VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS / ONLINE CONSULTATIONS

1. **Co-facilitators:** Jonah Davis Ormond (Antigua and Barbuda) and Reggie Hernaus (The Netherlands)

2. **Mandate:** make proposals that progress work on this topic in the lead-up to IP4 including on:
   - Integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and waste
   - Capacity building
   - Strategic partnerships
   - Financing the Secretariat
   - Cost-recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments
   - Resource mobilization strategy

3. **Calendar of meetings:**

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   | 22 October – 13 November 2020 | a) **General overview**  
   |                        | (i) Views on the establishment of a clearing house mechanism to track development aid and other possible sources for the sound management of chemicals and waste;  
   |                        | (ii) Views on the establishment of an arrangement, process or subsidiary structure comprising of finance and other relevant experts to keep sound management of chemicals and waste, capacity building, technology, finance and other resource mobilization sources and initiatives under review;  
   |                        | (iii) Additional views on text SAICM/IP.4/2, page 14, paragraphs 1 - 3.                                                                                                                                             |                                              |
   |                        | b) **Mainstreaming**  
   |                        | (i) What concrete mechanisms and actions could achieve mainstreaming for the sound management of chemicals and waste at the national level;  
   |                        | (ii) Views on text SAICM/IP.4/2, page 15, paragraphs 6 - 7.                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |
   |                        | c) **Private sector involvement**  
   |                        | (i) Gather views on how private sector involvement would support implementation of the sound management of chemicals and waste.                                                                                       |                                              |
   |                        | d) **Dedicated external financing**  


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| 2    | (i) How can SAICM inform the GEF replenishment process to increase funding for the sound management of chemicals and waste and what are the priority areas for inclusion in the C&W focal area?  
(ii) What concrete actions could support implementation of the beyond 2020 programme of work - for example operationalizing the Overall Orientation Guidance (OOG) - in line with the objectives of the UNEP Special Programme;  
(iii) Views on text SAICM/IP.4/2, page 16, paragraphs 12 - 16.  
(e) Capacity building  
   (i) What are the concrete mechanisms and actions regarding capacity building across sectors to support the beyond 2020 programme of work (related to all sections above)? | Virtual meeting                  |
| 3    | Review proposals and identify possibilities for compromise, or alternative text in areas of divergence; or identify gaps on these topics: integrated approach and capacity building.  
   *Advise co-facilitators on significant changes that may be required in the draft recommendations, any gaps and/or additional text that could be developed for a future virtual working group meeting.* | Electronic feedback and post from 20 November - 11 December 2020 |
|      | Collect feedback electronically on strategic partnerships, financing the secretariat, resource mobilization, and cost-recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments.  
**a) Strategic partnerships**  
   (i) Inputs on purpose and objectives of strategic partnerships to support the implementation of the beyond 2020 programme of work;  
   (ii) Views on text SAICM/IP.4/2, page 16, paragraph 17.  
**b) Financing the Secretariat**  
   (i) Inputs on the modalities (core budget and contributions of all stakeholders) for financing the Secretariat;  
   (ii) Views on text SAICM/IP.4/2, page 16, paragraph 18 - 22.  
**c) Resource mobilization** |osta |
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<td><strong>d) Cost-recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments</strong>&lt;br&gt;(i) Inputs on the cost recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments for financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste (SAICM/IP.4/7) so that it may be further developed for IP4/ICCM5.</td>
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### Background documents:

- **SAICM/IP.4/2** 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/IP.4/5** Stakeholder input on the proposed draft ‘capacity building principles’ developed at the third meeting of the intersessional process by the co-chairs of the thematic group on financial considerations

- **SAICM/IP.4/6** Draft proposal for a resource mobilization strategy

- **SAICM/IP.4/7** Review of cost recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments for financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste