

## INFORMATION NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

SAICM Regional Meetings  
21-22 September 2023, Siegburg (Bonn), Germany  
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THIS NOTE IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS TO THE FIFTH SESSION OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT AND THE RESUMED  
FOURTH MEETING OF THE INTERSESSIONAL PROCESS

This note is available: [here](#)

Regional meetings are being held prior to the resumed fourth session of the Intersessional Process (23-24 September 2023) and the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (25-29 September 2023) in Bonn, Germany.

The regional meetings for the **African region, the Asia-Pacific region, the CEE region** and the **GRULAC region** will be held at the Rhein Sieg Forum in Siegburg (Bonn) on 21 and 22 September 2023.

The Regional Meeting for **EU-JUSSCANNZUK** will take place in a different venue.

Further details regarding the regional meetings will be provided soon in the SAICM webpage.

### ARRIVAL BY CAR

For those travelling by car, Siegburg is located directly adjacent to the A3 and A560 freeways exits. It is a short drive to the city centre from these exits, where you will find a parking garage with 360 parking spaces next to the RHEIN SIEG FORUM. Follow the parking guidance system for easy access.

Address for your navigation system: Bachstr. 1, 53721 Siegburg.

Parking for visitors with disabilities is available in the parking garage attached to the RHEIN SIEG FORUM on level 2.1. From there, the RHEIN SIEG FORUM can be reached at ground level (Ringstraße entrance).

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The RHEIN SIEG FORUM can be reached quickly and conveniently by public transportation. The Siegburg/Bonn ICE station, located in the city Centre, offers connections to the S-Bahn lines S12, S13, and S19; the regional train RE9; and streetcar line 66 towards Bonn. Regularly and highly frequented by ICE trains, the Siegburg station offers direct connections to Cologne, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf and Munich. It is only a few minutes' walk from the Siegburg/Bonn ICE station to the RHEIN SIEG FORUM.

Distance by rail:

13 min / 31 km – Cologne;  
16 min / 20 km - Cologne/Bonn Airport;  
25 min / 18 km - Bonn

## **BADGES**

Dedicated badges will be issued for the regional meetings. Please make sure you bring a valid government-issued picture identity card or passport with you to enter the building.

## **Meeting Documents and Language**

Please note that the regional meetings, the resumed IP4 meeting, and ICCM5 will be paper-smart meetings, and participants are advised to bring their own laptop, as copies of documents will not be printed and distributed.

The Regional Meetings will be held in English, except the meetings of the African and GRULAC regions, which will have English-French and English-Spanish interpretation provided, respectively.

## **DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE**

Participants whose travel is sponsored by the UN Environment Programme will be provided with a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at prevailing United Nations rates. In order to facilitate the payment of the subsistence allowance, eligible participants are requested to submit copies of their passports and boarding pass(es) to the SAICM secretariat. DSA will be distributed to eligible participants during the lunch breaks of the two days of the regional meetings. The location for distribution of DSA will be announced at the venue in Siegburg. DSA will continue to be distributed during the resumed IP4 meeting and the ICCM5 meeting.

## **CATERING**

Two coffee breaks will be offered during the regional meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

There is a wide range of restaurants around and very close to the Center.

## HOTELS IN SIEGBURG

Siegburg has a wide variety of hotels, inns and guesthouses in all price ranges. Within walking distance of the RHEIN SIEG FORUM, there are numerous accommodations from which to choose. Tourist Information Siegburg will be happy to assist you. <https://tourismus-siegburg.de/>. Nevertheless, we consider that booking a hotel in Bonn is also a good option.

### 1. A GREEN ALTERNATIVE BETWEEN COLOGNE AND BONN

The RHEIN SIEG FORUM stands for management with a focus on sustainability. We have anchored economic, social and ecological sustainability in our structures and continuously monitor their implementation. We support event organizers in the development and implementation of resource-saving and socially acceptable events. Use our guide entitled "Making your event green" for sustainability strategies in event management.

### 2. OUR CONTRIBUTION

Environmental protection and sustainability are an integral part of our identity. Sustainability management at the RHEIN SIEG FORUM is subject to a continuous improvement process and follows the principle: avoid - reduce - replace.

### 3. WE PURCHASE 100% GREEN ELECTRICITY

When it comes to energy, we rely on a sustainable green electricity solution. Since 2015, our energy has been generated by hydroelectric power plants that are connected to the European power grid. We therefore assume responsibility and are committed to the intelligent use of available resources in the long term.