Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

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

28 September – 2 October 2015
What is SAICM?

SAICM is an international non-binding policy framework to support efforts to achieve the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (WSSD) goal for chemicals, notably “achieve by 2020 that chemicals are used & produced in ways that lead to the minimization of adverse effects on human health & the environment”

Core texts of SAICM

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

International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM):

• Comprising of governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental stakeholders;

• Undertakes periodic reviews of implementation;


• ICCM4 to take place in Geneva from 28 September to 2 October 2015, at CICG.
Key Intersessional Activities

- 2nd meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG2) December 2015.
- Coordination and support to regional and sectoral discussions via webinar (March - September 2015).
- Administration of the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund.
3rd meeting of the ICCM4 Bureau

- 30 April – 1 May 2015 in Montreux, Switzerland.

Main outcomes:

- Agreement on agenda for ICCM4 and endorsed the time-table and workflow for the Conference.
- Agreement to the set of documentation for ICCM4.
- Welcomed plans for the high-level segment at the Conference.
- Encouraged fundraising for the Conference to be intensified.
- Improvement in the visual identity and SAICM brand supported.
ICCM4 Highlights

- Occasion marks 10 year anniversary of SAICM.
- High-level multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder Conference, including a High Level Segment.
- Over 40 Government Ministers, Ambassadors, Heads of UN agencies, Industry CEO’s and Heads of Civil Society Organizations expected.
- Last ICCM before 2020.
- Approximately 800 delegates expected.
# ICCM4 Time-table

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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.
- 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.
- Decision on activities and budget of the secretariat, and decision for closure of the QSP Trust Fund.
- Consideration of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Discussion on sound management of chemicals beyond 2020.
**Meeting documents**

- Provisional agenda posted on the SAICM website [www.saicm.org](http://www.saicm.org).

- Key meeting documents finalized and submitted for editing and translation.

- Official meeting documents to be available by 17 August on the website.

- Information documents deadline 30 July for submission to the Secretariat.

- Paperless meeting.
High–Level Segment

- Commitment of all stakeholders is essential for the SAICM model to reach its full capacity during the critical time leading up to 2020.

- The High-Level Segment will provide a platform to:
  - Inspire wider stakeholder engagement and renewed commitment to implement the Strategic Approach.
  - Explore possibilities of the SAICM model to the fullest to accelerate implementation towards the 2020 goal.
  - Link to the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.
  - Promote efficient collaboration between policy areas at all levels.
  - Consider actions post-2020.
High–Level Segment

Day 1 – Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 2 Keynote speeches in plenary.
- 3 parallel panel discussions related to: the multi-sectoral approach, the post-2015 development agenda and partnership models.

Day 2 – Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Keynote speech on chemicals management to 2020 and beyond, reflecting on the SAICM model.
- Concluding panel session to provide vision and momentum for successful outcomes in 2020.
Participation and Funding

- Invitations issued. Deadline 17 July 2015 - Deadline important for participants requesting funding.

- Secretariat to fund maximum of 2 representatives from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Each representative from a different sector. Exception if a Minister is nominated.

- Funding received from many donors to ICCM4, including Austria, Benin, Denmark, Germany, Guyana, Finland, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the European Commission.
Credentials

- Credentials of representatives required for governmental participants (ICCM Rules of Procedure).

- For governmental participants, the credentials shall be issued by either the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

- In the case of IGOs, NGOs and Industry, participants shall be accredited.

- Full details regarding credentials are available in the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.
Side Events and Exhibition Area

- Side events daily from 1 pm to 3 pm and exhibition throughout the week.

- Stakeholders interested in hosting a side-event or exhibiting should formally submit a request, no later than 17 July 2015.

- Secretariat will try to honour all requests.
For More Information

Please visit the SAICM web site at:

www.saicm.org

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