA
Virtual Working Group on the Sound Management of Industrial Chemicals in Latin America

1. Roadmap for the Sound Management of Industrial Chemicals
   Sep 2020 – Apr 2021
   Download here

2. Chemical inventories guidelines
   Apr 2021 – Mar 2022
   Launch: April 21st, 2022

3. Prioritization guidelines
   Work in progress
LATAM has demonstrated its commitment and support on promoting the SMC through fostering regional cooperation through continuous and active participation. It is a great opportunity for the establishment of feasible and efficient chemicals management schemes across the region.
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