



STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT



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

SAICM Regional Meetings Toward the Fourth Intersessional Process (IP4)



Agenda Item 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

Opening remarks by Ms. Kateřina Šebková, RECETOX, Czechia

Opening remarks by Mr. Szymon Domagalski (CEE Regional Bureau member)

Opening remarks by Ms. Anita Breyer, ICCM5 President

Opening remarks by Ms. Nalini Sharma, SAICM Coordinator, SAICM Secretariat

Agenda Item 2: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Meeting documents:

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/1: Provisional agenda

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/1/Add.1: Annotated provisional agenda

Objectives of meeting:

1. Undertake strategic discussions to prepare for the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, including on:
 - a. the outcomes of the Virtual Working Groups held between October 2020 – February 2021;
 - b. IP3 outcome text not considered during the Virtual Working Groups on vision, scope, principles and approaches, and strategic objectives.
2. Facilitate the exchange of regional information and knowledge, reviewing progress towards the current SAICM objectives.

Agenda Item 3: UPDATE FROM THE BRS AND MINAMATA CONVENTIONS AND IOMC

- a. Presentation by the BRS Convention Secretariat (David Ogden - online)
- b. Presentation by the Minamata Convention Secretariat (Claudia ten Have – online)
- c. Presentation by the IOMC (Lesley Onyon, WHO – online)

Agenda Item 4: SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR IP4

Meeting documents:

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/2: Road map leading to IP4 and ICCM5

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/3: Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/4: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 1 on targets, indicators and milestones

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/5: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 2 on governance and mechanisms to support implementation

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/6: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 3 on issues of concern

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/7: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 4 on financial considerations

SAICM/RM/CEE.7/INF.1 Table comparing the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy, SAICM/IP.4/2 “Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020” and the outcomes of the Virtual Working Groups

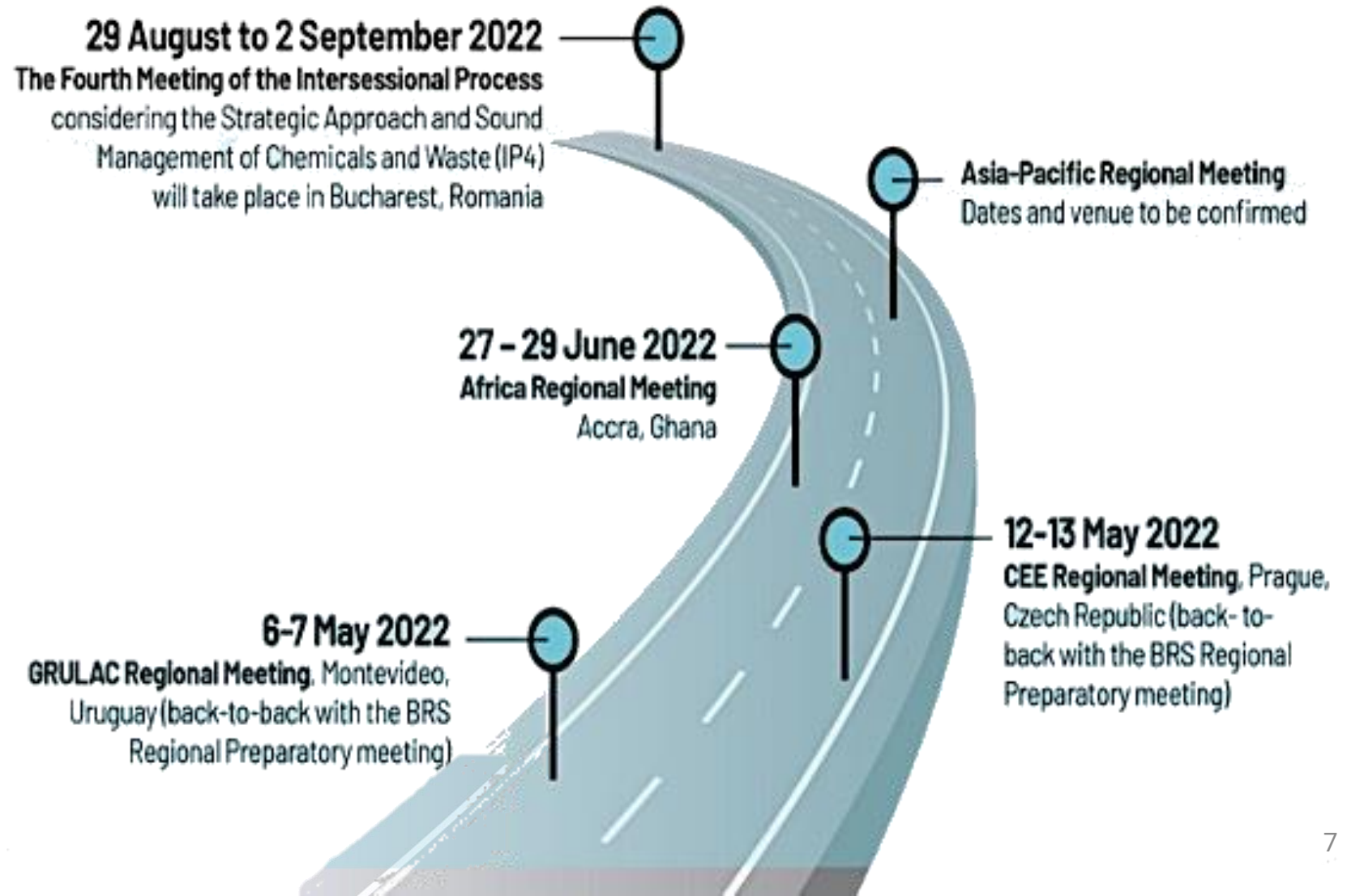


Agenda Item 4: SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR IP4 (*cont'd*)

- a. Agenda item 4(a) SAICM roadmap towards IP4 and ICCM5 – presentation by IP Co-Chair**
- b. Agenda item 4(b) Compilation of recommendations – vision, scope, principles and approaches and strategic objectives – presentation by IP Co-Chair**
- c. Agenda item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations and outcomes of the VWGs – presentation by the respective VWG co-facilitators**

Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 AND ICCM5

Timeline





Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 AND ICCM5: Next steps towards IP4

Step 1: Compile the outcomes and recommendations of the VWGs into one document as presented in SAICM/ICCM.5/Bureau.TC.11/2

Step 2: Prepare comparison document – evolution of text from SAICM OPS, IP.4/2 and VWG outcomes

Step 3: Face to face regional meetings in preparation for IP4

In addition, virtual briefings and online discussions may be convened to further build common understanding on key issues, and introduce SAICM to new stakeholders, upon request.

Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 & ICCM5: Preparations for IP4

Starting point for IP4 is document SAICM/IP.4/2 “Compilation recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020”

The work done under the following working groups should also be considered:

- a. Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones
- b. Outcomes of the 4 VWGs

Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 & ICCM5: Preparations for IP4

Document symbol	Document name
SAICM/IP.4/1	Provisional agenda
SAICM/IP.4/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
SAICM/IP.4/2	Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (to be updated with current information)
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.1	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group 1 on Targets, Indicators and Milestones
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.2	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group 2 on Governance and Mechanisms to Support Implementation
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.3	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group on Issues of Concern
SAICM/IP.4/2/Add.4	Outcome of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations
SAICM/IP.4/3	Proposals for the name of the beyond 2020 instrument
SAICM/IP.4/INF.1	Scenario note (to be developed)
SAICM/IP.4/INF.2	Comparison table of the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy, SAICM/IP.4/2 "Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020", and the outcomes of the Virtual Working Groups
Other information documents to be determined	

Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 & ICCM5: Expected Outcomes of IP4

IP4 considers

- (i) Strategic Objectives and Targets, Indicators and Milestones;
- (ii) Governance and mechanisms to support implementation;
- (iii) Issues of Concern (and emerging policy issues);
- (iv) Financial considerations; and
- (v) Any other issues or gaps identified in the compilation of recommendations (IP.4/2) and the comparison document (IP.4/INF.2).

IP4 expected to produce one single document for negotiations at ICCM5

Agenda Item 4(a) SAICM ROADMAP TOWARDS IP4 & ICCM5: Expected Outcomes of IP4

In addition, IP4 is expected to:

- (i) Continue implementation the ICCM4 mandate;
- (ii) Recommend forwarding any pending OEWG3 and IP3 issues not considered in the current documentation;
- (iii) Recommend action and timelines for intersessional work if needed and agreed upon; and
- (iv) Confirm by acclamation or elect the IP Co-Chair vacant position.

Agenda Item 4(b) Compilation of recommendations: text not considered by VWGs

MAIN GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Governments, international organisations, industry and the private sector, civil society, the scientific and academic community and all other relevant stakeholders should intensify and prioritise efforts on the sound management of chemicals and waste, towards the achievement of target 12.4 of the 2030 Agenda and thereby contribute also to numerous other SDGs.

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MAIN GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS (*cont'd*)

2. Urgent and resolute action at all levels needed to implement the 2030 Agenda in relation to the sound management of chemicals and waste, including through:
- an improved enabling framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste in the long term, as emphasized by the UNEA.
 - improved framework should address lifecycle approaches and the chemicals-product-waste interface; as well as materials, such as plastics, and the minimisation and where feasible prevention of hazardous substances in material cycles.

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VISION

[Strengthening the sound management of chemicals and waste in the long term requires a] [the] vision shared by all stakeholders:

(i) To protect human health and the environment from the [harmful] [adverse] effects of chemicals and [their] [associated] waste, [towards] [to enable] [promote] [for] [to ensure] healthy lives and a sustainable, safe planet for all.

ALT (i) Healthy lives and a sustainable, safe planet for all by protecting human health and the environment from the [harmful] [adverse] effects of chemicals and [their] waste.

Note: : These brackets apply to considerations regarding 'waste' across the entire paper. Policy guidance is required from SAICM stakeholders.

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SCOPE

The scope encompasses [the environmental, economic, social, health, agricultural and labour [all] aspects of managing chemicals and [their] [all] waste[s], in order to enhance sustainable development [and [non toxic] circularity [environmental integrity] [and the protection of human rights] [and resource efficiency]]. The instrument takes due account of the instruments and processes that have been developed to date and is flexible enough to take account of new ones without duplicating efforts.

The involvement of all relevant sectors and stakeholders across the life cycle at the local, national, regional and global levels is critical to the sound management of chemicals and waste. Stakeholders include [but are not limited to] Governments, regional economic integration organizations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, industries, businesses, the financial sector, development banks, academia, workers, retailers and individuals. Sectors are understood to include, but not be limited to, agriculture, environment, health, education, finance, development, construction and labour.



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PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES

List of global principles, approaches and agreements. Stakeholders should also be guided by any relevant regional principles, approaches and agreements that are applicable to their specific region or a specific issue.

Appendix II: Additional suggestions received in response to the call for input made following OEWG3



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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- A:** [Measures are identified, implemented and enforced in order to prevent or, where not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste]
- B:** Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions;
- C:** Issues of concern [that warrant [global] [and] [joint] action] are identified, prioritized and addressed;
- D:** Benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and risks are prevented or, where not feasible, minimized through safer alternatives, innovative and sustainable solutions and forward thinking;
- E:** [The importance of the sound management of chemicals and waste as an essential element to achieving sustainable development is recognized by all]; adequate financial and non-financial resources are [identified and] mobilized; actions are accelerated; and necessary [transparent and accountable] partnerships are established to foster cooperation among stakeholders].

Agenda Item 4(b) Compilation of recommendations: text not considered by VWGs

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A. International Conference [on Chemicals Management]
- B. Bureau of the international conference;
- C. Secretariat

Agenda Item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations and outcomes of the VWGs

- A. Virtual Working Group 1: Targets, indicators and milestones
- B. Virtual Working Group 2: Governance and mechanisms to support implementation
- C. Virtual Working Group 3: Issues of Concern
- D. Virtual Working Group 4: Financial Considerations



Agenda Item 5: LOGISTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR IP4

- IP4 is scheduled to take place from 29 August to 2 September 2022 in Bucharest, Romania
- Regional and stakeholder consultations are also scheduled to take place the weekend before IP4 from 27 to 28 August 2022
- IP4 will be held in face-to-face mode



Agenda Item 6: EXCHANGE OF REGIONAL INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE, REVIEWING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE CURRENT SAICM OBJECTIVES

Agenda Item 7: OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Item 8: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING



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