



SIDE-EVENT

Looking ahead: SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and wastes beyond 2020

Minamata Convention COP3 Side Event

Thursday 28 November 2019

13:15-14:45

CR-2 @ CIGC

AGENDA

Objectives:

- Inform participants on the intersessional process (IP) for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and the journey towards the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5)
- Moderate a discussion on strengthening coordination and engagement for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 in response to the SAICM independent evaluation and in line with the 2030 Agenda.

Background:

- SAICM is a global multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder, voluntary policy framework aimed at minimizing significant adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment by 2020. The SAICM platform has provided a space to convene actors and to coordinate and catalyze collective actions. It has built capacity at country and regional level for addressing basic elements for the sound management of chemicals and has addressed emerging issues such as chemicals in products, electronics and pharmaceutical pollutants.
- One of the key strengths of SAICM is that it has provided the opportunity for governments and non-government actors, to discuss and deliberate on the management of chemicals throughout their life cycle in an atmosphere of trust and cooperation.
- A new overarching approach for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 is currently being deliberated by an intersessional process and key decisions will be taken at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management in Bonn, Germany from 5-9 October 2020.

Key Policy Questions for Discussion:

- How has the Minamata Convention on Mercury community at large benefited from the implementation of SAICM to date?
- How the Minamata community could participate closer in the intersessional process?
- How do the Minamata National Focal Points and SAICM National Focal Points work together at national level? What is working well? What can be improved?
- How can we maximize benefits of each other's efforts?
- What can be improved in relation to information sharing and collaboration?
- How can we foster a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach, including partnership and mechanisms for technical cooperation?

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PROPOSED TIMING	PROPOSED SECTIONS	KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS	LEAD BY
13:15 – 13:45	Welcome Introduction to the intersessional process considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020	SAICM is an ambitious initiative SAICM delivering its outputs through conferences and intersessional meetings Evidence that political and technical awareness and understanding of the risk of chemicals, and the tools available to manage risks	Ms. Judith Torres, Co-chair of the intersessional process considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, Government of Uruguay Ms. Brenda Koekkoek, Programme Officer, SAICM Secretariat
13:45 – 14:15	Working together to improve capacity for the sound management of chemicals and waste and encourage regional cooperation	Examples of national and regional initiatives for the sound management of chemicals and wastes: <u>Government of Kenya:</u> Support to chemicals and wastes MEAs and SAICM implementation: Towards becoming a party to the Minamata Convention on Mercury and leading regional cooperation on the establishment of a lead in paint standard. <u>Government of the Republic of Moldova:</u> Supporting SAICM Implementation regarding GHS in Central and Eastern Europe and looking ahead to support post-ratification of the Minamata Convention <u>groundWork (South Africa):</u> Mercury added product reduction projects within a non-legally binding framework e.g. partnership approaches, for improving capacity for the sound management of chemicals and waste	Panelists Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Kenya Ms. Tatiana Tugui, Manager, Environmental Pollution Prevention Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Government of the Republic of Moldova Mr. Rico Euripidou, Environmental Health Campaigner, groundWork, Friends of the Earth S.A, South Africa
14:15 – 14:35	Discussion	Key Policy Considerations	Ms. Brenda Koekkoek, Programme Officer, SAICM Secretariat
14:35 – 14:45	Closing: Getting to ICCM5	What are the next steps towards the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and ICCM5?	Mr. Matthias Wolf IG II 3 International Chemical Safety, Sustainable Chemistry Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Government of Germany