



SAICM OEWG-3 Technical Briefing

An Improved Enabling Framework on Chemicals and Waste: A Multi-stakeholder Dialogue Organized by the Government of Germany

Monday 1 April 2019, 10:00-13:00hrs

Antel Arena, Montevideo, Room Club Oeste, First Floor

Background

The technical briefing will present the findings of a paper on the future governance framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste. The paper is available to meeting participants as information document [SAICM/OEWG.3/INF/27: A submission from the German Environment Agency – Paper on Global Governance of Chemicals and Waste](#), and the issue will be discussed in plenary under agenda item 3(b).

The governance landscape in the chemicals and waste cluster is currently fragmented, despite efforts to generate synergies. Global progress towards the achievement of the WSSD 2020-chemicals goal is insufficient in view of increasing global trends in production and consumption of chemicals, as demonstrated by the Global Chemicals Outlook II which called to establish “an ambitious and comprehensive global framework for chemicals and waste beyond 2020”.

The intersessional process is mandated to develop recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and SMCW beyond 2020. The paper commissioned by the German Environment Agency lays out an option for developing further an encompassing governance landscape. The paper, which was written by a team of consultants from South Africa and Germany, makes the case for enhancing system-wide coordination and cooperation, including through a broader governance arrangement or platform on SMCW. The paper lays out potential functions and a possible pathway to develop such governance arrangements.

The technical briefing will present the paper's key findings, and provide a space for discussing its potential implications. It invites governments and other stakeholders to openly exchange their views on the need for a broader governance arrangement or platform, on the implications of this for the intersessional process, and on the way forward.

Objectives

- Briefing on the content of the paper;
- Providing an opportunity to share views, insights and perspectives the proposal; and
- Facilitating early discussions between stakeholders.

Agenda

Session 1: Welcome and keynote	
10:00	Welcome by Jutta Emig , Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Germany
10:10	Introduction by facilitator, Minu Hemmati
10:15	Video presentation on biodiversity governance by Neville Ash , UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre
10:25	Presentation by Alf Wills , Summit Outcomes: On Global Governance of Chemicals and Waste Questions of clarification
Session 2: Small group discussions	
10:50	Small groups: introducing topics and formats; changing rooms
10:55	Discussions in 4 parallel groups , addressing four topics: Group 1: The <i>division of labour</i> between the SAICM successor and the encompassing governance arrangement or platform: What are the core functions that should be fulfilled in future and where would these be placed by participants? Group 2: <i>Routes and fora to facilitate accountability beyond 2020</i> (including a possible timeline): Which forum / fora could be used to ensure accountability – e.g. HLPF, UNGA, IOMC, others? What would need to be done to engage with these fora, and when? Group 3: <i>Goals and Targets beyond 2020:</i> Where would they be placed? What would be needed to ensure ownership and commitment towards the goals and targets for the entire chemicals and waste cluster? Whom would we need to get on board, how, and when? Group 4: <i>Process until ICCM5 and beyond:</i> What could be done within the intersessional process? What actions would be required to be taken beyond? What role could the High Ambition Alliance play?
12:00	Coffee break
Session 3: Reporting back and conclusions	
12:20	Sharing main points of discussions and results from small groups
12:50	Concluding remarks by Alf Wills; Jutta Emig