Advancing global chemicals and waste management in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains

A multi-stakeholder workshop in support of the intersessional process for the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (“Beyond 2020”)

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Workshop Objectives

- Take stock of and provide inputs on draft targets addressing industry in the negotiations on the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (“Beyond 2020”)
- Identify good practices from industry and related enabling initiatives and practices relevant for the sound chemicals and waste management throughout the life cycle
- Explore opportunities to operationalize the draft target on development of “sustainable chemical and waste management strategies” in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains
- Develop guiding principles to inform sustainable chemicals and waste strategies in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains
- Identify action and mobilize commitment of chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains in advance of the Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management, Bonn, September 2023

Workshop Programme (draft)

Day 1

Morning

The morning of day 1 will introduce the international policy context for the workshop, discuss the rationale for promoting strategies in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains under “Beyond 2020” and identify good practice derived from industry and related enabling initiatives and practices.

09:00-09:15

Session 1: Welcome and introduction

- Welcome (UNITAR, ICCM 5 President, Co-chairs of the intersessional process, IOMC Chair, tbc)
- Workshop objectives and workshop programme
09:15-10:30

Session 2: Status of “Beyond 2020” negotiations and rationale for addressing chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains

- Status of “Beyond 2020” Negotiations: Towards the Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management, Bonn, September 2023
- IOMC proposal on strengthening integrated chemicals and waste management: Related discussions at IP 4.1 in Bucharest, September 2022
- Rationale for a draft target at IP.4.1 to develop chemical and waste strategies by chemical intensive economic sector
- What is the business case and potential value for industry to engage in “Beyond 2020”

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Session 3: Industry sector initiatives for sound chemicals and waste management: Identifying good practices

Panel discussion
- Selected associations and stakeholders present industry initiatives relevant to “Beyond 2020”
- Discussant statements by government and civil society

Working groups
- Identifying good practices of industry sector initiatives for sound chemicals and waste management

Afternoon

The afternoon of day 1 will discuss the role of enabling actors in fostering and supporting industry sector action, in particular from government, civil society organizations and industry. It will also focus on the experience gained in the textile sector, which has undertaken significant work to advance chemicals and waste management globally.

13:30-15:30

Session 4: Enabling action to foster economic sector strategies under “Beyond 2020

- Introduction in plenary

Working groups
• What is the role of front-runner companies and associations in fostering and enabling economic sector strategies and action?
• What is the role of government in fostering economic sector strategies and action?
• What is the role of civil society and workers groups in fostering economic sector strategies and action?

Coffee break
16:00-17:30

Session 5: Taking a deeper dive: What can we learn from the textile sector?
Panel presentation and discussion
• What concerted action has been taken by key actors in the textile sector?
• What are key remaining challenges in the sector?
• What lessons are emerging which are relevant for other sectors?

17:30-17:45

Reflections on Day 1 and outlook for Day 2

Day 2

Morning

The morning of Day 2 will address specific issues relevant for developing and implementing economic sector strategies under “Beyond 2020”. They include opportunities to advance sector standards, advancing financing for sector action and developing effective partnerships throughout value chains.

08:45-10:00

Session 6: Opportunities to advance economic sector standards

• Introductory presentation
• Panel discussion
  o What type of standards could support the sound management of chemicals and waste in chemical intensive economic sectors
  o What provisions could the “Beyond 2020” instrument contain to advance standard development in chemical intensive economic sectors?

Coffee break
10:15-11:30

Session 7: Opportunities to advance financing to support economic sector action
Setting-the-scene presentation
Panel discussion
  - What type of financing could support the sound management of chemicals and waste in chemical intensive economic sectors?
  - What provisions could the “Beyond 2020” instrument contain to advance financing in chemical intensive economic sectors?

11:30-12:45

Session 8: Opportunities to support effective partnerships

Setting-the-scene presentation
Panel discussion
  - What can we learn from existing partnerships?
  - What type of partnerships can foster economic sector action under “Beyond 2020”
  - How can partnerships be scaled-up to reach global coverage and achieve impact?
  - What provisions could the “Beyond 2020” instrument contain to foster effective partnerships?

Lunch break

The afternoon of day 2 will focus on developing forward-looking actions.

14:00-15:30

Session 9: Guiding principles to advance economic sector strategies and programmatic action under “Beyond 2020”

- Introduction to the session

Working groups

- What are important questions to guide economic sector reviews?
- What are key issues economic sector strategies could cover?
- What could be the role of global sector dialogues under “Beyond 2020” to create impact?

Coffee break

16:00-17:00

Session 10: A pathway of action towards ICCM5

- Introductory presentation

Working groups
• What are elements of a possible “Beyond 2020” programme area to foster action in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains?
• How can commitment of chemical intensive economic sectors and companies be mobilized in advance of ICCM 5?

Plenary discussion
• What can participants do as a follow-up to the workshop?

17:00  Workshop closing
17:15  End of workshop
Annex: Relevant draft targets included in the Co-chairs Consolidated Document prepared following IP4.1 negotiations in Bucharest, September 2022

“The involvement of industry and the private sector throughout the value chain needs to be significantly enhanced under this instrument at all levels” (Section D. Enhanced Sectoral and Stakeholder Engagement)

Draft target on industry sector strategies

“Target D6 - By 20xx, sustainable chemical and waste management strategies have been developed and implemented for xy major economic sectors with intense chemical use, which identify priority chemicals of concern, standards and measures to reduce chemical input and footprint along the value chains (e.g. textile, electronic, building, agriculture etc.)”

Related draft targets

“Target B2 - By 20XX, stakeholders in the value chain ensure that reliable information on chemicals in [materials and] articles is available throughout their life cycle [including at the waste stage], to enable informed decisions and safe management of chemicals in a clean circular economy.”

“Target D1 - Companies consistently invest in and achieve innovations toward advancing green and sustainable chemistry, cleaner production, and the deployment of life cycle management approaches for chemicals.”

“Target D3 - By 20xx, 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 D8 - By xx minimum requirements for third-party/private/non-governmental standards, labels and certification schemes are defined and reviewed on an ongoing basis, potential for harmonization is explored and adherence increased and applied by private sector and monitored by governments and other stakeholders.”

1http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP4/2022/SAICM_IP.4_2_Rev.1_Compilation%20of%20recommendations%20for%20ICCM5%20co-chair%20.pdf