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## **Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters
  - (a) Election of officers;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Organization of work.
3. Information about SAICM implementation activities
  - (a) Other regional groups;
  - (b) Intergovernmental organizations;
  - (c) Non-governmental organizations and others.
4. Implementation of SAICM in Latin America and the Caribbean
  - (a) National implementation of SAICM
    - (i) Identification of priorities and initial planning to implement SAICM, including the involvement of Governments and industry;
    - (ii) Guidance materials for national implementation of SAICM;
    - (iii) Role and responsibilities of the national focal point;
  - (b) Regional coordination
    - (i) Role and responsibilities of the regional focal point;
    - (ii) Role and responsibilities of regional representatives serving on the Quick Start Programme Executive Board;
    - (iii) Possible formation of a regional committee to support the SAICM regional focal point and other regional representatives;

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- (iv) Cooperation and coordination with other significant processes and bodies at regional and global levels;
  - (c) Regional implementation of SAICM
    - (i) Activities, initiatives and approaches to implement SAICM at the subregional and regional levels, including by industry and other actors;
    - (ii) Promotion to obtain the commitment of regional organizations for the implementation of SAICM, including those concerning regional economic integration and regional development banks;
    - (iii) Promotion of the exchange of information and experiences from region to region;
    - (iv) Development of a regional action plan for implementation of SAICM in the Latin American and Caribbean region, considering the existing sub-regional initiatives.
  - 5. Quick Start Programme
    - (a) Quick Start Programme trust fund;
    - (b) Extension of the Quick Start Programme and presentation of other sources of financing for SAICM implementation;
    - (c) Possible regional projects.
  - 6. Preparation for the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management
    - (a) Agenda for the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management
    - (b) Reporting to the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management on progress in the implementation of SAICM;
    - (c) Further development of the SAICM Global Plan of Action;
    - (d) Preparations for the first meeting of the Open ended Legal and Technical Working Group.
  - 7. Financial considerations.
  - 8. Establishment and activities of the SAICM secretariat and its indicative budget.
  - 9. Possible regional and subregional meetings and other intersessional work.
  - 10. Other matters.
  - 11. Adoption of the report.
  - 12. Closure of the meeting.
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