
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,
Nairobi, Kenya, 27 February – 3 March 2023, and
Bonn, Germany, 23 – 24 September 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 Tanczos, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Romania. Opening statements were made by Mr. Tanczos, Ms. Anita Breyer, President of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management; and Ms. Sheila Aggarwal-Khan, Director, Industry and Economy Division, UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The meeting was adjourned on 2 September 2022 and was resumed at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 27 February 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya at which welcoming remarks were made by Mr. John Elungata, speaking on behalf of Ms. Soipan Tuyua, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya, Ms. Breyer and Ms. Aggarwal-Khan. The meeting was adjourned for the second time on Friday, 3 March 2023 and will be resumed on Saturday, 23 September 2023 in Bonn.

2. The resumed IP4 meeting should focus on finalizing to the extent possible the consolidated text for inclusion in the intersessional process report for presentation to the Conference.

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Appointment of the IP Co-Chair

3. 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' (United Kingdom) appointment to Co-Chair the intersessional process, together with Ms. Judith Torres (Uruguay).

(b) Adoption of the agenda

4. The agenda, set out in meeting document SAICM/IP.4/1/Rev.1, was adopted on 29 August 2022.

5. A revision of the annotations to the agenda (SAICM/IP.4/Add.1/Rev.3) has been issued to take into account progress of work at previous sessions of the fourth meeting of the intersessional process and to identify issues for further consideration under each agenda item.

(c) Organization of work

6. The resumed fourth meeting of the intersessional process will open at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, 23 September 2023. The daily morning and afternoon sessions will take place from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., and from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Further decisions on the organization of work will be taken as needed.
7. Depending on progress in plenary, break out groups may be established to clear and finalize text on outstanding issues. These will be decided on an ad hoc basis according to needs.
8. All 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](#).
9. The rules of procedure for the International Conference on Chemicals Management apply *mutatis mutandis* to the resumed fourth intersessional process meeting.
10. As set out in International Conference on Chemicals Management resolution IV/4, the meeting will be conducted in English only.
11. The resumed meeting will take place in a face-to-face mode.

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

12. Under this agenda item, the meeting will finalize the recommendations which will include the consolidated text for presentation to the fifth session of the Conference. New conference room papers will not be taken on board.
13. In resuming this agenda item, the Co-Chairs will present the single consolidated document, SAICM/IP.4/12, that is a core part of the comprehensive set of recommendations. Participants may wish to refer to and consider this document as a basis for deliberations at the resumed fourth intersessional process meeting.

Additional recommendations to forward to ICCM5

14. A limited number of additional recommendations identified by the intersessional process for consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management¹ at its fifth session is available in SAICM/IP.4/13. Due to the priority focus on the finalization of the consolidated text, it is proposed that these draft resolutions be transmitted directly for consideration at the fifth session of the Conference and not be discussed at this resumed IP meeting.
15. As per the request of the third meeting of the intersessional process, the secretariat prepared proposals for the name of the future framework instrument for consideration. The secretariat document is available as document SAICM/IP.4/8/Rev 1. The secretariat will provide an update on any further reflections received.

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

¹ [ICCM4 resolution IV/4](#)

16. It is presumed that, unless specifically requested during the meeting, there will be no further need for discussions under this agenda item.

Item 5: Any other business

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

Item 6: Closure of the meeting

18. The meeting is expected to close by 6.00 p.m. on Sunday, 24 September 2023.
