



**Asia Pacific Regional Briefing**

25 January 2023, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. CET

**GRULAC Regional Briefing**

25 January 2023, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. CET

**Africa Regional Briefing**

26 January 2023, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. CET

**CEE Regional Briefing**

26 January 2023, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. CET

**WEOG Regional Briefing**

9 February 2023, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. CET

## SUMMARY REPORT REGIONAL BRIEFINGS

### 1) Opening and welcome

Mr. Pierre Quiblier, SAICM Coordinator, welcomed all participants to the Regional Briefing. Mr. Quiblier announced that he has been appointed OiC of the SAICM Secretariat, after Ms. Nalini Sharma left the SAICM Secretariat to join the Science Policy Panel (SPP). Mr. Quiblier thanked Ms. Sharma for her great leadership and commitment towards the SAICM secretariat and wished her lot of success in her new position.

The Regional Focal Points welcomed the participants to the Regional Briefing. Mr. Ved Prakash Mishra (India on behalf of the Bureau member) chaired the Asia Pacific Regional Briefing. Ms. Valentina Sierra (Uruguay, Bureau Member) chaired the GRULAC Regional Briefing. Mr. Virgilio Santos (Angola, Regional Focal Point) chaired the Africa Regional Briefing. Ms. Susanna Andonova (North Macedonia Regional Focal Point) chaired the WEOG Regional Briefing. Ms. Victoria Tunstall (Canada, Regional Focal Point) chaired the WEOG Regional Briefing.

Ms. Judith Torres (Uruguay, IP Co-Chair) participated in the Asia Pacific, GRULAC, Africa and CEE Regional Briefings whereas Ms. Kay Williams (United Kingdom, IP Co-Chair) participated in the WEOG Regional Briefing.

### 2) Information on the IP Co-Chairs consultation process

Mr. Quiblier invited the IP Co-Chair to take the floor and provide the participants information on the IP Co-Chairs consultation process.

The IP Co-Chair thanked for the invitation to the Regional Briefing. The IP Co-Chair provided a brief description of the IP Co-Chairs stakeholders consultation process that was launched in October-November 2022 with the objective to inform and guide the organization of the work on the single consolidated document and other key issues to be considered in preparation of the resumed IP4 meeting. She presented the questions that were asked and an analysis of the feedback received.

### 3) Preparation for the resumed IP4 meeting, including presentation of the meeting documents

Representatives of the SAICM Secretariat presented information on logistical arrangements for the resumed IP4 meeting. They provided updated numbers of registered participants and confirmed that travel arrangements

for funded participants are being processed. They further provided information for participants on venue, visa process and accommodation.

SAICM Secretariat informed that deadline for submission of documents was 15 January 2023, and presented the working documents (i.e. updated Agenda, IP Co-Chair single consolidated document, updated scenario note) as well as additional information documents that have been posted on the [SAICM website](#) for the resumed IP4 (SAICM/IP.4/INF/36, SAICM/IP.4/INF/37, SAICM/IP.4/INF/38, SAICM/IP.4/INF/39, SAICM/IP.4/INF/40).

The IP Co-Chairs presented the scenario note and the expected flow of the meetings and the expected outcome of the resumed IP4. They stressed out that the goal of the resumed IP4 is to finish the work started in Bucharest and finalize the consolidated document and additional recommendations to take to ICCM5.

#### **4) Questions and Answers (received during the five Regional Briefings)**

The following issues were raised during the Regional briefings:

- Request for further clarification on the two programmes proposed: on national chemical management systems and on chemical intensive industry sectors and value chains.
- Request to reflect in the scenario note the potential programmatic areas.
- Request to the SAICM secretariat to support delegates from Africa and CEE in their visa processes.
- Concerns about the language barrier for francophone African participants and available solutions.
- Request for clarifications on the number of funded participants for the resumed IP4 meeting.
- Proposal that two documents are to be considered during the negotiations for the new instrument and in developing the recommendation to take to ICCM5:
  - Study on Industry Involvement in the Integrated Approach to Financing the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste (UNEP, 2022), [Study on Industry Involvement in the Integrated Approach to Financing the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste | UNEP - UN Environment Programme](#);
  - Independent Evaluation of the Strategic Approach from 2006 – 2015, [FinalReport\\_Independent-Evaluation-SAICM-2006-2015.pdf](#).
- Request on the possibility of regions to deliver opening remarks at the resumed IP4 meeting.
- Clarification on the content of the resolutions to be prepared for ICCM5.

#### **5) Closing remarks**

Ms. Breyer thanked the Co-Chairs of the intersessional process, the Co-facilitators and participants of the virtual working groups for their commitment in these challenging times to keep the process running. She stressed that the pandemic forced everyone to set up new working modalities and she underlined the need to strengthen the efforts leading to the resumed IP4 and to ICCM5. She further thanked all stakeholders for their continuous support to this process and highlighted how valuable perspectives and feedback from the regions are for designing the next phases of the work.

Ms. Breyer pointed out the importance of full and inclusive participation in the Intersessional Process and at ICCM5 in the view of the common vision and ambition. She expressed her excitement to work with all stakeholders on the journey towards a successful and inclusive ICCM5, with all relevant stakeholders in all sectors taking ownership and responsibility for its implementation.

#### **6) Regional perspectives**

Under this Agenda Item the participants discussed regional perspectives including the following points:

- Need to give attention to the participation and inclusion of local communities.
- Further regional consultations encouraged by Bureau members.
- Importance of reflecting poison centres in the targets.

- Inclusion of health sector in the finance group discussions.
- Relevance of document SAICM/IP.4/INF/38 “A *Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides*” to the emerging policy issue HHPs in the GRULAC Region and request for further consideration in the Beyond 2020 instrument.

### **Specific item discussed at WEOG meeting**

#### IOMC update on the integrated approach and indicators work

OECD informed that IOMC has submitted INF 39 which is an overview of indicators that are available and that could be used to measure progress, targets we have identified a number of gaps and made recommendations regarding next steps which will be submitted by IOMC as a CRP on measurability structure to support the new framework, proposing criteria to select indicators, and recommendations for indicators to be put in the Annex of the framework. He added that IOMC has updated a CRP on issues of concern (SAICM/IP.4/CRP.4/Rev.1).

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