

# **Addressing sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020: health sector preparations for ICCM5**

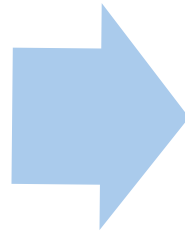
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# World Health Assembly preparation for ICCM5 and beyond

May 2016

WHA Resolution 69.4

The role of the health sector in  
the Strategic Approach to  
International Chemicals  
Management towards the 2020  
goal and beyond



May 2017

WHA Decision 70(23)

Approval of the WHO  
Chemicals Road Map

## Road map to enhance health sector engagement in the strategic approach to international chemicals management towards the 2020 goal and beyond

### ACTION AREAS

#### RISK REDUCTION



- Health protection strategies
- Healthy health care settings
- Raising awareness

#### KNOWLEDGE AND EVIDENCE



- Risk assessment, biomonitoring and surveillance
- Measuring progress
- Sharing and collaborating

#### INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



- National policy and regulatory frameworks
- International Health Regulations (2005)
- Training and education

#### LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION



- Health in all chemicals policies
- Health sector engagement and coordination
- Engagement with other sectors and stakeholders

### Overall objective of the Strategic Approach

To achieve the sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle so that, by 2020, chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment.

### 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Achieving the sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle is a cross-cutting issue that will contribute to achieving many, if not all, 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The targets below are only those that specifically mention chemicals.



#### Goal 3 Target 3.9

By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination



#### Goal 6 Target 6.3

By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally



#### Goal 12 Target 12.4

By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

# WHO Chemicals Road Map



Identifies **concrete actions** where the health sector has a **lead or important supporting role**, recognizing the need for multi-sectoral cooperation

Includes actions to be taken at the **national, regional and international levels**

Designed to be applicable to and used by Member States at all stages of development, as well as a broad range of stakeholders

**Timeline** is beyond 2020, in the context of the SDGs

Mandated establishment of WHO's **Global Chemicals and Health Network** of health ministries, to facilitate implementation of the road map

With the road map and network, the health sector is well-positioned to contribute of the beyond 2020 arrangements and the sound management of chemicals and waste.

Engagement of the health sector is critical to success! The beyond 2020 arrangements need to provide space for all sectors to contribute, including the health sector

# Role of Member States and WHO Secretariat in preparations for ICCM5

WHA Resolution 69.4 calls on Member States to participate in the intersessional process.

WHO facilitates input using the Global Chemicals and Health Network as well as by supporting MoH to attend SAICM meetings and convening health sector meetings.

In the context of COVID-19:

- The new timeline enables more on-line consultation through the Network
- Decision WHA70(23) requires the WHO Director-General to report to the 74<sup>th</sup> WHA in May 2021 on progress made in implementing the road map, and on actions taken by the WHO Secretariat to update the road map in the light of the outcomes of the intersessional process.
- Member States will need to determine any other actions in light of the later date for ICCM5.