
Fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (IP4)

Bucharest, Romania, 29 August – 2 September 2022, and
Nairobi, Kenya, 27 February – 3 March 2023

Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The fourth meeting of the intersessional process (IP4) considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 was opened at 10.30 a.m. on 29 August 2022 by Mr. Barna Tánczos, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Romania; Ms. Anita Breyer, President of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management; and Ms. Sheila Aggarwal-Khan, Director, Economic Division, UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The meeting was adjourned on 2 September 2022 and will be resumed at 10:00 a.m. Nairobi time (UTC+3) on Monday, 27 February 2023 by Ms. Judith Torres and Ms. Kay Williams, the Co-Chairs of the Intersessional Process.

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Appointment of the IP Co-Chair

2. On 29 August 2022, the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 officially confirmed Ms. Kay Williams appointment to the role of Co-Chair of the intersessional process.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

3. The agenda, as adopted on 29 August 2022 at the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, is set out in meeting document SAICM/IP.4/1/Rev.1.

4. The revised annotations to the agenda (SAICM/IP.4/Add.1/Rev.2) identify issues for consideration under each agenda item and the documents pertaining to that item.

(c) Organization of work

5. On Friday, 2 September 2022, the Co-Chairs of the intersessional process outlined a proposal to adjourn IP4 and resume in early 2023 at a date and location to be determined by the Bureau in consultation with stakeholders, with a view to concluding considerations of the IP4 agenda. Convening of the resumed IP4 meeting was approved under a silent procedure that was launched on 10 October 2022 and concluded on 30 October 2022 (*Decision 4*, available [here](#)).

6. The rules of procedure for ICCM apply mutatis mutandis to the resumed IP4 meeting.
7. The work of the resumed meeting will be conducted in plenary sessions and possible thematic groups and informal consultations, if needed. It is proposed that sessions be held from Monday, 27 February 2023 to Friday, 3 March 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., split into two working sessions, between 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., as well as 3.00 – 4.30 p.m. and 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
8. As set out in International Conference on Chemicals Management resolution IV/4, the meeting will be conducted in English only.
9. The resumed meeting will take place in a face-to-face mode. However, the web streaming will support broader stakeholders' involvement. No registration will be required to access the web streaming and online observers will not be included in the IP4 list of participants.

Item 3: Development of recommendations for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management for the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

10. Under this agenda item, the meeting will deliberate and finalize a comprehensive set of recommendations for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) to be held in Bonn, Germany from 25 to 29 September 2023.
11. In resuming this agenda item, IP Co-Chairs will be invited to present the single consolidated document, [SAICM/IP.4/10](#), that is a part of this comprehensive set of recommendations.
12. Participants may also note that the IP Co-Chairs launched a stakeholder consultation process in November – December 2022 to inform and guide the organisation of work for the resumed IP4 meeting. Information on this consultation process, including the questions and feedback requested, the IP Co-Chairs analysis of the feedback, as well as the submissions received is available [here](#).
13. Participants may wish to refer to and consider the single consolidated document [SAICM/IP.4/10](#) as a basis for deliberations at the resumed IP4 meeting, taking into account other submissions from stakeholders, so that the core of the comprehensive set of recommendations as presented in [SAICM/IP.4/10](#) may be finalized for consideration at the fifth session of the Conference.
14. All working documents prepared for the adjourned and resumed fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 are available on the SAICM website, [here](#).
15. In-session documents prepared for the adjourned fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, held in Bucharest, Romania, from 29 August to 2 September 2022, are available on the SAICM website, [here](#).
16. Documents prepared for the March 2020 fourth meeting of the intersessional meeting considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020. are made available on the SAICM website ([here](#)) as reference documents.
17. Under this agenda item at the resumed meeting, participants may wish to refer to, in particular, targets; mechanisms to support implementation, including capacity building; financial considerations; and programmatic approach, including issues of concern as set out in [SAICM/IP.4/10](#), with the aim to provide the core of the comprehensive set of recommendations

regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference.

18. Information Documents to support the discussions under this agenda item are available [here](#).

Proposal for the name of a new instrument

19. As per the request of IP3, the secretariat prepared proposals for consideration of the name of the future instrument. The secretariat document is available as document SAICM/IP.4/8/Rev 1.

20. Participants of the adjourned fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 provided reflections on the possible proposed names and gave guidance on a related decision-making process for the name of the future instrument. During the meeting, IP Co-Chairs requested further reflections on the name to be provided in writing to the secretariat.

21. In resuming this agenda item, the secretariat will provide an update on any further reflections received.

Additional recommendations to forward to ICCM5

22. Participants may wish to consider additional recommendations within the IP mandate to forward to ICCM5 on areas that will facilitate both ongoing and future implementation beyond 2020 as well as on other important related elements, such as recent resolutions taken by other forums like issues related to plastics and the Science Policy Panel.

Item 4: Preparations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

23. In resuming this agenda item, the Government of Germany will be invited to present an update on preparations for the fifth session of the Conference. Participants may wish to refer to document SAICM/IP.4/INF/9/Rev.1 in that context.

Item 5: Any other business

24. Participants may wish to consider any other business during this agenda item.

Item 6: Closure of the meeting

25. The meeting is expected to close by 6 p.m. on Friday, 3 March 2023.
