



STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT



Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

4th session of the International Conference on
Chemicals Management (ICCM4)

Geneva

28 September – 2 October 2015



What is SAICM?

- An international non-binding global policy framework
- Supports efforts to achieve the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (WSSD) goal for chemicals:

“achieve by 2020 that chemicals are used & produced in ways that lead to the minimization of adverse effects on human health & the environment”

- A multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder platform that aims to coordinate, catalyse and facilitate actions

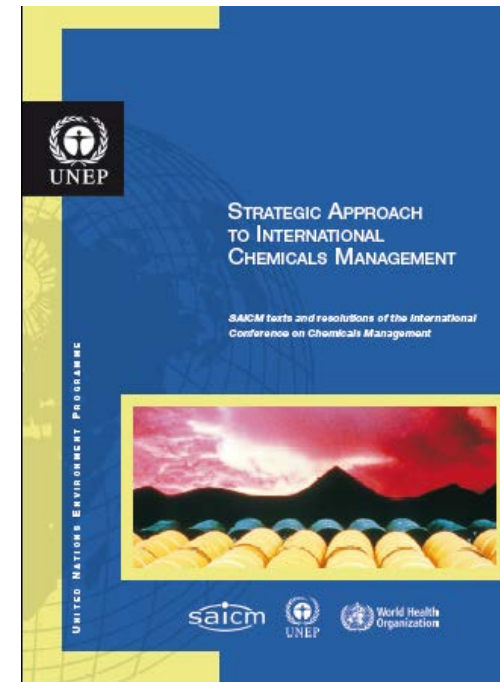


Why SAICM?

- From food and clothing to transport and technology and everything in between, chemicals are part of daily life.
- Over 100,000 chemicals available.
- Almost 1 million deaths annually can be attributed to occupational exposure to hazardous substances alone.
- Chemical safety is an urgent issue that increasingly affects us all throughout the whole chemical life cycle, including pursuing safe alternatives and recycling.

Core texts of SAICM

- Dubai Declaration
- Overarching Policy Strategy
- Global Plan of Action
- Resolutions adopted by the ICCM





ICCM – SAICM Governing Body

International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM):

- Comprising of governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental stakeholders
- Undertakes periodic reviews of implementation
- Promotes information exchange and cooperation
- Timetable for convening: 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2020

Secretariat - Key Intersessional Activities

- ICCM4 Bureau meetings 2013 – 2015
- 2nd meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG2), December 2014
- Support and coordination to regional and sectoral meetings
- Administration of the Quick Start Programme and its Trust Fund
- Coordination of efforts on the five Emerging Policy Issues (EPIs)
- Promotion of information exchange amongst stakeholders
- Review of progress towards the 2020 goal

ICCM4



- **Location:** International Conference Center (CICG), Geneva
- **Dates:** 28 September – 2 October 2015
- **High-level segment on 1-2 October**
- **19 side events** in the margin of the conference
- **Exhibitions** throughout the week in the main hall of CICG



ICCM4 Highlights

- Occasion marks 10 year anniversary of SAICM
- Multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder Conference, including a High Level Segment
- Approximately 800 delegates expected, including over 40 Government Ministers, Ambassadors, Heads of UN agencies, Industry CEO's and Civil Society leaders
- Last ICCM before 2020
- Unique opportunity in the international context, immediately following the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda in New York



Date/ Time	Sunday 27 September	Monday 28 September	Tuesday 29 September	Wednesday 30 September	Thursday 1 October	Friday 2 October
0800-0900		Bureau meeting <i>(if required)</i>	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting
0900-1000		Regional & group meetings	Regional & group meetings	Regional & group meetings	Regional & group meetings	Regional & group meetings
1000-1100			PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	High-level Segment
1100-1200						
1200-1300		Side-events	Side-events	Side-events	Side-events	Side-events
1300-1400						
1400-1500						
1500-1600	R E G I S T R A T I O N	Bureau meeting	Opening PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	High-level Segment
1600-1700						
1700-1800						
1800-1900		Reception			ICCA High-Level event	
1900-2000						

Key agenda items (see SAICM/ICCM.4./1)

Agenda item 3: Representation, credentials and accreditation

Agenda item 4: Progress and challenges towards the achievement of the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management

Agenda item 5: Implementation towards the achievement of the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management:

- (a) Overall orientation and guidance on the 2020 goal
- (b) Emerging policy issues and other issues of concern



Key agenda items (cont'd)

Agenda item 6: Sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Agenda item 7: Activities of the secretariat and budget

Agenda item 8: Venue and date of the fifth session of the Conference

Agenda item 9: Other matters

Preparations for ICCM4 - Documents

- 14 meeting documents
- 30 information documents (in English only)

Documents available at:

[http://www.saicm.org/index.php?option=com_content
&view=article&id=525&Itemid=700](http://www.saicm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=525&Itemid=700)

Key decisions/outcomes expected at ICCM4

- Agreement on the Overall Orientation and Guidance towards the achievement of the 2020 goal – a key strategic policy piece
- Consideration of linkages to the Sustainable Development Goals
- Establishment of a process to consider sound management of chemicals beyond 2020
- Agreement on the activities and budget of the secretariat



Key decisions/outcomes expected at ICCM4 (cont'd)

- Decision on a Chemicals in Products Programme
- Decision on the emerging policy issue proposal for Environmentally Persistent Pharmaceutical Pollutants
- Consideration of a draft resolution on nanotechnology
- Consideration of a Highly Hazardous Pesticide (HHP) proposal



Links to the post-2015 development agenda

ICCM4 is a timely opportunity to:

- Welcome the post-2015 development agenda, including the integration of chemicals and waste into a number of goals and associated targets
- Highlight the contribution that SAICM has made and will continue to make in the context of promoting sustainable development
- Identify areas where the Strategic Approach can contribute directly to the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda
- Request the SAICM secretariat, in consultation with stakeholders, to provide input to the development of indicators for the sustainable development goals, complementing existing decisions for relevant multilateral environmental agreements



High-Level Segment

- Will take place 1-2 October
- Overarching theme: Commitment to a Chemical-Safe Future for Health, Environment and Economic Growth
- Aim is to provide vision and momentum for successful outcomes in 2020
- Panel discussions included highlighting:
 - ❖ Multi-sectoral Collaboration for More Efficient Chemicals Management
 - ❖ Multi-stakeholder Collaboration For Sustainable Development
 - ❖ The SAICM Model in Action



Participation and funding

- President of ICCM4 is Richard Lesiyampe, Principle Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Kenya
- Credentials and accreditation required for all participants. Details available in the Rules of Procedure of the Conference
- Encouraging registration on Sunday 27 September, 3.00 - 6.00 p.m.
- Funding received from many donors to ICCM4, including Austria, Benin, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Guyana, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the European Commission, UNEP



For more information

Please visit the SAICM web site at: www.saicm.org

