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**Progress towards the achievement of
the 2020 overall objective of the sound management of chemicals:
Financing of the Strategic Approach**

**Report of the Global Environment Facility to the third meeting
of the Open-ended Working Group for the Strategic Approach
to International Chemicals Management**

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat has the honour to circulate, in the annex to the present note, the report to the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, received from the Global Environment Facility. The report is presented in the annex as received and has not been edited by the secretariat.

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Annex

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Third Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

Introduction

1. This report provides an account of the Global Environment Facility's (GEF) support to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) over the sixth replenishment period (GEF-6) of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, as well as an overview of the results of the seventh GEF replenishment (GEF-7) process.
2. The Fourth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4) in 2015 took two decisions related to the GEF:
 - a. Invites the Global Environment Facility, within its mandate, to support the implementation of the Conference resolutions of all emerging policy issues and to continue that support in its 7th replenishment.
 - b. Invites the Global Environment Facility to continue to support projects that implement the Strategic Approach, taking into account the areas identified in the overall orientation and guidance, and to consider enhancing funding for the Strategic Approach in the process of the seventh replenishment of its trust fund.
3. The seventh GEF replenishment period (GEF-7) began in July 2018. The decisions and priorities from ICCM 4 were taken into consideration when developing the GEF-7 Chemicals and Waste programming directions. During the replenishment negotiations, an allocation for SAICM was agreed in order to continue and deepen the support to sound chemicals management.

GEF Activities Supporting SAICM

4. In implementing its priorities for sound chemicals and waste management, the GEF strives to assist countries to address chemicals management in an integrated manner in their national development planning and help mobilize and catalyze other sources of finance for projects and programs for sound chemicals management to achieve global benefits. The GEF activities are complementary to those related to the Quick Start Program.

GEF-6 SUPPORT TO SAICM

In GEF-6, US\$13 million was allocated to address SAICM priorities. Table 1 below provides a list of GEF-6 funded projects directly contributing to SAICM priorities.

Table 1: List of GEF-6 Projects Contributing to SAICM Priorities

Country	Project	GEF Agency	SAICM Amount (US\$) ¹	Total GEF Grant (US\$) ²	Co-financing (US\$)
Global	Global Best Practices on Emerging Chemical Policy Issues of Concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)	UNEP	9,190,000	8,190,000	20,580,000
Vietnam	Application of Green Chemistry in Vietnam to Support Green Growth and Reduction in the Use and Release of POPs/Harmful Chemicals	UNDP	430,000	1,999,800	8,400,000
Global	Guidance Development and Case Study Documentation of Green Chemistry and Technologies	UNIDO	770,000	1,770,000	6,524,000
Thailand	Applications of Industry-urban Symbiosis and Green Chemistry for Low Emission and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)-Free Industrial Development in Thailand	UNIDO	680,234	8,966,000	59,200,000
Peru	Sustainable Industrial Zone Development	UNIDO	300,000	4,864,000	36,065,000
Total			11,370,234	26,789,800	130,769,000

5. GEF-6 resources focused on funding one major project to deliver strategic results. This project was developed in coordination with the SAICM Secretariat and will be implemented by UNEP. The project Global Best Practices on Emerging Policy Issues of Concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management aims to accelerate the adoption of national and value chain initiatives to control Emerging Policy Issues and contribute to the 2020 SAICM goal and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There are three main components to the project: (1) promoting regulatory and voluntary action by government and industry to phase out lead in paint, (2) lifecycle management of chemicals present in products, and knowledge management and (3) stakeholder engagement.

6. The other four projects listed in Table 1 utilizing SAICM funding in GEF-6 are multi chemical and multi focal area projects. These projects support synergies between the Chemicals Conventions in support of the Stockholm and Minamata Conventions along with SAICM, which is in line with guidance that the GEF has received requesting the support of synergies between the conventions.

¹ This amount does not include agency fees.

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UPDATE ON THE 7TH REPLENISHMENT OF THE GEF TRUST FUND

7. Negotiations for the seventh replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-7) were successfully concluded on April 25, 2018 in Stockholm, Sweden when 28 countries pledged a total of \$4,065 million towards programming during the GEF-7 period (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022). The 28 countries are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.
8. The GEF Council endorsed the outcomes of the replenishment process at its 54th meeting, including the Programming Directions, Policy Recommendations, and Replenishment Resolution.
9. The Participants allocated a total of \$599 million to the chemicals and waste focal area, representing some 15 percent of the total GEF-7 resource envelope, of which \$12 million is indicatively allocated to the implementation SAICM priorities.
10. In addition, the GEF-7 Impact Programs on (i) Food, Land-Use and Restoration, (ii) Sustainable Cities, and (iii) Sustainable Forest Management for Major Biomes are expected to deliver global environmental benefits for Chemicals and Waste.