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**6<sup>th</sup> African regional meeting on the Strategic Approach  
to International Chemicals Management**  
Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 6-8 February 2018

Hotel Belle Cote, Abidjan, Cocody

### **Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Objectives and expected outcome of the regional meeting and regional representation in Strategic Approach related efforts.
3. Implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management:
  - (a) Progress review on implementation of the SAICM Overall Orientation and Guidance within the region:
    - (i) Setting the scene: an overview of the region;
    - (ii) Country experiences, including financial mechanism and QSP experiences;
    - (iii) Information exchange on emerging policy issues:
      - a. Update from the IOMC on progress on emerging policy issues and other issues of concern;
      - b. Discussion on country experiences and impact of emerging policy issue efforts in the region;
      - c. Update on the Strategic Approach GEF projects;
    - (iv) Status of regional input to the SAICM Report on Progress, 2014-2016;
  - (b) Provision of guidance on implementation:
    - (i) Implementation of the WHO "Road map to enhance health sector engagement in the strategic approach to international chemicals management towards the 2020 goal and beyond" and its implementation;
    - (ii) Update on the Global Chemicals Outlook II.

4. Environment Sector Perspectives on the future and identification regional priorities towards and beyond 2020.
  5. SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020:
    - (a) Overview of the intersessional process;
    - (b) Regional input to the independent evaluation for 2006-2015;
    - (c) Updates from the co-chairs on the second meeting of the intersessional process;
    - (d) Dialogue on regional perspectives<sup>1</sup>:
      - (i) Vision, policy principles, objectives and milestones;
      - (ii) Implementation arrangements and governance;
      - (iii) Communication and engagement, securing high-level political commitment and visibility;
    - (e) Nomination of regional representatives at the second intersessional meeting.
  6. Moving forward:
    - (a) Identification of priority needs in the region to achieve by 2020;
    - (b) Promoting stakeholder engagement;
    - (c) Review of regional outreach, coordination and sub regional initiatives.
  7. Preparations for the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.
  8. Other matters.
  9. Closure of the meeting.
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<sup>1</sup> Participants should be prepared to discuss the questions set out in the scenario note for the intersessional process (SAICM/IP.2/3)