



SAICM Update

**Briefing to the Geneva Environment Network
26 November 2015**



ICCM4 Highlights

- Hosted 800 delegates, including Government Ministers, Ambassadors, Heads of UN agencies, Industry CEO's and Civil Society leaders.
- Included a dynamic and engaging High-Level Segment.
- Five resolutions adopted:
 1. Implementation towards the achievement of the 2020 goal
 2. Emerging policy issues, including adopting a new area of work on environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants
 3. Addressing highly hazardous pesticides
 4. SAICM and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
 5. Activities and budget of the SAICM secretariat.



Key Outcomes ICCM4: Implementation Towards the Achievement of the 2020 Goal

- Endorsed the Overall Orientation and Guidance as a voluntary tool to assist in the prioritization of efforts towards 2020.
- Urges all stakeholders to take steps to implement it.
- Notes the potential for SAICM to make a significant contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Recognizes the need to deepen and broaden United Nations system-wide engagement in SAICM.

Overall Orientation & Guidance towards 2020

Six core activity areas are identified for implementation:

- i. Enhance the responsibility of stakeholders;
- ii. Establish and strengthen national legislative and regulatory frameworks for chemicals and waste;
- iii. Mainstream sound management of chemicals and waste in the sustainable development agenda;
- iv. Increase risk reduction and information sharing efforts on emerging policy issues;
- v. Promote information access;
- vi. Assess progress towards the 2020 goal of minimizing the adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment.



Key Outcomes ICCM4: Emerging Policy Issues

I) Reinforced actions on five existing emerging policy issues:

- lead in paint,
- endocrine-disrupting chemicals,
- chemicals in products,
- nanotechnology, and
- hazardous substances in the lifecycle of electronics & electrical products.

II) Adopted environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants as a new emerging policy issue:

- agreed to implement cooperative actions aimed at increasing awareness and understanding among policymakers and other stakeholders,
- encouraged generating and sharing information to fill knowledge gaps and invited relevant IOMC organizations to facilitate cooperative actions.



Key Outcomes ICCM4: Actions on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)

- Agreed to concerted actions on highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs).
- Welcomed the strategy developed by FAO, WHO and UNEP to address HHPs as an issue of concern.
- Promotes agro-ecological alternatives and strengthened national regulatory capacity to conduct risk assessment and risk management



Key Outcomes ICCM4: SAICM and Sound Management of Chemicals & Waste Beyond 2020

- Noted the value of a voluntary, multisectoral and multi-stakeholder approach to mobilize all actors.
- Recognized the need to start considering arrangements for the period beyond 2020.
- Initiated an intersessional process, between now and ICCM5 (in 2020), to prepare recommendations regarding SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.
- SAICM secretariat initiating the process to engage an independent evaluation of SAICM to inform the intersessional process.



Key Outcomes ICCM4: Activities and Budget of the Secretariat

- Budget for the activities of the secretariat adopted to 2020.
- Welcomed the support of UNEP in continuing to strengthen SAICM, including by strengthening staffing for the secretariat and contributing financially towards ICCM4.
- Invited the SAICM secretariat to:
 - further increase cooperation and coordination with relevant stakeholders, and
 - enhance synergies with the UNEP medium-term strategy on chemicals and waste, on issues of common relevance.



Appointments for the ICCM5 Bureau

- Mr. Alexander Nies (Germany) for WEOG
- Mr. Mungath Madhavan Kutty (India) for Asia-Pacific
- Mr. Szymon Domagalski (Poland) for CEE
- Ms. Leticia Carvalho (Brazil) for GRULAC
- Mr. David Kapindula (Zambia) for Africa

Mr. Alexander Nies (Germany) was appointed as the ICCM5 President.



Sectoral participants for the ICCM5 Bureau

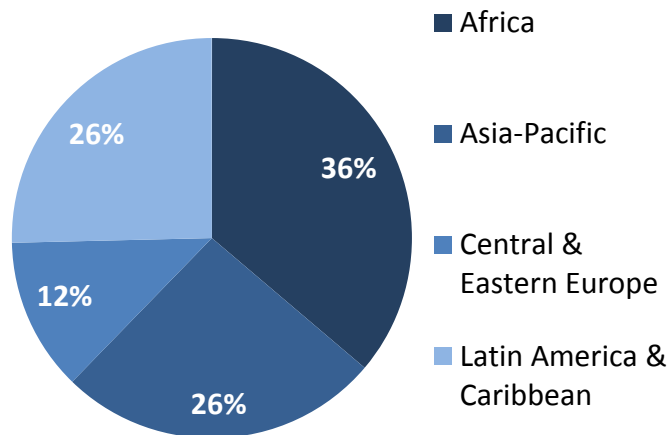
- Mr. Joseph DeGangi (International POPs Elimination Network) for public interest non-governmental organizations
- Mr. Robert Diderich (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) for the IOMC
- Mr. Brian Kohler (International Trade Union Confederation) for labour organizations
- Mr. Greg Skelton (International Council of Chemical Associations) for industry
- Ms. Susan Wilburn (Health Care Without Harm) for the health sector



Appointments for Regional Focal Points

- Mr. Kouadio Georges Kouamé (Côte d'Ivoire) for Africa
- Mr. Heidar Ali Balouji (Iran) for Asia and the Pacific
- Ms. Suzanne Leppinen (Canada) for WEOG
- Mr. Vladimir Lenev (Russian Federation) for Central and Eastern Europe
- Mr. Philip Pile (Barbados) for Latin America and the Caribbean

QSP Projects in Summary





STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

QSP AT A GLANCE SINCE 2006

US\$49.1 million mobilized by the Trust Fund 

comprising **\$39.4 million** in cash contributions 

 from **24 DONORS**

AND **\$9.7 million** additional contributions leveraged by project implementers

In addition  in non-Trust Fund contributions from **\$74.1 million 19 CONTRIBUTORS**



Overall Status of QSP Project Portfolio

- 184 approved projects
- 164 agreements now signed - 20 projects remaining to be funded
- Sufficient funds remaining for almost all 184 approved projects

- 70 projects completed activities and fully verified and closed
- 48 projects completed activities and either pending reports or final verification and closure by UNEP admin
- 36 projects underway or awaiting extension agreements
- 10 suspended projects



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