3rd Meeting of the Virtual Group on Targets, Indicators and Milestones (VWG1)

07 December 2020

13:00 – 16:00 CET

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Agenda

** We have reserved 3hrs for this meeting*

Agenda Item	Time	Topic of discussion	Presenter
1	13:00-13:05	• Welcome Remarks • Review of meeting agenda and meeting objectives	Dr. Wajira Palipane, (Sri Lanka)
2	13:05-13:30	Proposal- SO A and SO B • Review table- sample SO B • Open floor for general comments	Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia)
3	13:30-14:10	Discussion on inputs provided for targets under SO D • Read out of general comments	Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia)
4	14:10-14:50	Discussion on inputs provided for targets under SO E • Read out of general comments	Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia)
5	14:50-15:10	Introduce targets under SO C • General comments on targets under SO C- oral interventions of registered participants	Dr. Wajira Palipane, (Sri Lanka)
6	15:10-15:30	Review and discussion of co-facilitators proposal of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones • General comments- oral interventions of registered participants	Ms. Silvija Kalnins (Latvia)
7	15:50-16:00	Next steps	Both co-facilitators

Agenda Item 2- Proposal- SO A and SO B

Strategic objective and considerations	Targets	Components of the target	Possible Indicators
SOB **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 for greater transparency and accessibility, as well as to address the need for training and education to protect all levels of society.	B1 By 20xx, comprehensive data and information on chemicals on the global market, throughout their life cycle, are generated [are shared], made available and accessible. ***Focus – data and information generation and sharing, accessibility, registers, inventories***	Encompass all stakeholders All-inclusive data and information (non-restrictive) Including information on safer alternatives and substitutes Information on properties Chemicals on the global market Health and safety data Encompass the whole life cycle	Number of countries implementing GHS (existing GHS indicator UNECE, UNITAR, ILO/TWG document/4) Number of countries with chemicals registers/inventories (existing IOMC indicator – PRTR) Number (%) of companies sharing data on production of chemicals, releases and emissions of chemicals and waste Data on properties Trade associations provision of accessible, relevant and comprehensive information on risks, hazards and alternatives available for workers Number of countries ratified Aarhus Convention on access to information

A total of 19 electronic submissions were received:

Africa
Canada
EU & MS
Iran
Japan
Norway
UK
USA

BRS secretariat
ILO
OECD
UNEP
UNECE
WHO

NGO Group
ICCA/CropLife
ICTA
IPEN
ITUC

- **Since comments also addressed responsibles and indicators, the compilation document included information that was contained on each target for reference in discussion.**

Agenda Item 3- Discussion on inputs provided for targets under SO D

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. Further discussion is needed in regards in the use of the term “safe[r]”.

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.

Target D.1. Companies adopt and implement policies and practices consistently, regardless of where they operate, to produce and use sustainable and safer alternatives and deploy life cycle management and cleaner production technologies.

Target D.2 [Countries][governments] (globally, regionally, sub-regionally, nationally) implement policies that encourage production using natural products or non-chemicals, facilitate the recycling and re- use of products (circular economy), and the adoption of sustainable and safe(r) alternatives, including cleaner production technologies.

Alt. D.2. [Countries][governments] (globally, regionally, sub-regionally, nationally) implement policies that encourage production using sustainable and safe(r) alternatives including cleaner production technologies and facilitate recycling and re-use of products (circular economy).

Target D.3 Companies, including from the investment sector, incorporate strategies and policies to implement the sound management of chemicals [and waste] in their investment approaches and business models and apply internationally-recognized reporting standards.

Target D.4 This target is considered a subset of Target D1 with one amendment made to D1 to explicitly mention life cycle management. The target has been dropped and the indicators have all been moved to D1.

Target D5. Industry associations facilitate change towards sustainability and the safe management of chemicals [and waste] and consumer products throughout their life cycles, and their value chain, including in sharing information and building the capacity of small, medium, and micro-sized enterprises.

The following “new targets” were proposed under SO D

ITUC-Target D6. *[Countries][governments] (globally, regionally, sub-regionally, nationally) implement policies that protect and encourage the role that trade unions, NGOs and other civil society groups play in facilitating change towards the sustainable and safe management of chemicals [and waste] and consumer products throughout their life cycles, and their value chain, including in sharing information and building the capacity of small, medium, and micro-sized enterprises.*

Norway- *In research and innovation programs priority is given to sustainable solutions and safer alternatives to harmful substances in products and mixtures, including in consumer products.*

Agenda Item 4- Discussion on inputs provided for targets under SO E

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.

Target E.1. All countries and stakeholder organizations at the high[est] level recognize the importance of and demonstrate their commitment to the sound management of chemicals [and waste] as a contribution to sustainable development [and the 2030 Agenda].

Target E.2 Policies for sound management of chemicals [and waste] are integrated into local, national, sub regional, regional [global] development strategies. Further discussion is needed on the inclusion of “global” development strategies.

Target E.3 Partnerships and networks amongst sectors and stakeholders are strengthened to achieve the sound management of chemicals [and waste].

Target E.4 Financial and non-financial resources needed to achieve the sound management of chemicals [and waste] are identified and mobilized in all sectors by and for all stakeholders.

Further discussion of Target E4 is needed, including on the addition of a reference to the Integrated Approach to Financing.

Target E.5 Gaps between developed and developing countries the implementation of sound management of chemicals [and waste] are identified and narrowed.

The following “new targets” were proposed under SO E

Additional Target regarding *internalization of costs/cost recovery mechanisms*

EU+MS see an opportunity for adding a Target under Objective E that addresses the *internalization of costs* and the implementation of adequate *cost recovery mechanisms* at national level, particularly taking into account document SAICM/IP.4/7 and the respective parts of the Integrated Approach to Financing SMCW. However, it would be to early for a concrete text proposal as the outcome of the parallel discussions in the VWG on Financial Considerations should be awaited in this regard.

<u>Possible New Target under Objective E:</u>

Canada- One component currently missing in the targets to address the need for commitment across sectoral boundaries, to ensure appropriate attention is given and action taken is to identify linkages with other environmental, health and societal priorities.

(new) Target E5: All stakeholders identify and strengthen synergies and linkages between chemicals [and waste] and other environmental, health and societal priorities, such as climate change, biodiversity, human rights, universal health coverage and primary health care.

Agenda Item 6- Discussion targets under SO C

Strategic Objective	Targets
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.	**Target ALT. C1 –** As an ongoing process, stakeholders nominate, and the international conference adopts issues of concern with specific goals. **Target ALT. C2 –** As an ongoing process, stakeholders implement workplans for adopted issues of concern and report on progress achieving their goals, such that the use of sustainable solutions is maximized and significant negative impacts on human health and the environment are prevented or minimized.

Agenda Item 5- Proposal of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones

- The VWG defines the work that is ready for work on indicator/milestones
  - scope of an agreed set of targets
  - information on components of the target
- In terms of the definition of work defined by this group, a group of experts add to existing information with a list of indicators relevant for agreed targets
- Proposed indicators are discussed and agreed by ICCM-5 stakeholders

Next steps

- Electronic input from 07- 21 December 2020
  - **Collect feedback electronically on:** Finalized recommendations and SOC (joint review with VWG3)
    - Please use the template provided for input. If you prefer to submit PDF, in parallel please send a WORD file to Secretariat.
    - 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 cofacilitators to prepare for the next meeting.
- Week of 8 January 2021: Co-facilitators to release proposals on SO A-E and on all topic discussed.
- Monday, 12 January 2021 13:00 - 16:00 (CET)
  - Summary of consolidated inputs and proposals on all topics discussed