

VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON TARGETS, INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

First virtual meeting

Monday, 2 November 2020

14:00-16:00 CEST

Co-facilitators: Silvija Nora Kalnins (Latvia) and Wajira Palipane (Sri-Lanka)

Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Time	Topic of discussion	Presenter
1	14:00-14:05	- Welcome Remarks	Mr. Wajira Palipane, Co-facilitator (Sri Lanka)
2	14:05-14:10	- Overview of the Virtual Working Group Process and Mandates of the VWG1 - Review of the Dedicated the VWG1 Section of the SAICM IP Website	Brenda Koekkoek, SAICM Secretariat
3	14:10-14:15	- Presentation of the Proposed Schedule of Meetings of the VWG1	Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia)
4	14:15-14:25	- Questions & Answers Session on information presented thus far	Registered participants, SAICM secretariat, co-facilitators (written Q&A)
5	14:25-14:40	- Presentation of logical framework approach & review of Strategic Objective A-E and considerations	Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia)
6	14:40-15:10	- Discussion on Strategic Objective B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General views- floor open for interventions of registered participants 	Registered participants, SAICM secretariat, co-facilitators (raise hand function)
7	15:10-15:40	- Discussion on Strategic Objective A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General views- floor open for interventions of registered participants 	Registered participants, SAICM secretariat, co-facilitators
8	15:40-16:00	- Explanation of the Electronic Input Request - Next steps	Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia) Mr. Wajira Palipane, Co-facilitator (Sri Lanka)

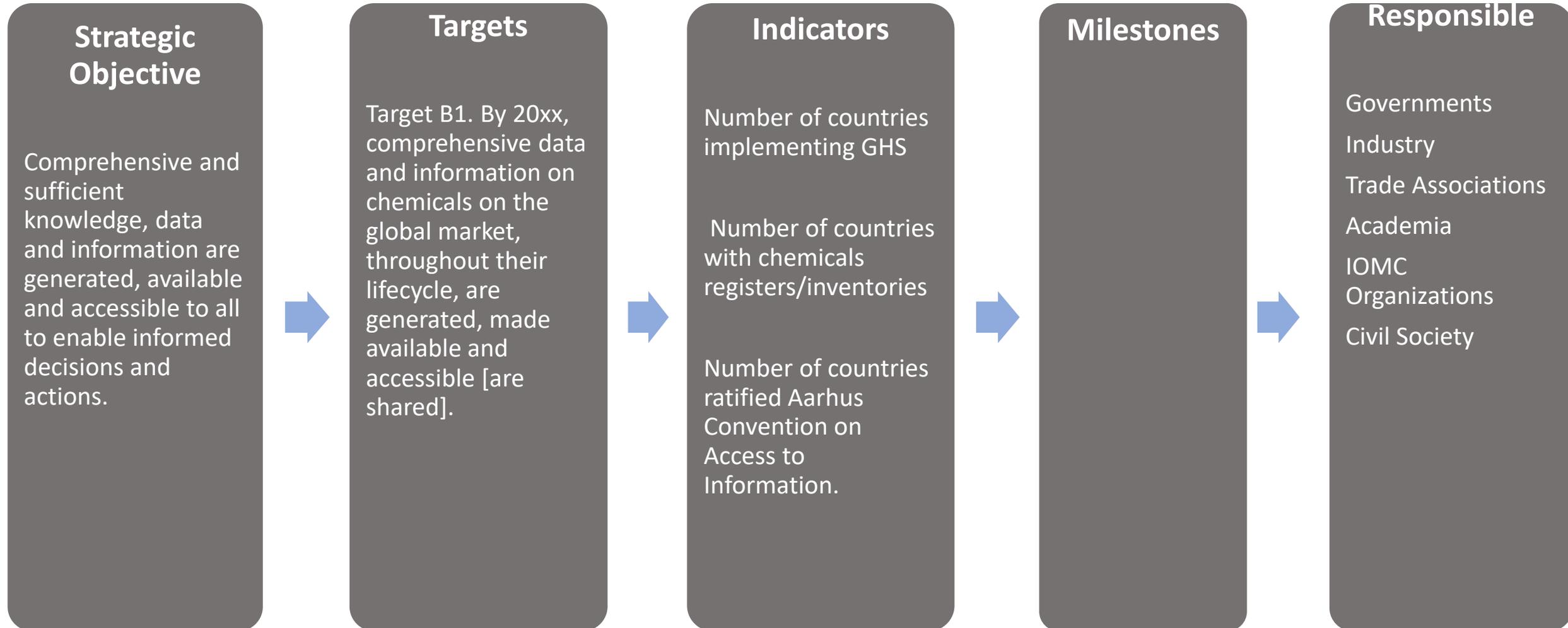
Presentation of IP4 documents and Q & A

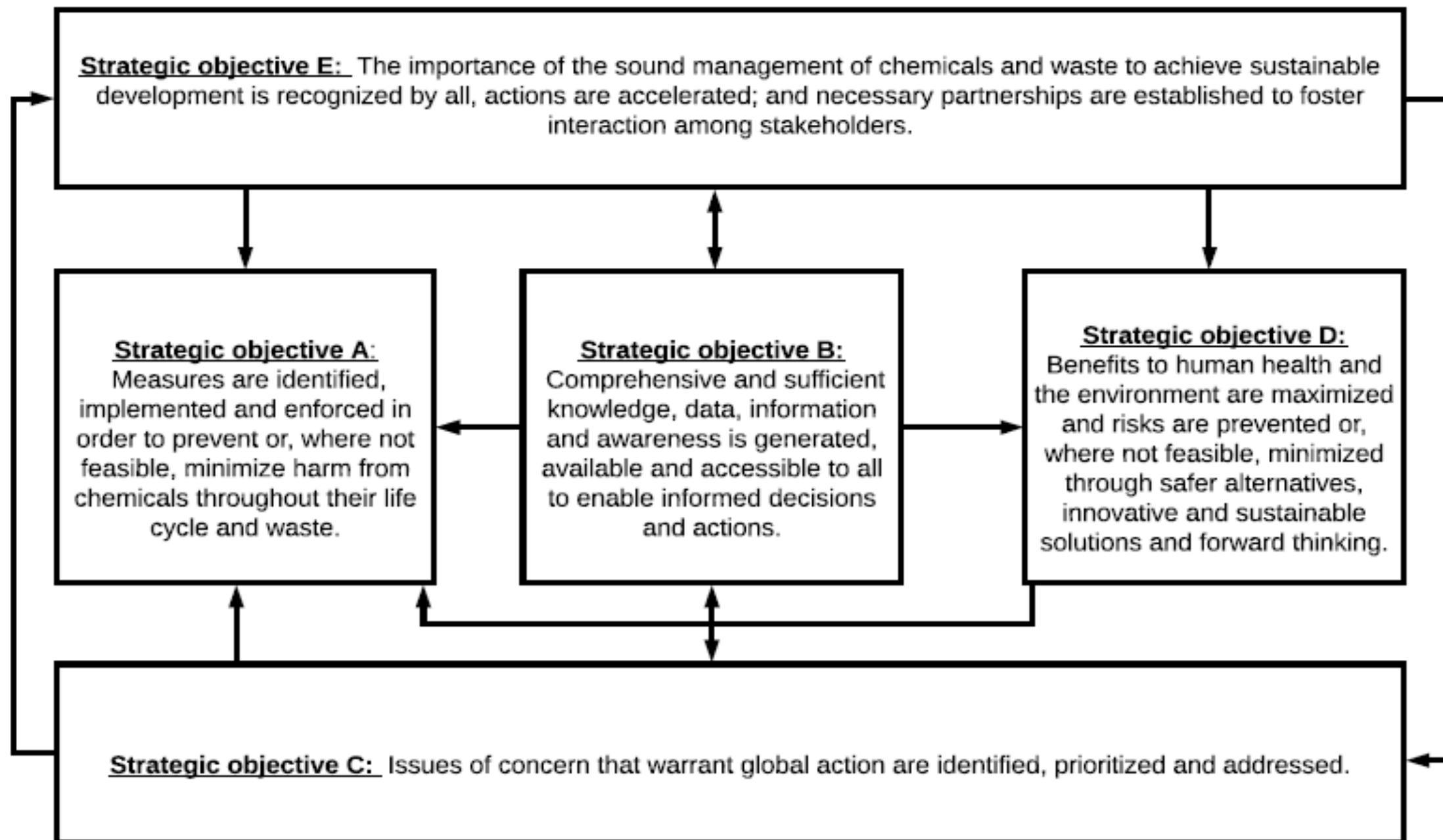
- Background documents:
 - [SAICM/IP.4/2](#)- Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management
 - [SAICM/IP.4/3](#) - Proposed targets prepared by the Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
 - [SAICM/IP.4/INF/15](#) - Supplementary information on proposed targets prepared by the **Technical Working Group** on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
- A dedicated [webpage](#) has been created to provide specific areas and facilitate information sharing on this VWG.

VWG meeting calendar

DATE	TOPICS OF DISCUSSION	MODALITY
Monday, 2 November 2020 14:00-16:00 CEST	Presentation of IP4 documents and Q & A. (written) Presentation of log-frame approach showing interrelation of each objective and targets. Launch discussion of SO B & A	Virtual Meeting
2-13 November 2020	Collect feedback electronically on concrete text for targets under SO B & A	Electronic input from 2-13 November 2020
Monday, 23 November 2020 14:00-16:00 CEST	Targets under SO B & A finalization Launch of SO D & E discussions	Virtual meeting
23-30 November 2020	Collect feedback electronically on concrete text for targets under SO D & E	Electronic input from 23-30 November 2020
Monday, 7 December 2020 14:00-16:00 CEST	Targets under SO D & E finalization Discussion of co-facilitators proposal of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones Outline of structure for IP4 document	Virtual meeting followed by email correspondence to finalize recommendations until 15 December 2020
7-15 December 2020	Collect feedback electronically on finalized recommendations	Electronic input from 7-15 December 2020
12 January 2021 14:00-16:00 CEST	Summary of consolidated inputs and proposals on all topics discussed	

Logical framework approach





Review of Strategic Objectives A-E and considerations

Strategic Objective A

[Measures are identified, implemented and enforced in order to prevent or, where not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste];]

Considerations

Intended to address the need for all countries to have **basic capacity**, **legal frameworks** and **institutional mechanisms** to manage chemicals and waste, **including illegal trafficking** thereof, and for other stakeholders, such as industry, to also **assume their responsibilities** to prevent harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle.

Strategic Objective B

Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions.

Considerations

Intended to address the need for **new information** and **data** to be generated to address **gaps** and for greater **transparency** and **accessibility**, as well as to address the need for **training** and **education** to protect all levels of society.

Strategic Objective C

Issues of concern [that warrant [global][and][joint] action] are identified, prioritized and addressed.

Considerations

Intended to cover the need to **effectively identify, select and address** issues of concern that warrant global action. The intention is to **cover topics similar in nature** to those covered by the **Strategic Approach**, **emerging policy issues** and **other issues of concern**, as well as topics such as **managing specific chemicals**, the **burden of disease** and **financing**. There may be a need to develop and identify the criteria for issues of concern.

Strategic Objective D

Benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and risks are prevented or, where not feasible, minimized through safer alternatives, innovative and sustainable solutions and forward thinking.

Considerations

Intended to cover the ongoing need for **innovative thinking** and **solutions** to address **current** and **future** aspects of managing chemicals and waste, such as life-cycle management, the circular economy, **green and sustainable chemistry**, safer alternatives, **better recycling technologies** and **resource efficiency**.

Strategic objective E

[The importance of the sound management of chemicals and waste as an essential element to achieving sustainable development is recognized by all[; adequate financial and non-financial resources are [identified and] mobilized; actions are accelerated; and necessary [transparent and accountable] partnerships are established to foster cooperation among stakeholders].]

Considerations

Intended to address the need for **high-level commitment across sectoral boundaries**, to ensure **appropriate attention** is given and action taken to **accelerate progress**, and to contribute to the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Mandate for VWG

Mandate: make proposals that progress work on this topic in lead-up to IP4, building on the outcome of the Technical Working Group as presented in meeting documents SAICM/IP.4/3 and SAICM/IP.4/INF/15. Specific tasks include:

- Finalize the targets proposal currently set out in SAICM/IP.4/3, with a view to enable multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral commitment and action, where appropriate;
- Develop a set of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones for finalized targets.
- Work for today: launch discussion on targets under **SO B & A** and take general view of the group of **targets**.

Strategic Objective B: Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions.

Considerations: Intended to address the need for new information and data to be generated to address gaps and for greater transparency and accessibility, as well as to address the need for training and education to protect all levels of society.

Target B.1 By 20xx, comprehensive data and information on chemicals on the global market, throughout their lifecycle, are generated, made available and accessible [are shared].

Target B.2 By 20xx all stakeholders have and are using the most appropriate and standardized tools, guidelines and best available practices for assessments and sound management, as well as for the prevention of harm, risk reduction, monitoring and enforcement.

Target B.3 By 20xx, stakeholders have put in place mechanisms to access information and standardized methods to assess, reduce and prevent health impacts at all stages of the chemical life cycle.

Original phrasing for Target B.3 from IP3 Information and standardized methods are available and used to understand the impacts of chemicals and waste for improved burden-of disease and cost-of-inaction estimates, to inform the advancement of chemical safety measures and to measure progress towards reducing those impacts.

Target B.4 By 20XX educational, training and public awareness programmes on chemical safety, sustainability and safer alternatives have been developed and implemented.

SOs are not the subject of discussion for the VWG but need to be considered to capture its scope in the targets.

The focus of our work under the VWG

Discussion on Strategic Objective B

Strategic Objective	Targets	Question which the VWG should address
<p>Objective B: Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions.</p> <p>Considerations: Intended to address the need for new information and data to be generated to address gaps and for greater transparency and accessibility, as well as to address the need for training and education to protect all levels of society.</p>	<p>Target B.1 By 20xx, comprehensive data and information on chemicals on the global market, throughout their lifecycle, are generated, made available and accessible [are shared].</p> <p>Target B.2 By 20xx all stakeholders have and are using the most appropriate and standardized tools, guidelines and best available practices for assessments and sound management, as well as for the prevention of harm, risk reduction, monitoring and enforcement.</p> <p>Target B.3 By 20xx, stakeholders have put in place mechanisms to access information and standardized methods to assess, reduce and prevent health impacts at all stages of the chemical life cycle.</p> <p>Original phrasing for Target B.3 from IP3 Information and standardized methods are available and used to understand the impacts of chemicals and waste for improved burden-of-disease and cost-of-inaction estimates, to inform the advancement of chemical safety measures and to measure progress towards reducing those impacts.</p> <p>Target B.4 By 20XX educational, training and public awareness programmes on chemical safety, sustainability and safer alternatives have been developed and implemented.</p>	<p><i>Briefly reflect upon these targets and their relation to the objective.</i></p> <p><i>Do we agree, in general, that these targets fit the purpose of the objective?</i></p>

Strategic Objective A: [Measures are identified, implemented and enforced in order to prevent or, where not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste];]

Considerations: Intended to address the need for all countries to have basic capacity, legal frameworks and institutional mechanisms to manage chemicals and waste, including illegal trafficking thereof, and for other stakeholders, such as industry, to also assume their responsibilities to prevent harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle.

Target A.1 Countries/governments develop and periodically review plans to achieve sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle. [and waste] are identified within SAICM and updated every [xx] years.

Target A.1.alt Measures needed to be implemented to achieve sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle are identified within SAICM and updated every xx years.

Target A.2 By [xx], actions to prevent harm from [xx number] specific chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste] are identified by governments and non-governmental stakeholders.¹

Target A.3 By [xx], measures identified to prevent or, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste], are implemented and enforced by governments.

Target A.4 By [xx], measures identified to prevent or, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste], are implemented by companies.

Target A.5 By [xx], Countries make and meet their commitments and obligations under the provisions of chemicals and waste-related multilateral environmental agreements, as well as health, labour and other relevant instruments.

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**Targets extracted from meeting documents SAICM/IP.4/3 and SAICM/IP.4/INF/15.*

Discussion on Strategic Objective A

Strategic Objective	Targets	Question which the VWG should address
<p>Objective A: [Measures are identified, implemented and enforced in order to prevent or, where not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste];]</p> <p>Considerations: Intended to address the need for all countries to have basic capacity, legal frameworks and institutional mechanisms to manage chemicals and waste, including illegal trafficking thereof, and for other stakeholders, such as industry, to also assume their responsibilities to prevent harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle.</p>	<p>Target A.1 Countries/governments develop and periodically review plans to achieve sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle. [and waste] are identified within SAICM and updated every [xx] years.</p> <p>Target A.1.alt Measures needed to be implemented to achieve sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle are identified within SAICM and updated every xx years.</p> <p>Target A.2 By [xx], actions to prevent harm from [xx number] specific chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste] are identified by governments and non-governmental stakeholders.¹</p> <p>Target A.3 By [xx], measures identified to prevent or, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste], are implemented and enforced by governments.</p> <p>Target A.4 By [xx], measures identified to prevent or, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste], are implemented by companies.</p> <p>Target A.5 By [xx], Countries make and meet their commitments and obligations under the provisions of chemicals and waste-related multilateral environmental agreements, as well as health, labour and other relevant instruments.</p>	<p><i>Briefly reflect upon these targets and their relation to the objective.</i></p> <p><i>Do we agree, in general, that these targets fit the purpose of the objective?</i></p>

Next steps

- Collect feedback electronically on existing text for targets under **SO B & A**
 - Electronic input from **2-13 November 2020.**
- If possible, we encourage the participants of this group to have discussions with colleagues in your region/sector to combine ideas and interests in joint submissions that will make it easier for both the secretariat and co-facilitators to prepare for the next meeting.
- If there is a region/sector that would like facilitation in organizing a call, please notify the secretariat by sending an email to delfina.cuglievan@un.org by **4 Novembre.**