

VI. Mechanisms to support implementation

B. National Implementation

1. To sustain an integrated approach for the sound management of chemicals and waste, each Government should establish arrangements such as national plans of action for implementation on an inter-ministerial or inter-institutional basis, in consultation with stakeholders, so that concerned national department and stakeholder interests are represented and all relevant substantive areas are addressed.
2. Each government should designate a national focal point to facilitate communication and coordination at the national, regional, and international levels with respect to the [sound management of chemicals and wastes] [beyond 2020 instrument]¹. The national focal point should, among other duties, disseminate information, develop a network or a mechanism to coordinate national views that includes consultations with all relevant sectors and stakeholders, attend meetings, and be representative of the country's inter-ministerial or inter-institutional arrangements, where such arrangements exist.
3. To support effective implementation, stronger efforts are required to ensure that national implementation involves the engagement of the appropriate range of stakeholders and sectors (e.g., the health, environmental, agriculture and labour sectors) to address national priorities.
4. Governments [are encouraged to] [may] develop a national plan of action or program in consultation with other stakeholders to further implementation efforts at the national level. Such plan or program may be used to support its reporting under this Section on the progress made during the reporting period, keeping in mind that such plans or programs are tailored to national actions and measures and should not be duplicative of existing arrangements or other reporting efforts.
5. All stakeholders should undertake actions to promote progress on the implementation of the strategic objectives and targets.

C. [International,] Regional, and Sectoral Cooperation and Coordination

1. Priorities and capacities for implementation vary among regions according to their different economic and other circumstances.
2. International, regional, and sectoral collaboration play integral roles in supporting the sound management of chemicals and waste at all levels, including among trading partners and other regional organizations.
3. International and regional meetings and coordination mechanisms play an important role in enabling stakeholders in each region to exchange experience and identify priority needs in relation to implementation, as well as to develop regional positions on key issues.
4. Regions are encouraged, where appropriate:
 - a) To identify common priorities,
 - b) To develop regional implementation plans for the sound management of chemicals and waste, and to consider regional or sub-regional approaches and projects, and
 - c) To appoint a regional focal point.
5. Regional focal points are to play a facilitative role within their regions, including undertaking activities determined at the regional level, such as chairing regional meetings, disseminating information of interest to focal points within their region, collecting views from national focal points on matters of interest to the region, identifying opportunities for regional cooperation, assisting in the flow of information and views from the region to its Bureau

¹ This bracket goes to scope of the instrument and is to be addressed at the next meeting of the IP process.

member, as appropriate, and reporting periodically on the outcomes of their regional meetings and other regional activities.

D. Enhanced Sectoral and Stakeholder Engagement

[In addition, there is a need for an improved enabling framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste in implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which enhances coherence and complementarity of multilateral policies and actions by all relevant international organisations in this area, including through information of and consideration by UN bodies related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, such as the High Level Political Forum and the UN General Assembly, as appropriate.]²

1. The involvement and commitment of all relevant sectors and stakeholders at the local, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste³.

2. At the national level, governments, as appropriate, should undertake, in accordance with their laws, regulations, policies, and priorities, actions to build or improve regulatory and non-regulatory frameworks and institutional structures and capacities for multi-sectoral coherence [for the sound management of chemicals and wastes] [in the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument], as well as urge complementary action by relevant stakeholders.⁴

3. Relevant regional conventions, programmes, Centres, bodies and processes, such as health, labour and environmental ministerial forums, are invited to support and augment such national efforts, fostering coordination and cooperation.⁵

[4. Relevant international organizations and bodies, in particular the IOMC organizations and the chemicals and waste-related conventions, are invited to facilitate the participation of stakeholders and sectors in national and regional efforts, and to promote awareness about the crosscutting nature of the sound management of chemicals and waste as an essential element to achieve the sustainable development goals.]

5. To contribute actively to the implementation of this instrument, the IOMC should continue to promote broad engagement and coordination of the policies, work programs, and activities of relevant intergovernmental organisations, further strengthening international cooperation and multi-sectoral engagement in the sound management of chemical and waste.

6. The enhanced efforts of all relevant sectors and stakeholders should include increased or improved: (1) actions by members of individual sectors and stakeholders, (2) collaboration between and among key sectoral and stakeholder groups, (3) multi-stakeholder and multi-sector dialogue throughout the implementation of this instrument, and (4) contributions, as appropriate, to achieve the shared vision as well as the objective and targets of this instrument.

[6. Bis The public sector, including health and care services, as a major employer and through its extensive use of chemicals and role in waste handling and remediation work, is invited and encouraged to enhance its contribution to the sound management of chemicals and waste, through safe and sustainable chemicals and waste policies, contracts, and practices in workplaces and communities, and through procurement policies that prioritise protective practices.]

[7. [Enterprises [are invited to] [should]] [Stakeholders should] undertake due diligence to ensure that high standards of health and safety in the management of chemicals and waste are used [and verified] throughout their value chains and that they act to protect and respect human rights.]

8. The involvement of industry and the private sector throughout the value chain needs to be significantly enhanced under this instrument at all levels. The roles and responsibilities of industry and the private sector throughout the value chain in implementing the sound management of chemicals and waste offer a strong basis for enhanced

² This paragraph was moved from Section V on Institutional Arrangements, recognizing that its presence in the text, content, and placement has not been discussed.

³ There is a common understanding that the issue of scope has yet to be agreed and will have implications for the term “waste” throughout section VI.

⁴ Similarities between this paragraph and paragraph 1 in Section B on National Implementation have been noted and may require further consideration to avoid duplication.

⁵ Consideration to be given as to the similarities between this paragraph and Section C on International, Regional, and sub-Regional Cooperation and Coordination

involvement and action and should be clearly identified and developed. [To facilitate engagement of the entire chemicals value chain, in particular downstream user industry sectors and recyclers, the secretariat should [, subject to availability of resources,] develop, make publicly available, and implement a private sector outreach strategy, and provide updates on progress to the conference.]

9. [Contributions to the implementation of this instrument are expected to be in the form of] [Stakeholders should set out their future actions to implement this instrument in] workplans, road maps, [actions,] milestones, pledges, [an international code of conduct of chemicals and waste management] or other appropriate commitments [such as financial resources] and should contain a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the sector and/or stakeholder, and the intended mechanism for implementation that contributes to the achievement of the objectives and targets, as well as opportunities for joint collaboration or actions.

G. Taking Stock of Progress

1. All stakeholders are invited to report to the International Conference, through the Secretariat, on the implementation efforts and the progress of indicators and milestones, and contributions to implement the instrument in meeting the strategic objectives and their associated targets toward vision. By doing so, stakeholders can identify successful outcomes, as well as any gaps or challenges, drive opportunities for scaling up and improvement, share information, and assess the need for enhanced implementation efforts, and, if necessary, further prioritize their engagement and activities.

2. Reporting processes⁶ should occur regularly and sufficiently often, as decided by the international conference, to provide for the effective assessment of the progress of the instrument in meeting the vision statement.

3. All stakeholders are encouraged to provide information related to their implementation efforts. Such information should be provided in an organized, transparent and accessible online tool, consistent with any guidance or template provided by the international conference. Such information may also include reporting on voluntary commitments as well as pledges or similar activities.

3 Bis The Secretariat prepares a compilation of the reports received for presentation to the International Conference and to the public in a form that helps visualization of the progress of the instrument in a communicable manner.

4. The instrument invites the sharing of data and information from complementary reporting processes of relevant agreements, initiatives, and the IOMC and other organizations in order to take into consideration, as appropriate, any linkages with such agreements, initiatives, or organizations and to minimize the reporting burden for all stakeholders as well as to avoid duplicative effort.

[5. Responsible organizations should be designated to evaluate impacts indicators of the instrument as decided by the International Conference. They are tasked with preparing a report on the evaluation and presenting it to the International Conference.]

[5bis. In relation to impact evaluation, responsible organizations may, with support from the Secretariat, request stakeholders to provide complementary information, as appropriate. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide such information to responsible organizations when requested to do so.]

6. The overall effectiveness of the instrument should be independently evaluated in accordance with terms of reference to be agreed to by the international conference. This overall evaluation should take place as decided by the international conference.

H. Mechanism for Updating and Revising the Framework

1. The international conference [may update] [may consider initiating a process to update] or revise the instrument after taking into account: the assessment of the information and data called for from all stakeholders under Section G (Mechanisms for Taking Stock of Progress) and the results of the periodic evaluations called for by the international conference to review the overall effectiveness of the instrument.

⁶ It is important to note that the timeframes for the reporting and the assessment of information and data provided in Section G and updating process in Section H will need to be harmonized.

2. Such updates or revisions may be proposed by any [government] [stakeholder] and will require formal adoption by the international conference. The text of any proposed update or revision shall be communicated to all stakeholders and focal points by the Secretariat at least six months in advance of the international conference. The budget for the process to update or revise the instrument will be provided for via the operational budget adopted by the international conference.