The ILO supports the need for ad hoc expert bodies in order to provide focused advice and input on scientific, technical and/or policy issues.

In regards to SAICM/IP.4/2, page 11, Section VI.E, paragraphs 2:

- These groups should not only be geographically balanced, but also have sectoral representation based on the nature of the scientific, technical or policy issue in question. As such, the composition of the ad hoc expert body should adequately reflect multi-sectoral dimensions of the issue at hand, as appropriate. This is partially covered by “promote two-way dialogue between disciplines” but could benefit from further clarification in regards to representation within the expert group.
- In addition to being transparent and academically credible, members of the expert bodies must be independent with no perceive conflict of interest. The ILO supports the need for a strict conflict of interest policy for the establishment and ongoing work of ad hoc expert bodies.