

**7th Africa regional meeting on the
Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management**
Accra, Ghana, 27-29 June 2022

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The seventh Africa regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management will be opened by a representative of the host government on Monday, 27 June 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holliday Inn Accra Airport, *Cantonments, PMB CT 97 (Plot 19 & 20 Airport City), Accra, Ghana, Telephone: 0302 740 930*, in Accra, Ghana.
2. The opening session will continue with opening remarks from the President of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5), a representative from the Strategic Approach secretariat and the Strategic Approach regional focal point for the African region.
3. The meeting will be chaired/co-chaired by the Africa regional focal point and the ICCM5 Bureau member representing Africa.

Item 2: Organizational matters

4. On 27 - 29 June 2022 participants will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lunch break and two coffee breaks – one in the morning and one in the afternoon, will be offered in accordance with the detailed programme as set out in Annex 2 of this annotated provisional agenda.

(a) Adoption of the agenda

5. Participants may wish to adopt the provisional agenda as set out in document SAICM/RM/AFR.7/1.

(b) Objectives and expected outcome of the SAICM African regional meeting

6. As part of this agenda item, the African regional focal point will provide an overview of the overall objectives and expected outcomes of the regional meeting.
7. The President of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) will provide her perspective on the expected outcomes of the regional meeting in the context of both the Fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (IP4) and the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5).
8. Meeting documents, presented in Annex 1 of this annotated provisional agenda have been provided to meeting participants in English only. For the meeting, simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided.

Item 3: Update from the BRS Conventions and Minamata Convention Secretariats and IOMC members

9. Under this agenda item, representatives from the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention and the IOMC Participating Organisations will update meeting participants on their current and recent work: face-to-face segment of the meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (BC COP-15, RC COP-10, SC COP-10), the second segment of the Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4), and the work of the IOMC, respectively.

Item 4: Substantive preparation for the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

(a) SAICM roadmap towards IP4 and ICCM5, including the overview of the intersessional process

10. The Intersessional Process Co-Chair(s) will introduce document SAICM/RM/AFR.7/2: Road map leading to IP4 and ICCM5. Participants may wish to provide their views on the proposed roadmap.

(b) SAICM/IP4/2 “Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020” text not considered during the Virtual Working Groups on vision, scope, principles and approaches, and strategic objectives

11. The Intersessional Process Co-Chair(s) will introduce document SAICM/RM/AFR.7/3: SAICM/IP.4/2 “Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management. Participants may wish to provide their views on how to address text not considered during the Virtual Working Groups on vision, scope, principles and approaches, and strategic objectives in preparation for the fourth meeting of the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (IP4).

(c) SAICM/IP4/2 “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 held between October 2020 – February 2021

12. Under this agenda item, participants may wish to refer to the following documents: SAICM/RM/AFR.7/4: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 1 on targets, indicators and milestones; SAICM/RM/AFR.7/5: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 2 on governance and mechanisms to support implementation; SAICM/RM/AFR.7/6: Outcome of Virtual Working Group 3 on issues of concern; SAICM/RM/AFR.7/7: Outcome of Virtual Working Group on financial considerations; and SAICM/RM/AFR.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. Following the presentations of these documents by the IP Co-Chairs and Virtual Working Group Co-facilitators, the participants may wish to address remaining gaps and provide their views on the outcomes of the four Virtual Working Groups.

13. One and a half hours will be dedicated to each Virtual Working Group. Virtual working group Co-facilitator(s) will provide a 30-minute presentation, introducing the work of the Virtual Working Group, highlighting the methodology used, its outcomes and key issues that the regional group need to be made aware of. The presentation will be followed by a one-hour discussion to provide further explanation and clarification with an overall aim to seek stakeholders’ views, to build consensus and reach a common understanding on the outcomes of Virtual Working Groups.

i. Virtual Working Group 1: Targets, indicators and milestones

14. The Co-facilitators of the Virtual Working Group 1 on targets, indicators and milestones, Mr. Wajira Palipane and Ms. Silvija Kalnins (online) will present the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group and address questions, or clarifications posed by the regional group.

ii. Virtual Working Group 2: Governance and mechanisms to support implementation

15. The Co-facilitators of the Virtual Working Group 2 on governance and mechanism to support implementation, Ms. Karissa Kovner (online) and Ms. Teeraporn Wiriwutikorn (online) will present the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group and address questions, or clarifications posed by the regional group.

iii. Virtual Working Group 3: Issues of concern

16. The Co-facilitators of the Virtual Working Group 3 on issues of concern, Mr. Sam Adu-Kumi and Mr. Thomas Jahre (online) will present the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group and address questions, or clarifications posed by the regional group.

iv. Virtual Working Group 4: Financial considerations

17. The Co-facilitators of the Virtual Working Group 4 on financial considerations, Mr. Jonah Ormond (online) and Mr. Reginald Hernaus (online) will present the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group and address questions, or clarifications posed by the regional group.

Item 5: Logistical preparations for the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

18. The Strategic Approach secretariat and the Government of Germany will be invited to present an update on preparations for the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and the fifth session of the Conference, respectively.

Item 6: Exchange of regional information and knowledge, reviewing progress towards the current SAICM objectives.

19. Paragraph 26 of the Strategic Approach's Overarching Policy Strategy and resolution I/1 of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, on implementation arrangements, recognize that regional meetings play an essential role in the implementation of the Strategic Approach by providing a forum for reviewing progress in regional implementation; providing guidance on implementation to all stakeholders at the regional level; and enabling technical and strategic discussions and information exchange. This agenda item will be facilitated by the African regional focal point and participants may wish to share information on activities and initiatives that support the current SAICM objectives taking place within the region.

Item 7: Other matters

20. Participants may wish to consider any other business under this agenda item.

Item 8: Closure of the meeting

21. The meeting is expected to close by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 June 2022.

Annex 1. Meeting documents:

Working documents:

1. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/1:** Provisional agenda
2. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/1/Add.1:** Annotated provisional agenda
3. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/2:** Road map leading to IP4 and ICCM5
4. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/3:** SAICM/IP.4/2 “Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management
5. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/4:** Outcome of Virtual Working Group 1 on targets, indicators and milestones
6. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/5:** Outcome of Virtual Working Group 2 on governance and mechanisms to support implementation
7. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/6:** Outcome of Virtual Working Group 3 on issues of concern
8. **SAICM/RM/AFR.7/7:** Outcome of Virtual Working Group 4 on financial considerations

Information documents:

1. **SAICM/RM/AFR.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
2. SAICM Africa meeting information note

Annex 2. Detailed programme

Day 1: Monday, 27 June 2022

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item(s)</i>
8:00 – 9:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda item 2: Organisational matters <i>Agenda item 2(a)</i> Adoption of the agenda <i>Agenda item 2(b)</i> Objectives and expected outcomes of the SAICM African regional meeting
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	Agenda item 3 Update from the BRS Conventions and Minamata Convention secretariats and IOMC members
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
	Agenda item 4: Substantive preparation for the fourth meeting of the Inter-sessional process considering the Strategic approach and the management of chemicals and waste beyond 2022
14:00 – 15:00	Agenda item 4(a) SAICM roadmap towards IP4 and ICCM5, including the overview of the intersessional process <i>Presentation from the IP Co-Chair(s) followed by discussion</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Agenda item 4(b) Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic approach and the sound management of the Chemicals and waste beyond 2020: text not considered during the VWG on vision, scope, principles and approaches and strategic objectives <i>Presentation from the IP Co-Chair(s) followed by discussion</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	<i>Continued discussion on Agenda items 4(b)</i>
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap up and next steps

Day 2: Tuesday, 28 June 2022

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item(s)</i>
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome to the second day and wrap-up
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Agenda item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations regarding the strategic approach on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and the outcomes of the VWGs held between October 2020 and February 2021:</p> <p>iii. Virtual Working Group 3: issues of concern</p> <p><i>Presentation from the co-facilitator(s) of the Virtual Working Group 3, followed by Q&A</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Agenda item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations regarding the strategic approach on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and the outcomes of the VWGs held between October 2020 and February 2021:</p> <p>i. Virtual Working Group 1: targets, indicators and milestones</p> <p><i>Presentation from the co-facilitator(s) of the Virtual Working Group 1, followed by Q&A</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Agenda item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations regarding the strategic approach on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and the outcomes of the VWGs held between October 2020 and February 2021:</p> <p>ii. Virtual Working Group 2: governance and mechanisms to support implementation</p> <p><i>Presentation from the co-facilitator(s) of the Virtual Working Group 2, followed by Q&A</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Agenda item 4(c) Compilation of recommendations regarding the strategic approach on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and the outcomes of the VWGs held between October 2020 and February 2021:</p> <p>iv. Virtual Working Group 4: financial considerations</p> <p><i>Presentation from the co-facilitator(s) of the Virtual Working Group 4, followed by Q&A</i></p>
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap up and next steps

Day 3: Wednesday, 29 June 2022

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item(s)</i>
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Welcome to the third day and wrap-up</i>
09:30 – 13:00	<i>Closed session (30-minute coffee break expected between 11:00 and 11:30)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Agenda item 5: Logistical preparations for the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020</p> <p><i>Presentation from the Strategic Approach secretariat on the logistical preparations for IP4</i></p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Agenda item 6: Exchange of regional information and knowledge, reviewing progress towards the current SAICM objectives</p> <p><i>Sharing information and progress review by participants to be facilitated by the regional focal point</i></p>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Agenda item 7: Other matters
17:30 – 18:00	Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting