VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE AND MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION

ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK on Women and Gender

TOPICS: NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION; SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION; AND ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We, a group of more than ten NGOs, other stakeholders and individuals working on women and gender in the frame of the SAICM process¹, would like to submit the following feedback:

We are aware that views are requested only in the existing language in the remaining brackets. However, in the VWG mandate, it is also said that "The task of the VWGs will be to develop proposals on key issues, building on and continuing the work of working groups at IP3 and incorporating relevant written input. They will also make proposals on gaps, if identified."

Our group identified gaps in D. ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT Paragraph 1 that need to be addressed:

From a women and gender perspective, section D. paragraph 1 is relevant to highlight the significant participation of marginalized groups for the aim of “improving multi-stakeholder/multi-sectoral participation” in the future framework.

We propose to delete “at the local” as it is vague and can have different interpretation, and to add instead: “including women, workers, youth and indigenous peoples at the community, workplace”:

*The involvement and commitment of all relevant sectors and stakeholders *including women, workers, youth and indigenous peoples at the community, workplace, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste.*

Kind regards,
Anna Holthaus on behalf of the group

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¹ See group statement „Women and Gender in SAICM Beyond 2020. A statement for the discussions of the VWGs” submitted to the SAICM Secretariat on the 5th of Nov 2020.