

# Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### THE STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT (SAICM) AND THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE BEYOND 2020

25 OCTOBER 2018, BANGKOK, THAILAND

*The session will inform the meeting participants of the SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 process and explore areas of collaboration with Minamata Convention representatives and SAICM stakeholders.*

*The session will be chaired by the SAICM Regional Focal Point (or a designated alternate).*

*A number of discussion questions are included within the Provisional Programme. Participants are encouraged to prepare for this session by meeting with their respective SAICM National Focal Points<sup>1</sup> in advance of the regional meetings to review the questions and explore areas for enhanced collaboration beyond 2020.*

Times	Items
13.30 – 13.45	<b>Opening and welcome</b> (SAICM regional focal point and video message #1 from the SAICM secretariat)
13.45 – 14.15	<b>Overview and discussion of the intersessional process for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020</b> (Video introduction message #2 from the SAICM secretariat followed by input from the SAICM Regional Focal Point)
14.15 – 15.00	<b>Regional context, successes and challenges</b> The Minamata Convention on Mercury plays an important role in controlling mercury use and releases globally. The purpose of this discussion is to place the Minamata Convention efforts within a broader sound management of chemicals and waste global context.  Proposed discussion questions for participants to reflect upon and share experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How do the Minamata National Focal Points and SAICM National Focal Points work together at national level? What is working well? How can they maximize benefits of each other's efforts?</li> <li>ii. How has the Minamata community at large benefited from the implementation of the Strategic Approach to date? What voluntary multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral contributions would be of benefit in moving forward beyond 2020 to support the ratification and implementation of the Minamata Convention?</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> It is noted that in some cases the Minamata Convention Focal Point and the SAICM National Focal Point are the same individual.

	<p>iii. How is / can the Minamata community contribute to the broader SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste agenda? To the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <p>(Discussion led by the SAICM Regional Focal Point)</p>
15.00 – 15.30	<p><b>Regional cooperation and coordination beyond 2020</b></p> <p>Stakeholders have called for enhanced regional activities to promote sector engagement and sharing of information and approaches for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.</p> <p>Proposed discussion questions for participants to reflect upon and share experiences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What mechanisms could be applied to identify and implement actions on common priorities at regional and sub-regional levels?</li> <li>ii. What role should the SAICM regional focal point play?</li> <li>iii. How could sectoral cooperation and coordination be enhanced within the region (for example health and agriculture sectors)?</li> </ol> <p>(Discussion led by the SAICM Regional Focal Point)</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p><b>National implementation beyond 2020</b></p> <p>National action is at the core of achieving the sound management of chemicals and waste globally. Stakeholders have indicated that to support effective implementation of the sound management of chemicals and waste, stronger efforts are required to ensure that national implementation involves engagement of the range of stakeholders and sectors appropriate to address national priorities (eg. health and agricultural sectors).</p> <p>Proposed discussion questions for participants to reflect upon and share experiences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How can stakeholders enhance national implementation for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020?</li> <li>ii. What else can be done to increase national level engagement and commitment of the highest possible level of policy and political officials? How can the SDGs support this?</li> <li>iii. What needs to change in moving forward?</li> </ol> <p>(Discussion led by the SAICM Regional Focal Point)</p>
16.00 – 16.30	<p><b>The road to the SAICM Open-ended Working Group 3 (OEWG3) and regional preparations</b></p> <p>2-4 April 2019 in Montevideo, Uruguay</p> <p>(Video message #3 from the SAICM secretariat followed by a discussion led by the SAICM Regional Focal Point)</p>
16.30 – 17.00	<p><b>Summary of key messages, conclusions and next steps</b></p> <p>(Concluding discussion led by the SAICM Regional Focal Point and UN Environment representative)</p>

*In preparing for this session, stakeholders are encouraged to read the following documents:*

- **Report of the 5th Asia-Pacific regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, Bangkok, Thailand 23-25 January 2018 [Click Here](#)**
- **Report of the second meeting in the intersessional process to consider the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, Stockholm, Sweden, 13-15 March 2018 [Click Here](#)**