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Updates on SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

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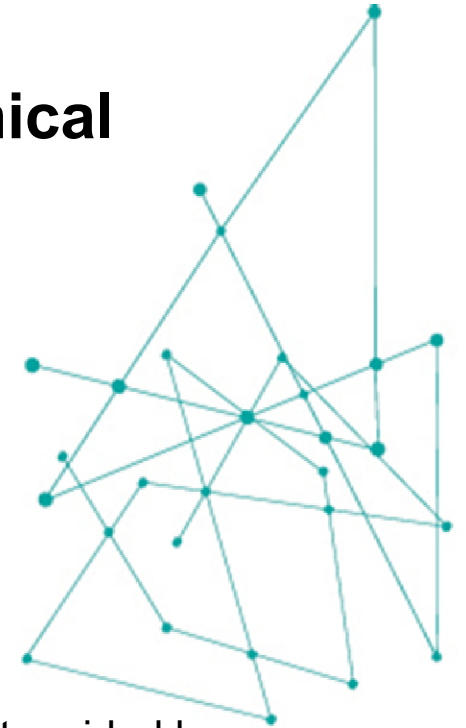
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SAICM is a policy framework promoting chemical safety around the world...

- Established in 2006
- Multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder
- Coordinates, convenes & catalyzes action
- Voluntary, complements existing efforts
- Builds capacity at country and regional level
- Addresses emerging issues
- Governed by the International Conference on Chemicals Management, guided by a Bureau



Overall Objective of SAICM: Achieve the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle by 2020



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Third Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG3)

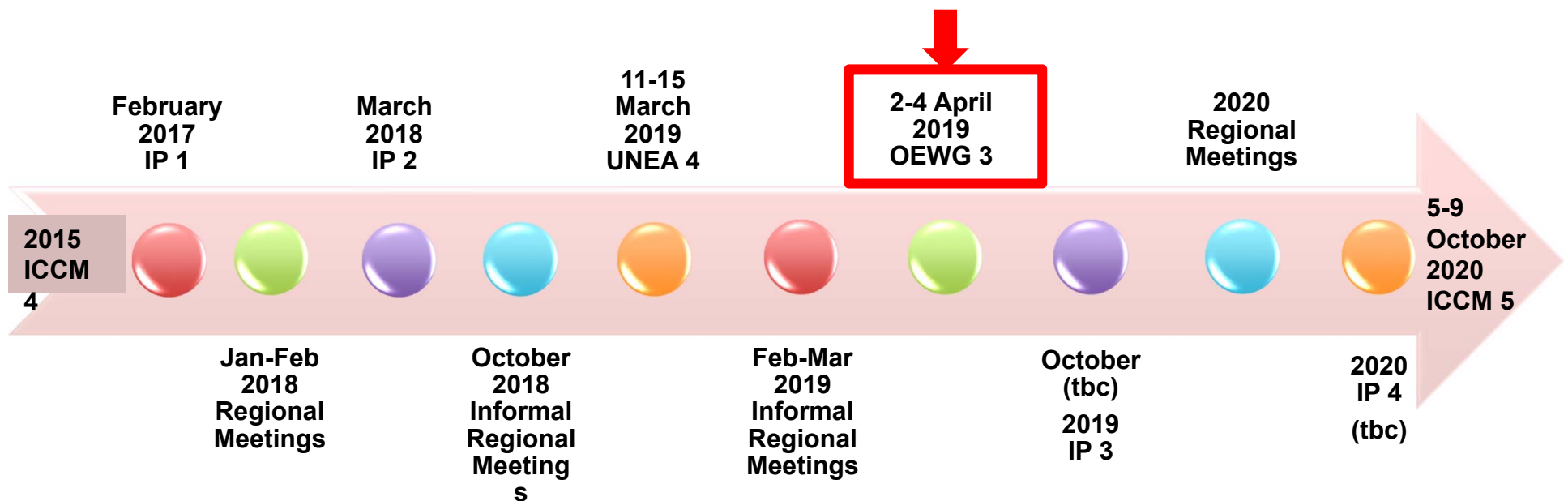
- Montevideo, Uruguay
- Expecting 400 + participants
- 2-4 April 2019, 1 April: Preparatory day
- Registration opens at 8.00 a.m. on Monday 1 April
- Register through INDICO system: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/27045/>
- Presided over by the President of the Conference, Ms. Gertrud Sahler (Germany)
- Information available at:
www.saicm.org/About/OEWG/OEWGmeetings/tabid/5984/language/en-US/Default.aspx





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SAICM Milestones from ICCM 4 to ICCM 5



ICCM : International Conference on Chemicals Management

IP : Intersessional Process

UNEA : UN Environment Assembly

OEWG: Open-Ended Working Group



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Informal SAICM regional meetings

- EU-JUSSCANZ – Brussels, Belgium 18-19 February 2019
- Asia Pacific – Suzhou, China 8 March 2019
- Africa – Nairobi, Kenya 22 March 2019
- Central & Eastern Europe - Montevideo, Uruguay 31 March 2019
- GRULAC – Montevideo, Uruguay 31 March 2019



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OEWG3 Meeting Schedule

	Sunday 31 March	Monday 1 April	Tuesday 2 April	Wednesday 3 April	Thursday 4 April
8.00 – 9.00		Bureau Meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting
9.00 – 10.00			Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings
10.00 – 13.00	Regional Meetings	Technical briefings	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
13.00 – 15.00	a) CEE-Central Asia	Side events	Side events	Side events	Side events
15.00 – 18.00	b) Latin America and The Caribbean	Regional meetings	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
18.00-20.00		Reception	Contact group/Side event	Contact group/Side event	



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Focus of OEWG3 is on two key areas

1. Achieving the 2020 Goal (Agenda item 4)
2. The Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (Agenda item 3)



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OEWG3: Key Agenda Point / Achieving the 2020 goal

Agenda Item 4: Progress towards the achievement of the 2020 overall objective of the sound management of chemicals:

- a) Progress report for the period 2014-2016;
- b) Overall orientation and guidance towards the 2020 goal;
- c) Emerging policy issues and other issues of concern;
- d) Implementation of the health sector strategy;
- e) Financing of the Strategic Approach.



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OEWG3: Key Agenda Point / Beyond 2020

Agenda Item 3: The Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020:

- a) Independent evaluation of SAICM for the period 2006-2015;
- b) Considerations for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020:
 - i. Preparation of recommendations for ICCM5;
 - ii. Timetable for the intersessional process considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.



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OEWG3: Key Agenda Point / Beyond 2020 (cont'd)

Key meeting document:

SAICM/OEWG.3/4 - Paper by the Co-Chairs of the intersessional process on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Related information document:

SAICM/OEWG.3/INF/2 – Annotations to the paper prepared by the Co-Chairs of the intersessional process on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

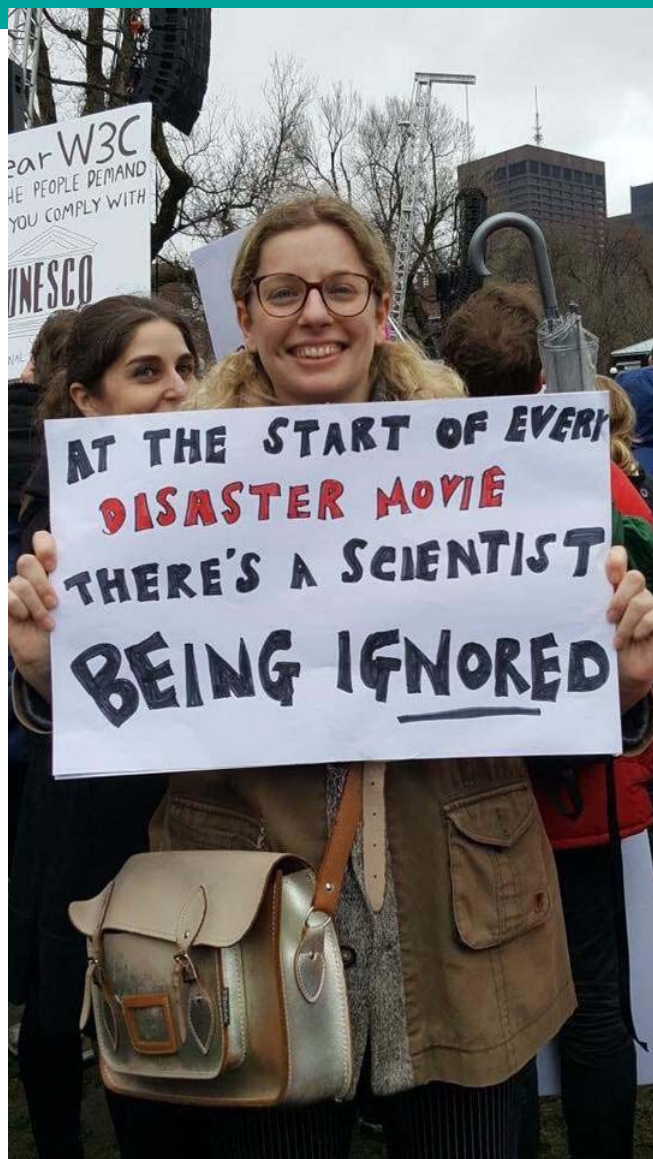


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Structure of the co-chairs' paper

- A. Preamble
- B. Introduction
- C. Vision
- D. Scope
- E. Principles and approaches
- F. Strategic objectives & targets
- G. Institutional arrangements
- H. Mechanisms to support implementation
- I. Financial considerations



Insights into the Intersessional Process to date ‘Science for policy’ as an example

Source:

<https://twitter.com/menangahela/status/856261100840550402>



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Science Policy observations from the intersessional process

- Highlighted need to integrate science beyond 2020
- Call for increased transparent, flexible, scientifically sound and academically robust engagement
- Suggestions for further untapped potential within academia
- A common understanding that all efforts should not be duplicated
- Funds available for science-policy interface functions will likely be limited



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Status of science / policy initiatives today

- To date, SAICM has supported engagement of science, particularly through stakeholders involved in the emerging policy issues
- IOMC agencies and the chemical related conventions currently already have significant existing science-policy capacity. Some examples:
 - Global Chemicals Outlook II (GCO-II)
 - BRS parties have called for “Science to Action”;
 - Stockholm Convention - POPs Review Committee;
 - Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Management;
- Other recent initiatives and examples:
 - The Lancet Commission on pollution and health (2017);
 - Human Rights Special Rapporteur report on Implications of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes (2018)



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SAICM Emerging Policy Issues (EPIs)



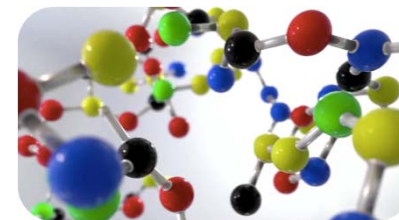
Lead in Paint



Chemicals in
Products



Endocrine- disrupting
chemicals



Nanotechnology



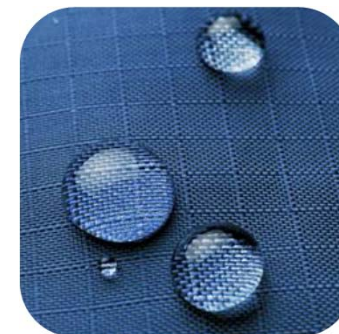
Highly hazardous
pesticides



Hazardous
electronics



Pharmaceutical
pollutants



Perfluorinated
chemicals



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Reflections from Independent Evaluation on SAICM EPIs

- Consensus that a major strength and uniqueness of SAICM has been the identification and actions taken on EPIs
- Degrees of progress are not uniform across EPIs
- No common means to measure progress
- Slow progress, in part, due to institutional constraints facing the IOMC organisations



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Emerging Policy Issues have come forward through SAICM

- Modalities for considering EPIs established at ICCM 2
- Submission criteria by proponents
 - a) Magnitude of the problem
 - b) Extent to which the issue is being addressed
 - c) Existing knowledge and perceived gaps
 - d) Cross-cutting nature of the issue
 - e) Information on the anticipated deliverables



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Reflections on Mandates for “Emerging Science” EPIs

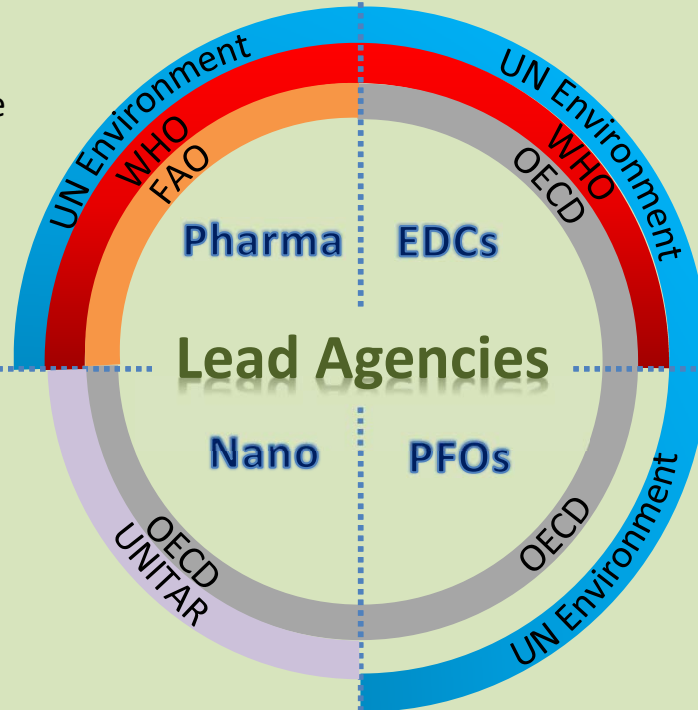
Implemented cooperative action:

- i. to increase awareness and understanding
- ii. to generate and share information to fill the knowledge gaps

2015 2012

Implemented cooperative actions:

- i. to increase awareness and understanding & promote actions
- ii. to provide up-to-date info and scientific expert & advice
- iii. to facilitate science-based info exchange



- i. Increased understanding of the environment, public and occupational health and safety implications
- ii. Enhanced information and knowledge sharing

2009 2009

- i. Information gathering and exchange activities
- ii. Develop, facilitate and promote stewardship & regulatory approaches
- iii. Committee led by OECD and UNEP cooperation with Stockholm Convention and UNIDO



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Learning lessons and looking forward:

- What are the science-policy needs for the chemicals and waste family? Are there gaps? What are they?
- What have we learned so far? How do we adapt in moving forward?
- How do existing processes and programmes link in?
- How can engagement of key sectors be fostered in moving forward?
- What is progress? How would it be measured?
- How do we ensure balanced participation? Are there concerns with bias and undue influence? What are they?



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