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

Geneva Environment Network Dialogue on COVID-19 and ICCM5, 19 May 2020
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
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 74th 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.