VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

SET OF QUESTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK No. 2

TOPICS: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, FINANCING THE SECRETARIAT, RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND COST-RECOVERY MECHANISMS AND OTHER ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS

Note: Please submit your responses/feedback to the questions below to the SAICM Secretariat at saicm.chemicals@un.org, with a copy to eduardo.calderapetit@un.org on or before Friday, 11 December 2020. You may use this word document to submit your inputs and can use track changes if needed. Please indicate your name and organization.

A) STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

(i) Views on the purpose and objectives of strategic partnerships to support the implementation of the beyond 2020 programme of work;

(ii) Views on text SAICM/IP.4/2, page 16, paragraph 17. Views are requested only on the brackets, noting that discussions on some of the brackets are taking place in other Virtual Working Groups.

Paragraph 17: Stakeholders are encouraged to create and implement multi-sectoral [transparent and accountable] partnerships [linked to the 2030 Agenda] to effectively address specific chemicals and waste [issues of [international] concern]. Stakeholders are also encouraged to explore funding opportunities by engaging mechanisms in all sectors.¹

We note that Paragraph 17 does not explicitly address the financial aspects of partnerships. Part VI, Mechanisms to Support Implementation, section C on “[International.] Regional and [subregional] sectoral cooperation and coordination” includes a more thorough approach on the issue of multi-sector coordination, such as that provided by partnerships. UNEP proposes to reflect on where to best place this paragraph 17 in the draft document, i.e. consider moving it to Part VI on Implementation Mechanisms rather than in Part VII on Financial Considerations.

The relationship between partnerships and financing is explicitly addressed in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda under Goal 17 on Partnerships. This Goal includes Targets which can inform the further development of the Beyond 2020 objective on resource mobilization, for example 17.14.1 Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence of sustainable development; and 17.1 Strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection

B) FINANCING THE SECRETARIAT

(i) Views on the modalities (core budget and contributions of all stakeholders) for financing the Secretariat;

(ii) Indicate your views on text SAICM/IP.4/2, page 16, paragraphs 18 - 22.

¹ Please note that the brackets [linked to the 2030 Agenda] and [issues of [international] concern] are subject to discussions in other Virtual Working Groups.
UNEP remains committed to existing arrangements if called upon to continue hosting the secretariat. We recall our existing arrangements include financing staff posts and providing administrative functions. The paragraphs relating to private sector and civil society support to the work of the Secretariat, including contributing human resources through relevant mechanisms.

**Paragraph 18:**

**Paragraph 19:**

**Paragraph 20:** 3. Inter-governmental Organization stakeholders support the work of the secretariat inter alia by contributing human resources, including through secondment as appropriate, and sector related work of the secretariat. The expected contributions are defined at the beginning of the budget cycle by an agreement between the respective organization and the secretariat.

**Paragraph 21:**

**Paragraph 22:**

**C) RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

(i) General views on the proposed resource mobilization strategy (SAICM/IP.4/6) so that it may be further developed for IP4/ICCM5.

We note the need for the Beyond 2020 instrument to have a long-term resource mobilization strategy to operationalize the agreed Instrument and in particular, the Objectives & Targets that will eventually be adopted.

With reference to our second submission to VWG 1 on Targets, Indicators and Milestones, we note that the Target E.4 is proposed as “financial and non-financial resources... are identified and mobilized...”. This proposed target can be considered as a mechanism to continuously monitor the effectiveness of the resource mobilization strategy.

We recall our previous submission note that the issue of resources for stakeholder implementation of the Beyond 2020 framework is currently under-emphasized in the draft. Significant resources are needed for governments, industry, research, civil society and international organizations to deliver sound management of chemicals and waste. These resources should be included in the scope of the resource mobilization strategy in a systematic manner.

Please provide short statements or proposals on the following sections:

(i) proposed role of the SAICM Secretariat beyond 2020

(ii) proposed strategy and mapping of stakeholder groups

We recall our previous submission and highlight the proposed ‘matrix’ for mapping stakeholder resource needs against the resource mobilization mechanisms proposed by the Integrated Approach. Each stakeholder should identify baseline activities and resource availability; and set forth concrete targets and mechanisms to achieve the required financial and non-financial resources (in line with the development of milestones for Target E.4 mentioned above).
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(iii) outreach and communications

(iv) additional lessons learned to inform the further drafting of the proposed resource mobilization strategy

### D) COST-RECOVERY MECHANISMS AND OTHER ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS

(i) General views on the cost recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments for financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste (SAICM/IP.4/7) so that it may be further developed for IP4/ICCM5.

UNEP appreciates document SAICM/IP.4/7 ‘Review of cost recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments for financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste’. It contains examples that could be further explored. We feel it merits a further discussion to deepen how to operationalize the ideas within the instrument, including the identification of low-hanging fruit with a long-term and sustainable vision. The UNEP Finance Initiative could serve as a reference; moreover, we note existing guidance and work on economic instruments, some of which are reflected in the SAICM secretariat document (including Guidance on the Development of Legal and Institutional Infrastructures and Measures for Recovering Costs of National Administration for Sound Management of Chemical, known as the LIRA Guidance, and the Guidance Development, Guidev). These resources, in combination with the referred document (SAICM/IP.4/7) show individual examples of good practice. However, the adoption of such instruments in developing countries is overall very low. We believe that explicitly including economic instruments into the Resource Mobilization Strategy and possibly as a distinct element within the Target E4 may offer a concrete way forward for more systematic uptake.

At broader level, we consider important to build on and link to existing initiatives and processes such as the Addis Agenda, which provides a global framework for financing sustainable development, supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including the SDGs. The Agenda aligns all domestic and international resource flows, policies and international agreements with economic, social and environmental priorities.
Background documents:

SAICM/IP.4/2  Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

SAICM/IP.4/6  Draft proposal for a resource mobilization strategy

SAICM/IP.4/7  Review of cost recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments for financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste