



# **MINAMATA CONVENTION COP3**

## **SAICM SIDE EVENT**

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# Overview of Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste in Kenya

## Chemicals of concern in Kenya

- Chemicals contribute 8-10% of GDP
- Kenya is also a transit country for chemicals and wastes:
- Key chemicals sectors in Kenya are:
  - ✓ Industrial chemicals
  - ✓ Pesticides and herbicides
  - ✓ Food additives
  - ✓ Plastics
  - ✓ Counterfeits

## Map of Kenya





# Efforts towards Sound Chemicals Management

## Efforts towards Sound Chemicals Management in Line with SAICM objectives

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- Kenya has participated in almost all Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCMs) and was President of ICCM4.
- It is also Party to Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Convention, and signatory to Minamata convention.
- It has developed the Kenya's Chemicals Profile ,A Kenya SAICM Implementation Plan has been developed through public participation.
- Domesticated many chemicals and waste MEAS

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- Kenya has Intense cooperation with the IOMC members (UNDP, UNIDO, WHO, UNEP, FAO, WB) on their areas of specialisation and intervention on Chemicals Management in the Environment.
- Unfortunately Sound management of chemicals is not sufficiently mainstreamed into decision making processes and national planning and SAICM guidance countries to be important especially the OOG
- Implementation of chemicals related MEAs and voluntary instruments are not so advanced but are progressing well though the SAICM Risk Reduction & Governance objectives.
- New laws and regulations are being developed to implement the provisions of SAICM.



# Linkages with the industry

## Pesticides and agrochemicals

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- Pesticides have an umbrella organisation agrochemicals association of Kenya
- The risks by chemicals is well articulated by SAICM.
- Kenya has very good capacity for monitoring agrochemicals
- All listed chemicals have had one action or the other. BRS domestication are well followed closely and systematically

## Manufacturing, services and Plastics

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- KAM membership constitutes 40% of manufacturing value-add industries in Kenya and comprises of small, medium and large enterprises.
- Approximately 30% a semiautonomous government agencies
- Many voluntary initiatives that support SAICM

# Implementing SAICM in Kenya and Minamata Convention

- A multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach in chemicals management in Kenya is being implemented e.g.:

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  - ✓ The private sector specifically KAM is implementing responsible care (RC) and best practices.
  - ✓ The aim is to have 50% chemical companies operating in Kenya sign on to implement RC by 2020.
  - ✓ Other Stakeholders such as NGOs are involved in the Mercury Reduction ASGM and Phase-Out of Mercury Added Products.
  - ✓ The Academia: Global Monitoring Programme (GMP) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Lead Paints Alliance – Lead Paint Elimination.



# Efforts Supporting Government of Kenya to Ratification of the Minamata Convention

- Kenya has undertaken a profile using the UNEP Toolkit and which prioritized mercury issues.
- Kenya's road map for ratification and domestication of the Minamata Convention are at an advance stage.
- Important Annexes being:
  - Article 7 on Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining
  - Annex A (Mercury-added products),
  - Annex B (Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used,

# Responsible Care Addressing Chemical Risks

## Responsible Care as SAICM tool

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- RC a tool on Promoting Sound Chemicals Management by the Industry.
- It aims to promote sound management of chemicals through:
  - ✓ more effective risk assessment and prioritization,
  - ✓ promote responsible production ensure good practices for the chemical producers, users and regulators and
  - ✓ promote the early response of the stakeholders to MEAs decisions
- Its led by Kenya Association Manufacturers (KAM) and a committee has been formed to implement it.



# Regional Efforts for Chemical Management

## Regional setup

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- There is already a Ministry of East African Community (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi)
- A number of government to government initiatives are being undertaken. The most important being Kenya-Tanzania and Kenya Uganda on the phase-out of lead in petrol.
- Kenya is serving as the East African Secretariat on Lead Paint. The Bureau of Standards are working on a common standard of lead in paint.

# Future of SAICM and Minamata Convention

## 2020 and beyond

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- New laws and regulations are being developed to implement the provisions of SAICM.
- Kenya now has “*Draft Toxic and Hazardous Chemicals Management Regulations*” that seeks:
  - ✓ To implement the provisions of the Chemicals MEAs, and especially
  - ✓ Use the regulation to control specific chemicals especially mercury and lead

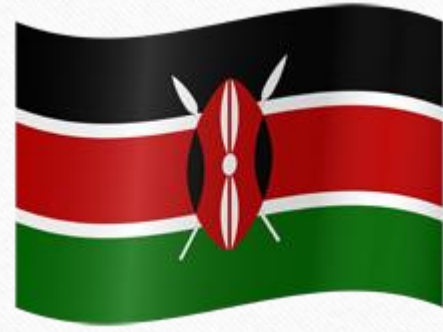


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- National Chemical Policy being finalized.
- National Strategy for Chemicals Management being developed.
- Capacity building on Sound Management of Chemical.
  - ✓ In 10 key Chemical Institutions to address chemicals issues
- Regional activities and addressing illegal trade in priority chemicals.



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