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Swiss perspective on ICCM-4 and upcoming BRS meetings

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SAICM – ICCM-4 in Geneva

Key issues for ICCM-4

1) Set the right priorities up to 2020

- Strengthen coordinated and coherent national regulatory frameworks for chemicals and waste and their implementation
- Continue addressing emerging policy issues and other issues of concern
- Identify possible contribution of SAICM to the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs)
- Set the ToRs for an Independent assessment of SAICM
- Foster the coordinated involvement of all stakeholders and relevant sectors
- Enhanced support from UNEP and WHO
- Ensure full time support from the SAICM Secretariat



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2) Organisation and preparation for the time beyond 2020

- Goal of SAICM still relevant after 2020
- Establishment of Intersessional process to develop the follow up instrument
- Mandate and composition for an intersessional group needs to be agreed on
- Identification of the background documents for this process
- Request the third OEWG in 2018 to take stock of the intersessional process and provide further guidance on the work up to 2020



Important upcoming BRS Meetings and activities

- POPRC and CRC meeting in Rome
- Workshop to ensure the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention
- Expert group meetings to further implement the Indonesian-Swiss country lead Initiative to ensure the effectiveness of the Basel Convention (SIWG on legal clarity, expert group on Environmental Sound Management of wastes to develop global standards on ESM of wastes) and activities to foster the entry into force of the ban amendment to the Basel Convention.



Upcoming BRS Meetings and activities

Request from 2015 BRS COPs (BC12/17; RC 7/9; SC 7/27) to foster policy coherence between the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions to be considered by the two secretariats when these and other upcoming meetings are prepared:

- expert meeting on the specific international programme for the Minamata Convention (Oct.)
- meeting of the regional Coordinators of the regional coordination centres of the BC and SC Conventions
- the GEF council meeting (Nov.15)
- the executive board meeting of the special programme (tbd)
- Regional preparatory meetings for INC-7 Minamata (Jan./Feb.16)
- INC-7 on the Minamata Convention (March 16)