

# **Environmentally Persistent Pharmaceutical Pollutants (EPPP)**

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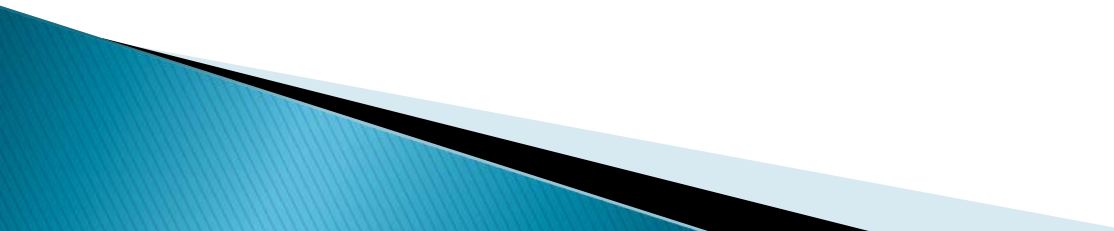


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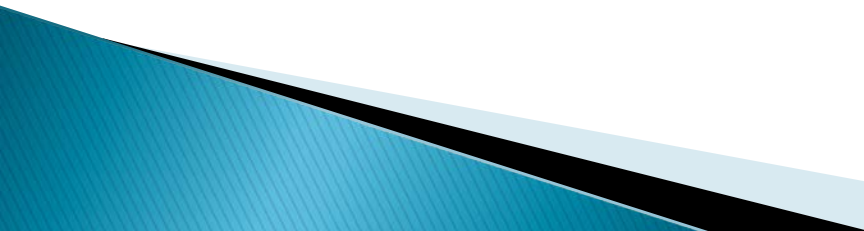
The newly proposed emerging policy issue “Environmentally Persistent Pharmaceutical Pollutants” will be considered by the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) at its fourth session under the item 5 b) i) of the agenda, document SAICM/ICCM.4/7 and SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/15

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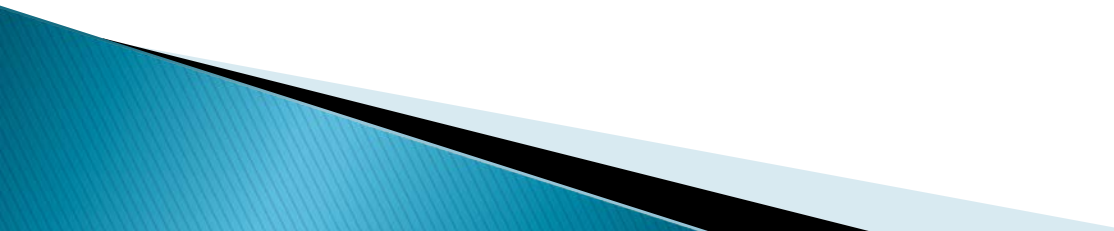
- **Background**

- First considered in the context of SAICM at the first OEWG held in November 2011 in Belgrade
  - The issue was nominated by:
    - 1) The Ministry for the Environment of Peru
    - 2) The Ministry for Housing, Land Planning and Environment of Uruguay, and
    - 3) The International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE)
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- **The proposal:**
    - A global issue
    - Chemicals of pharmaceutical origin are present in the environment detected in surface water and sewage effluent, but also in other environmental matrices, including groundwater, tap water/drinking water, manure and soil
    - Chemicals of pharmaceutical origin have adverse effects on the environment and biodiversity
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- **The proposal suggests seven cooperative actions:**
    - 1) Establish an international project that builds on existing activities;
    - 2) Build a synergy with the SAICM emerging policy issue of endocrine disrupting chemicals;
    - 3) Exchange information and network through workshops, discussion forums, and a website;
    - 4) Build capacities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
    - 5) Create an international network of experts;
    - 6) Coordinate and consolidate ongoing initiatives at national, regional, and international level;
    - 7) Build synergies with ongoing initiatives, such as WHO programmes and SAICM initiatives
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