Response to questions

- **Whether there is a need for subsidiary and ad hoc expert bodies**
  Yes there is a need for such bodies because sound management of chemicals require info and data from wide range of disciplines and expertise. New substances and threats emerge on a continuous basis therefore continuous and expert attention of such bodies is extremely important.

- **How such bodies would be established and by whom**
  Subsidiary bodies should be established based on the three internationally accepted environmental threats i.e. Subsidiary Bodies on Loss of Biodiversity, Climate Change and Pollution. These 3 Subsidiary Bodies should then be given the mandate to establish Ad-hoc Expert Groups on various themes falling under the threat which is related to chemicals. For example under the Subsidiary Body on Pollution an expert adhoc group on Chemicals, Marine Litter and Microplastics can be established, etc. The International Conference should be given the responsibility of establishing the 3 subsidiary bodies.

- **Who would participate in such bodies**
  These bodies should reflect the multi-stakeholder and participatory nature of SAICM. For example Bureau of such bodies should reserve seats for other stakeholders including the 9 Major Groups (Workers and Trade Unions, NGOs, Women, Children and Youth, Farmers, Business and Industry, Local Government, Indigenous People and Research and Academia).

- **What role would such bodies play**
  The main role of these bodies should be to
  - Assess progress in implementation of ICCM decisions and SAICM-Funded Projects in order to identify gaps, good and bad practices and propose future actions.
  - Predict and forecast emerging policy issue, propose appropriate response measures well before they cause damage to human life and to the environment.
  - Assess complementarity and synergies between SAICM and other processes including the Paris Agreement, Agenda 2030 (The World we Want, Agenda 2063 (The Africa We Want).
  - Evaluate the inter-relations between SAICM and other Chemical related MEAs such as the BRS Conventions, Minamata, etc.
  - Provide assistance to developing countries on impelmentation of SAICM when requested.

- **What responsibilities would such bodies have and to whom**
  Main role of these bodies should be to generate information and data to allow the ICCM to make informed decisions on issues related to sound management of chemicals.
• Other relevant issues raised in SAICM/IP.4/2, Section VI.E, paragraphs 1–2

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