
Summary of the Friends of the Co-Chairs Group (FoCC) 3 March 2023

Mandate:

- Overall to assist Co-Chairs shape the IP Co-Chairs Consolidated document in order for it to be delivered to ICCM5 to be adopted.
- In consultation with respective regions and thematic groups, members of the FoC were expected to provide suggested text to fill the existing gaps in the document, make improvements and enhancements to the text - if needed- and assess whether the overarching strategic direction of the text will deliver on the future vision of the instrument to protect human health and the environment from the adverse impacts of chemicals and waste.

Meetings:

The FoCC met six (6) times during the week.

Issues considered by the FoCC

Introduction

1. The FoCC meeting started with an open discussion on general views on any gaps and enhancements – in addition to the gaps and enhancements presented during the IP Co-Chairs consultation process and the regional briefings held earlier in February 2023 and as presented during the scene-setting on Saturday, 25 February 2023. Following this exchange of views, the IP Co-Chairs tabled a proposal on the "**Introduction**" and the FoCC focused on refining language contained therein.
2. The Group agreed that the message of the introduction be in clear, simple, accessible language. It should convey the adverse impact of poorly managed chemicals and waste on human health and the environment and should contain key strategic elements of the future framework that includes its aims to better manage chemicals and waste globally. It was agreed that an **Executive Summary** before the Introduction could be helpful. However, the proposed Executive Summary would not be part of the core text and therefore the language therein contained would not need to be negotiated.

Table of Contents

3. The FoCC discussion on the '**Table of Contents**' focused on the logical flow of sub-sections included in the existing document.
4. Key changes in the revised document include: placement of 'Vision' toward the start of the Table of Contents given that by its nature the Vision contained overarching language.
5. The Group also agreed that given the importance of **Capacity Building** to the effective management of chemicals and waste that it should be a stand-alone section split from **Financial Considerations**. It was also agreed to have a stand-alone section on **Issues of Concern*** and the placement of this section would be decided following conclusion of the thematic group 2's discussions.

**Exact title to be determined*

Principles and Approaches

6. There was an open discussion on how to capture cross cutting approaches relating to how the framework operates and key principles and approaches that may need to be included in the framework, building on the text in SAICM/IP.4/10 IP Co-Chairs consolidated document. FoCC subsequently grouped the key principles and approaches.
7. Members of the FoCC were invited to submit text based on the groupings to be placed under Principles & Approaches section, and the text proposed by the various drafting groups was subsequently discussed and refined. It was agreed to keep the entire section on Principles & Approaches in brackets including Annex B.

Annex B: Principles and Approaches

8. The FoCC addressed the issue of a compilation of relevant information documents, conference room papers and other pertinent information related to the process as presented in Annex B. A proposal to categorise the principles and approaches was presented, and following a short discussion, the group agreed that Annex B needs further work and suggested that the Secretariat work intersessional on developing categories – taking inspiration from the proposal made.

Other issues considered by the FoCC

9. The informal dialogue group reported to the FoCC and presented a list of elements for possible resolutions and other considerations.
10. FoCC also reviewed the text on “Institutional arrangements” and agreed to forward the text as presented in SAICM/IP.4/10 as is; a footnote has been inserted by the co-chairs as a reminder to consider how annexes may be updated dynamically.

Summary of the report of the Informal dialogue

Mandate

The informal dialogue will consult on the substantive content of recommendations not dealt with in SAICM/IP4.4/10. The Group will also compile a list of elements on which to build draft resolution text for consideration by ICCM5. The Group will ‘open’ and report back to the FoCC.

Key Elements for consideration by the ICCM and other issues

The Informal Dialogue was open to participation by all stakeholders. It began its work by compiling a list of potential elements to be addressed in the co-chairs recommendations. At the end of the first session, there was broad agreement on a number of elements that could form the substantive basis for draft resolution text for the Beyond 2020 Intersessional Process to recommend to the ICCM. Those elements included:

- adoption of the new instrument,
- the name of the new instrument,
- status (continuation, replacement, sunset, conclusion, etc.) of SAICM, the OPS, the GPA, and the OOG going forward
- continued work on existing EPIs and IoCs
- development of indicators, including possibility of early action on some
- potential action/relationship with UNGA and other UN bodies
- rules of procedure

The informal dialogue had a preliminary discussion on short, concise potential draft resolution text put together by the co-facilitators on the above list of elements in both meetings of the informal dialogue that there will be significant interest in the development and details of draft resolution text and appropriate time will need to be allocated.

In addition, there was a limited number of potential elements put forward by stakeholders, either within the context of the Informal Dialogue at its Monday meeting, through Conference Room Papers, or from thematic groups, for which broad agreement has not yet been expressed or reached regarding inclusion in the instrument or in an ICCM resolution. Therefore, further consideration will need to be given to such elements. Those elements included:

- The formation of a Global Alliance to promote a global phase out of Highly Hazardous Pesticides and the adoption of safer and more sustainable alternatives, as a voluntary multi-stakeholder initiative under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO);
- The development of an International Code of Conduct on Chemicals and Waste Management under the auspices of the relevant IOMC organizations with support and engagement with governments, the private sector, and civil society.
- Encouragement for efforts on the sound management of chemicals and waste to help scale up local action to implement the new instrument and safeguard human health and the environment;
- Consideration of the development of a private sector outreach strategy designed to engage all stakeholders involved in the life cycle of chemicals.

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