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Introduction

The third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG3) requested the secretariat to develop a simple Strategic Approach progress report for the period 2017–2019 that, using existing data, would provide an overview of the Strategic Approach activities, accomplishments, and challenges for consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session (ICCM5).

A fourth Progress in Strategic Approach Implementation 2017-2019, in its revised version, was presented at the seventeenth meeting (online) of the Bureau of the International Conference on Chemicals Management for its fifth session on 21 July 2021[1].

The Strategic Approach secretariat invites all the stakeholder groups to respond to this survey. That will provide the secretariat time to analyze and review all submissions and include relevant information in the overall Strategic Approach simple progress report for the extended period between 2017-2022 (reflecting the postponement of ICCM5) to be provided to ICCM5. It would also address progress in the implementation of the SAICM overall orientation and guidance.

Your participation in this process is important to ensure that the SAICM report on progress can provide a complete and accurate picture of SAICM implementation and provide useful information to assist in setting future priorities for the global sound management of chemicals and waste.

You are kindly invited to provide **a single consolidated response** to this survey for your **country or organization** by ***Friday, 30 June 2023***. The survey tool is aligned with the 20 indicators agreed to at the second session of ICCM (ICCM2) in May 2009 listed in Annex 1. In providing your answer you might wish to take into consideration these indicators for reporting by stakeholders on progress in the implementation of the Strategic Approach.

[1]

http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/Documents/meetings/Bureau/ICCM5B17/SAICM_ICCM5-Bureau_TC_9_7_Progress%20on%20Strategic%20Approach%202017-2019_revised.pdf

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact information is requested to be provided so that in the case of any ambiguous answers or errors, the SAICM secretariat can make direct contact with the respondent.

1. Your title *

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8. Would you be willing to be contacted to answer a few questions on your experience with this survey? *

Yes

No

INFORMATION ON PROGRESS

Please specify activity(ies) that your Government/Organization took during the period of 2020-2022* in relation to:

**Note: In providing your answer you might wish to take into consideration indicators for reporting by stakeholders on progress in the implementation of the Strategic Approach, listed in the Annex of SAICM/ICCM.2/3 -Proposal on modalities for reporting by stakeholders on progress in implementation. To access to the file, please click*

on: <https://saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/ICCM2/doc/ICCM2%203%20reporting%20E.pdf>.

9. Enhance the responsibility of stakeholders: promoting and reinforcing commitment and multisectoral engagement.

If your answer is too long, please consider sending us any additional supporting information (reports, publications, etc). More detail is in the next section.

Established a national multi-stakeholder committee on chemicals management (MCCM) with an annual workplan (contributions of activities for the year from all stakeholders), progress of which to be reported, monitored and assessed quarterly to the committee. Also established as and when needed MCCM technical sub-committee for specific projects or issues. MCCM is composed of all chemicals management stakeholders [academics, NGOs, chemicals industry, CropLifeSA, national departments: Water and Sanitation, Transport, Trade and Industry, SA Revenue with customs, Labour, Education, Agriculture, Health, and Environment].

10. Establish and strengthen national legislative and regulatory frameworks for chemicals and waste: improving capacity to address the basic elements of the sound management of chemicals and waste and encouraging regional cooperation.

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The overall chemicals management Policy and the Bill were drafted but were never accepted by all relevant stakeholders. Specific Regulations have been developed especially to domesticate several MEAs that South Africa is a party to.

11. Mainstream the sound management of chemicals and waste in the sustainable development agenda: advancing risk reduction and enhancing the link between the sound management of chemicals and waste and health, labour, and social and economic development planning, processes, and budgets.

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Our Constitution, the National Development Plan (NDP) and the annual MCCM workplan facilitate mainstreaming of the sound management of chemicals and waste in the sustainable development agenda management.

12. Increase risk reduction and information sharing efforts on emerging policy issues: continuing to promote actions on issues not currently addressed in existing agreements, complementing initiatives taken by other bodies.

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Established an Academic Researchers Forum to strengthen science-policy interface not just on international but also local emerging policy issues. We have not yet progressed as we would like since we are still catching up with addressing the already nominated emerging policy issues through developing a national implementation plan. Once done, we shall move on to others not yet addressed in existing MEAs.

13. Promote information access: increasing the accessibility of relevant information and making it understandable for all levels of society.

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We have been conducting training, and awareness raising activities using appropriate local languages, to relevant government officials, farmers and the general public. There is also a knowledge hub on emerging issues researched in the country housed by the Water Research Commission; we need to improve its accessibility as the public do not know about it.

14. Assess progress toward the 2020 goal of minimizing the adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment: identifying achievements, understanding the gaps in implementation, and prioritizing actions moving forward.

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We have identified all the chemicals and waste targets in all the SDGs, assigned responsible departments or institution or industry, and facilitate implementation of the identified activities to realize the targets, and assess progress.

Additional supporting information

Additional supporting information (reports, publications, etc) should be provided to saicm.chemicals@un.org (cc: juan.caicedo@un.org and can.zhou@un.org)