IOMC Multi-stakeholder Expert Workshop on Advancing Chemicals and Waste Management in Economic Sectors and Industries

Development of draft guidance and elements of a possible implementation programme in preparation of IP 4.3 & the 5th International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5)

20-21 June 2023
MIE2, Chemin de Balexert 7/9, 1219 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland

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Draft agenda

Workshop Objectives

- Identify opportunities and challenges to engage economic and industry sectors throughout value chains in “Beyond 2020”
- Develop a common understanding on economic and industry sectors encouraged to engage; draft targets addressing industry; and linkages to biodiversity and climate change action
- Generate agreement on objectives and draft content of guidance to support “sustainable chemicals and waste management strategies” mentioned in target D6
- Explore objectives, elements and activities of a possible global implementation programme to foster knowledge-sharing and action throughout value chains
- Develop a plan of action to engage actors and leaders from economic and industry sectors in advance of, and following ICCM5.

Day 1, Tuesday, 20 June 2023

09:00

Session 1. Welcome and introduction

Welcome
- Jorge Ocaña, Manager, Chemicals and Waste Management Programme, UNITAR

Opening remarks
- Gabi Eigenmann, IOMC Chair
- Kay Williams, Co-Chair, Intersessional Process
Session 2. Status of “Beyond 2020” negotiations concerning industry

Session 2 provides an update concerning the international context of the workshop, including industry-related negotiations and targets proposed during the intersessional process on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals beyond 2020 (“Beyond 2020”). It also provides an overview of relevant activities, including those organized by the IOMC.

Session 2 - Part 1 (40 min)
- Recap of industry-related “Beyond 2020” discussions
- Review of draft target D6 on “sustainable chemicals and waste strategies” and related targets addressing industry
- What economic and industry sectors are encouraged to engage?

Introduction by moderator
- IOMC

Inputs and open discussion
- Michel Tschirren, Switzerland
- Melissa Wang, Greenpeace
- Ahmad Ansari, ZDHC

Session 2 - Part 2 (45 min)
- Highlights and outcomes from the IOMC workshop, Paris, January 2023
- IOMC CRP submission on implementation programmes and related IP4.2 outcomes
- What are initial considerations and questions that should be taken into account in developing a possible global implementation programme under “Beyond 2020” on advancing chemicals and waste management in economic sectors and industries along value chains?

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Inputs and open discussion
- Juergen Helbig, European Union
- Melissa Nguyen, Vizient
- Christoph Neumann, CropLife
- Sara Brosche, IPEN
- Rory O’Neill, ITUC
- Susan Wilburn, HCWH

10:45
Coffee break
11:00
Session 3. Setting the scene: opportunities and challenges to engage economic sectors and industries in “Beyond 2020”

Session 3 features two scene-setting discussions. With a focus on economic and industry sectors, the first part of the session explores linkages of the chemicals and waste agenda with other important sustainable development topics (e.g. climate change, biodiversity, plastics), and how relevant sustainability frameworks and assessment schemes used in industry address chemicals and waste. The second part of the session looks at the question of how industry-focused activities under “Beyond 2020” can be designed to be of relevance to industry, foster industry responsibility and spur action. Insights from the two discussions will feed into the guidance and elements of a possible global programme discussed at the workshop. For both topics, panellists will kick off the discussions.

Session 3 - Part 1: Linkages with other sustainability topics of relevance to industry (60 min)

**Question 1:** (30 min)

- How can chemicals and waste management under “Beyond 2020” help advance action along the value chain to address the biodiversity and climate change dimension of the triple planetary crisis (e.g. carbon neutral/net zero industrial transformations processes), as well as other important sustainability challenges (e.g. plastics pollution)?

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**Inputs and open discussion**
- Joel Tickner, UMass Lowell, Change Chemistry
- Anne-Laure Brison, WBCSD TBC
- Maria Cristina Cardenas Fischer, BRS Secretariat

**Question 2:** (30 min)

- To what extent do industry-oriented sustainability schemes (e.g. responsible business conduct, ESG, CSR, sustainability assessments) adequately address chemicals and waste issues? If not, what may need to be done?

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**Inputs and open discussion**
- Dorothy Lovell, OECD
- Tyler Gillard, RBA
- Rakesh Vazirani, TUV Rheinland
- Margarita Lysenkova, GRI
- Clarisse Chang, EcoVadis
- Angela Pinilla, Clean Production Action
- Rico Euripidou, Groundwork
Part 2: Engaging economic sectors and industries in “Beyond 2020” (50 min)

1. How can “sustainable chemicals and waste strategies” encouraged through target D6 provide value-added to existing industry and stakeholder activities?
2. How can a possible “Beyond 2020” Implementation Programme be shaped to be relevant for, and spur responsible action in economic and industry sectors?
3. Which actors and stakeholders from economic and industry sectors are encouraged to engage in “Beyond 2020”? What factors may foster or impede their engagement?

Inputs
- Sylvie Lemoine, CEFIC
- Dorothee Arns, FECC
- Amy Chan, Apple
- Sofia Lobo, Dow
- Džejna Milaković-Ramadani, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Part 3: Exploring a vision along the value chains (table discussions) (10 min)

- The visionary phrase for biodiversity action is “nature positive”, for climate change “net zero”. What phrase could be used for creating a vision for chemicals and waste management along value chains?

13:00
Lunch break
14:00
Session 4. Knowledge and guidance to support industry strategies: Introductory discussions (IOMC_JuneWS_3)

Session 4 features an initial discussion about knowledge-sharing and guidance to support industry strategies and action, including how guidance can be designed to be of value for industry and is taken up widely.

Plenary
- Introduction to the objectives and draft Table of Contents of the knowledge-sharing and guidance document to support “sustainable chemicals and waste management strategies” in economic industry sectors
- Reporting on the pre-lunch table discussions

14:30
Session 4 working groups (face-to-face)

Group A:
- What are potential reasons and benefits for industry association, groups of like-minded companies or individual companies to develop a strategy?
- What is a possible vision and intended outcomes the strategy guidance could encourage?
Group B:
- Review the structure and flow of the table of contents of the knowledge and guidance document
- What are key target audiences for the guidance and how can they be reached?

Group C:
- What are possible incentives for economic and industry sectors to engage in the “Beyond 2020” process?
- What practical measures and steps can be taken to engage these actors in advance of and beyond ICCM 5?

Session 4 (bis). Parallel online consultations with selected stakeholders not participating in the entire workshop

The parallel online consultations recognize that not all stakeholders are able to participate during the full days of the workshop. The focus is on eliciting feedback in particular from financial stakeholders, and from a cross section of representatives of industries in the value chain.

14:30 -16:30
Online Consultation A (registration)
- Obtaining perspectives of industry representatives and stakeholder along and across value chains on engaging in “Beyond 2020”

Online Consultation B (registration)
- Identifying opportunities for the electronics industry to engage in international chemicals and waste management and a transition to sustainable chemistry

16:30-18:00
Online Consultation C (registration)
- Identifying opportunities for the financial sector engage in “Beyond 2020” and advance a global transition to sustainable chemistry

16:30
- Reporting to Plenary on the outcomes of Session 4 Working Groups
- Reporting on the outcomes of the “Session 4 (bis)” online consultations (except C)

17:30 End of day 1
17:45-1815: Special session on ICCA/Iran capacity development proposal

Day 2, Wednesday, 21 June 2023
09:00

Session 5. Review of substantive and process topics covered by the guidance
(IOMC_JuneWS_3)

Session 5 provides an opportunity to provide in-depth feedback on the objectives and various substantive and process topics covered by the guidance.

09:00

▪ Introduction in plenary and reporting back on the outcomes of the finance consultation

09:15 (coffee break in between)

Session 5 working groups:

▪ Review of specific sections of the annotated outline and Identifying good practices

Group A:

▪ Review of Sections 1-2 of the draft annotated outline

Group B:

▪ Review of Sections 3-4 of the draft annotated outline

Group C:

▪ Review of Section 5 of the draft annotated outline

10:45

▪ Reporting to Plenary on the outcomes of Session 5 Working Groups

Session 6. Enabling action by stakeholder groups
(IOMC_JuneWS_3)

Session 6 builds on the discussions at the Paris workshop to identify enabling action by various stakeholder groups to support transformation of industries towards sustainable chemistry.

11:15

Session 6 working groups: Review of Section 6 of the annotated outline on enabling action

Group A

▪ Government (e.g. extended producer responsibility, polluter pays schemes, policy coherence)

Group B

▪ Civil society and workers groups

Group C

▪ Industry (e.g. association initiatives, financing initiatives)

12:15

Reporting in plenary on Session 6 working groups

12:45
Session 7. Elements and activities of a possible “Beyond 2020 Industry Implementation Programme Across Value Chains”
(IOMC_JuneWS_4 & IOMC_JuneWS_5)

Session 7 explores how a possible “Beyond 2020” implementation programme needs to be designed to catalyse and foster industry action and responsibility. Building on the discussions of the Paris workshop, a small number of global activities will be identified and discussed that can help achieve this.

- Introduction in plenary

14:15

Session 7 working groups

Group A:
- Knowledge-creation, analysis and sharing

Group B:
- Global “Beyond 2020” industry summit, dialogues and workshops

Group C:
- Partnerships and capacity development

15:30

- Reporting of Session 6 working groups to plenary

Coffee break

15:45

Session 8. Preparing for and following ICCM5
(IOMC_JuneWS_4 & IOMC_JuneWS_5)

Session 8 focuses on practical measures and possible work that can feed into IP4.3 negotiations and ICCM5, and possible follow-up activities.

- Introduction in plenary

16:00

Session 8 Working Groups

Group A:
- Draft elements of a TOR for a possible Implementation Programme
- Input to possible ICCM5 resolution text on Implementation Programmes
Consideration of a possible ICCM5 side event

Group B:
- Exploring engagement of industries (e.g. retail, textiles, electronics, building and construction, healthcare, food and agriculture)
- Engagement of finance actors and investors
- Other follow-up activities (e.g. webinar on workshop outcomes)

17:00
- Reporting of Session 8 working groups to plenary

17:15

Session 9. Workshop closure and next steps