6th Virtual Meeting
Virtual Working Group on Governance and Mechanisms to Support Implementation

Thursday, 07 January 2021
14:00 – 16:00 CET

AGENDA

• Welcoming Remarks by Co-facilitators

• Finalize VWG review of recommendations from the co-facilitators to make progress on remaining paragraphs 3\textsubscript{bis} and 12(a) of Section G (Mechanisms for Taking Stock of Progress), as provided for the 3 December 2020 meeting of the VWG and reproduced below as Annex A

• Continue discussion of the Science-Policy Interface, taking into account the views expressed during 19 November 2020 VWG meeting and electronic input received by 18 December 2020 in accordance with the agreed schedule

• Conclude Review of VWG progress of Section H (Mechanism for Updating the Framework), as revised post the 3 December 2020 meeting of the VWG and provided below in Annex B

• Next Steps and Closing Remarks

ANNEX A

\underline{Paragraph 3_{bis} of Section G (Reporting)}

3\textsubscript{bis} (Newly created to consolidate comments and submissions related to periodic reviews)

(a) Institutional arrangements for taking stock of progress on the sound management of chemicals and waste should include a periodic review process facilitated by the secretariat.

(b) [An outcome report should be prepared by a periodic review working group in cooperation with the secretariat which summarizes the discussion including responses from the country under review along with recommendations for implementation. (moved from paragraph 9)] [The review committee should consist of representatives from governments and other stakeholders to review progress reports and, in cooperation with the secretariat, create an outcome document that summarizes implementation progress, comments from countries under review, and outline recommendations.]
(c) These reports should be made publicly available to facilitate discussion, review, evaluation and further implementation of the approach. *(moved from paragraph 10)*

(d) 1[Each country should be reviewed once every three or four years. *(moved from paragraph 11)*] [Every third year evaluate each country for its progress in fulfilling the national implementation plan. Countries are grouped and reviewed according to reporting cycles, and recommendations are formulated for the next three-year cycle of work.]

(e) Every third year evaluate progress on Issues of Concern and recommend changes to the programmes of work if necessary.

**Sub-paragraph 12(a) of Section G (Reporting)**

Reporting processes must:

(a) Occur regularly and at such a frequency to ensure collected data may be analyzed and useful reports delivered to facilitate trend identification, evaluation against targets and milestones, and to assess overall programmatic performance (for example, every 4 years).
   (i) Progress against key targets should be measured every [X] years and presented in a report to the international conference as should any report on activities, staffing and budget of the Secretariat.
   (ii) Progress against targets should be measured every [x] years and presented in a report to the international conference along with any suggested recommendations to address identified gaps
   (iii) All strategic objectives could be reviewed on a rotational basis so that the entirety of the Approach is reviewed within a [x] year period (10 years?).

**ANNEX B**

**Co-facilitators’ Revised Recommendations for Section H (Mechanism for Updating the Framework)***

1. A process for updating the Beyond 2020 framework shall be initiated by The international conference may initiate an update of the beyond 2020 instrument after. This shall occur when there is a need to keep pace with changes and needs in global chemicals and waste management taking into account: the assessment of the information and data called for from all stakeholders under Section G (Mechanisms for Taking Stock of Progress), the engagement of relevant intergovernmental organizations and other international efforts relevant to the beyond 2020 instrument, and the results of the periodic evaluations called for by the international conference to review the overall effectiveness of the beyond 2020 instrument [every [10][5] years].

2. Such updates may be proposed by any [government] stakeholder and will require formal adoption by the international conference. The text of any proposed update shall be communicated to all stakeholders and focal points by the Secretariat at least six months in advance of the international conference. The budget for the process to update the instrument will be provided for via the operational budget adopted by the international conference.

* If this section impacts the work and mandates of the international conference under Section V. Institutional arrangements and its rule of procedures, those should be updated accordingly. One member of the VWG also called attention in general under this section to the need to ensure consideration of, and potentially consistency with, the rules of procedure.