



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

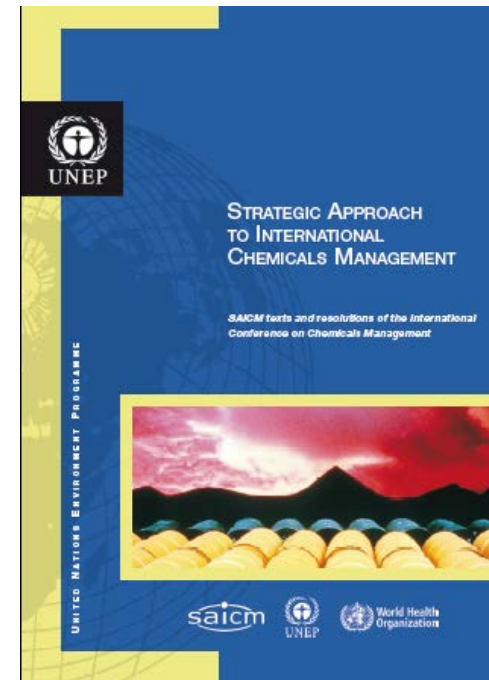


What is SAICM ?

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;
- Timetable for convening: 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2020;
- **ICCM4 to take place in Geneva from 28 September to 2 October 2015, at CICG.**

Key Intersessional Activities

- ICCM4 Bureau meetings 2013 – 2015.
- Regional meetings 2013 – 2014.
- 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

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							
1300-1400		Side-events	Side-events	Side-events	Side-events	Side-events	
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	PLENARY
1600-1700							
1700-1800							
1800-1900		Reception					
1900-2000							

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.
- 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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