

## MESSAGE TO STAKEHOLDERS

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**Subject: Follow-up from the third meeting of the intersessional process considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020**

Dear SAICM stakeholders,

The third meeting of the intersessional process for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 successfully concluded its work from 1 to 4 October in Bangkok, Thailand.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the over 300 delegates who travelled from across the world to contribute to #beyond2020. We appreciated their energy, commitment, constructive spirit and many hours of discussion which allowed for a productive meeting. Everyone showed once again that a key strength of SAICM is that it provides a unique platform for governments and non-governmental actors to come together in an atmosphere of trust and cooperation and share views on the sound management of chemicals and waste.

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### **Outcomes of IP3**

The meeting was structured around four important thematic areas: targets, milestones and indicators; institutional arrangements; mechanisms to support implementation; and financial considerations. As the week progressed, participants made a number of important advances in each area which will serve as an important contribution towards the preparation of recommendations on the Strategic Approach and the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste beyond 2020 for consideration at ICCM5.

We would like to highlight a number of key outcomes from the meeting:

- The secretariat was requested to consolidate the outputs of IP3 into a draft for deliberation at the fourth meeting of the intersessional process (IP4), under the guidance of the IP co-chairs and in consultation with the ICCM5 Bureau.
- The Government of Germany offered to host a special workshop before IP4 to discuss a possible enhanced enabling framework for beyond 2020.
- A technical working group on targets, milestones and indicators was established to support further work in this area between now and IP4. Further details on this are forthcoming.
- The secretariat was requested to prepare proposals for submission to IP4 for a potential name of the future instrument.

**In-Session documentation and information is available for all at the following link:**

<http://saicm.org/Beyond2020/IntersessionalProcess/ThirdIntersessionalMeeting/Insessiondocuments/tabid/8141/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

**Meeting coverage by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin:** <http://enb.iisd.org/chemical/saicm/iccm5/ip3/about.html>

### **Evaluation**

We kindly ask all meeting participants who attended IP3 to complete the meeting evaluation, if you have not already, as soon as possible so we may consider this feedback for future planning.

<https://reg.unog.ch/event/30020/evaluation/evaluate>

### **Input requested from all stakeholders**

Stakeholders are invited to provide input on the following to support the intersessional process to [saicm.chemicals@un.org](mailto:saicm.chemicals@un.org):

1. Input to the Draft document '[Review on examples of successful mechanisms for cost recovery and implementation of the polluter pays principle](#)' (SAICM/IP.3/7) by 1 November 2019.

2. Contributions to achieve enhanced sectoral and stakeholder engagement for beyond 2020 by 3 December 2019. The secretariat will compile these inputs for IP4.
3. Proposed 'Capacity-building Principles' ([found on IP3 in-session page](#)) developed by the IP3 thematic group D on financial considerations co-chairs by 3 December 2019.
4. Draft '[Assessment on linkages with other clusters related to chemicals and waste management and options to coordinate and cooperate on areas of common interest](#)' (SAICM/IP.3/8) by 1 November 2019. Please send input directly to [science.chemicals@un.org](mailto:science.chemicals@un.org)

#### **Progress Reporting for 2017-2019**

The secretariat will be preparing a progress report for SAICM implementation for 2017-2019 as requested by OEWG3 (set out in document [SAICM/IP.3/11](#)). In the past, many stakeholder groups provided progress reports on SAICM implementation to the International Conference. All stakeholder groups who are intending to prepare such progress reports in advance of the fifth session of the International Conference are requested to submit these by 28 February 2020. The reason for this proposed submission deadline is so that information and data from the submissions may be available on time to be used as input to the analysis of the overall secretariat report on SAICM progress in implementation for 2017-2019. Stakeholder group submissions will also be made available as information documents for the fifth session of the Conference. Please let the secretariat know as soon as possible if you are intending to provide progress reports and send your progress reports to: [saicm.chemicals@un.org](mailto:saicm.chemicals@un.org)

#### **Relevant Upcoming Events**

##### **High Ambition Alliance on Chemicals and Waste, Santiago, Chile, 9 December**

The High Ambition Alliance on Chemicals and Waste, led by Sweden and Uruguay, will meet on 9 December 2019 on the margins of the Climate Change COP in Santiago, Chile.

##### **ICCM5 Bureau meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 21-22 January 2020**

The eighth meeting of the ICCM5 Bureau is tentatively scheduled to be held from 21 to 22 January 2020, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

##### **IP4, Bucharest, Romania, 23-27 March 2020 - Save the Date!**

The fourth and final meeting of the intersessional process will be held in Bucharest, Romania, from 23 to 27 March 2020.

##### **ICCM5, Bonn, Germany, 5-9 October 2020 - Save the Date!**

The fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) will take place in one year, 5 to 9 October 2020 in Bonn, presided over by Ms. Gertrud Sahler (Germany).

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Many thanks for working with us to be the change beyond 2020 for the sound management of chemicals and waste.

Best regards,

SAICM Secretariat



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