



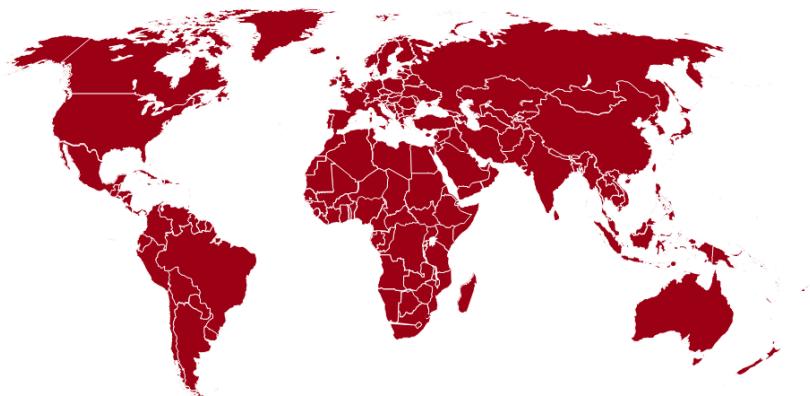
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Key functions needed to enhance SMCW

- Proposed strengthening SMCW through a more broadly mandated ICCM; and an enhanced and strengthened IOMC
 - **Six core functional recommendations** (beyond a revitalised SAICM):
 1. Enhance public and political priority for SMCW to up-scaled action;
 2. Strengthen the science-policy interface to inform policy and action;
 3. Improve coherence, coordination and efficiency of policy & action;
 4. Build capacities, coordinate and mobilise accessible support resources;
 5. Review and follow-up assessment of SMCW progress as a basis to inform shifts or adjustments in policy and action;
 6. Achieve the above 5 recommendations by mobilizing broader participation and ownership through a UNGA resolution .
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A shared SMCW vision **creates global momentum**;

- **In fact**, a global SMCW shared vision already adopted in SDG;
- Current IP work on vision is **SDG-based** to guide SMCW sectors and actors;
- However, some criticism of this work includes concerns that:
 - Insufficient participation and ownership by all;
 - Effort to mobilize inclusiveness could delay or confuse the IP;
 - Linking to 2030 Agenda could be interpreted as “short-termism”.
- Therefore recommended to
 - Gain broad participation and ownership through a UNGA process
 - Frame 2030 targets as milestones toward a timeless vision

2. Strengthening the science-policy interface to inform coherent policy and action

- A comprehensive multi-sector SPI platform on SMCW is needed to:
 - Assess production and use information with costs of inaction
 - Assess responses with benefits of action
 - Provide early warning assessments of issues of concern
 - Engage in communication and outreach to disseminate findings
- 3 options
 - Best practice indicates a need for an independent SDG specific SPI
 - In keeping with “build on existing” concept:
 - IOMC develop a model assessment process cutting across all sectors and potentially linked to informing the preparation of GCO-III
 - Establish a ICCM science/technical subsidiary structure

3. Improving policy coherence, synergies and efficiency



- Enhance participation in the IOMC and shift from administrative coordination to include strategic planning
 - Broaden participation of other entities (e.g. Secretariats of the BRS, Minamata Convention, Montreal Protocol, IMO, ICAO etc.)
 - Enrich the IOMC with intergovernmental representation from IGO governing bodies to directly consider policy barriers to delivery
- Broaden the mandate of the ICCM:
 - Enable inter-governmental guidance of policy, planning and resourcing needs for consideration by IOMC governing bodies;
 - The ICCM acts in close cooperation with the enhanced IOMC;

4. Building capacity and mobilising resources



- A persistent lack of capacity in many (developing) countries
 - The solution is access to and investment in technology, skills, regulatory systems and institutional infrastructure to:
 - Strengthen and coordinate existing sources of finance for technology, systems and institutional capacity; and
 - Mobilize public finance to leverage private sector investment in these
 - Recommendation = Establish an arrangement or structure for capacity building, technology and finance to:
 - Develop coordinating guidance recommendations for consideration by governing bodies of financial institutions, IGOs and governments
 - Enhance cooperation and communication to build effective multi-sector and stakeholder processes and partnerships
 - An enhanced Special Programme could fulfil these functions
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5. Review and follow-up

- Need to track collective SDG related SMCW progress and challenges, particularly to enhance cross-sector action
 - Not in existing HLPF reviews, but under ICCM mandate.
 - Recommend:
 - Firstly – IOMC elaborate their overview of SMCW-related elements of the SDGs as basis for a model to review of collective progress
 - Secondly – ICCM structure, supported by IOMC, to access available information in a **meta-review** to assess collective global progress
 - Review results considered at high-level (ICCM report to UNGA) to facilitate implementation efforts, as needed
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6. Enhancing SMCW within the UN system (I)



Recommend going beyond a revitalised SAICM.

- ICCM needs a mandate to execute these 5 functional areas thru
 - A High-level Declaration and the ICCM resolution on SAICM and the SMCW beyond 2020
 - That is adopted/endorsed by a forum that has the legal mandate and that has broad multi-sector representation (the UN General Assembly (UNGA))
- To ensure ongoing political priority for the SMCW agenda
 - Integrate the ICCM as part of UN reporting architecture on the international effort to achieve the SDGs,
 - While upholding respective legal mandates of autonomous governing bodies



Substantive elements of a ICCM5 High Level Declaration

- Outline SMCW vision, goals and targets (SDG-based)
- Call for the IOMC to broaden participation and enable strategic planning through intergovernmental participation
- Broaden the mandate for the ICCM to include SMCW guidance
- Establish a strengthened the science-policy interface
- Support action by establishing a Capacity, Technology and Finance arrangement or structure
- Develop a system to track and review collective progress to inform follow up recommendations for SMCW globally

6. Enhancing SMCW within the UN system III



- The High Level declaration would be introduced to the UNGA for endorsement by a group of countries (such as HAA)
 - The resultant UN initiating resolution should include:
 - Reference to the additional functional areas and structural arrangements for the ICCM;
 - Inviting IOMC governing bodies to enhance the structure and function
 - Urge full participation by IGOs, MEAs and initiatives governing bodies, within their mandates;
 - Call for multi-sector governmental and invite multi-stakeholder participation.
 - If adopted/endorsed, ICCM6 has the mandate to transform.
 - This may necessitate an IP process for ICCM6
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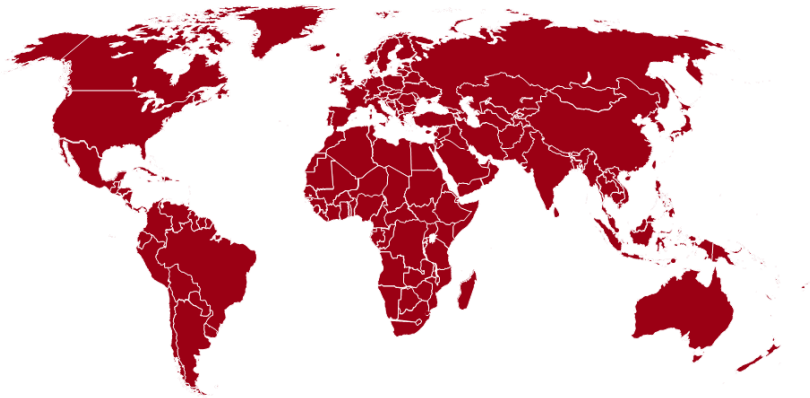


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