

Sound management of chemicals and waste in the SDGs context

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Background

- 2030 Development Agenda, 17 SDGs
- Sound management of chemicals and waste (SMCV) affect almost all aspects of development
- Sound management of chemicals and waste specifically referred to in
 - SDG 3, on Good Health and Wellbeing (3.9)
 - SDG 6, on Clean water and Sanitation (6.3)
 - SDG 12, on Sustainable Consumption and Production (12.4 &12.5)

Linking to sustainable development

- Crucial questions for implementing the SDGs with SMCW
 - **Why is chemicals management important for the SDG's.** How and to what extent is the implementation of the SDGs dependent on or affected by SMCW?
 - **What are the SDG's BRS, Minamata and SAICM linkages to the SDGs.** What are innovative, potential measures to link national efforts to implement the SDGs with SMCW in accordance with the MEAs?
 - **Which tools can be used to ensure the linkages can established?** What communication, dialogue and partnerships can be used to create the linkages and ensure mainstreaming SMCW into national SDG based strategies and policies?
 - **How can monitoring of progress be implemented?** How can progress to advance SMCW at the national level be monitored, taking into account indicators for the SDGs and the MEAs and SAICM.

Develop the answers

- An International Expert and Stakeholder Workshop on the Integrated National Implementation of SDGs and International Chemicals and Waste Agreements
 - 11-13 April 2016, Geneva, MIE II
 - Organized by UNEPs Chemicals and Waste Branch incl. Minamata and SAICM Secretariats, BRS Secretariat, UNITAR in cooperation with the IOMC
 - 50-60 Participants
 - Support provided by the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
 - Tentatively booked for MIE II

Participants

- Invitation to express interest in participation send out to a broad group of stakeholders
- Participants asked to submit a short synopsis of action or analysis relevant to the topic
- Participant will be identified following a review of the contributions
- Geographical, gender and sectoral balance also a criteria

Workshop objectives

- Is to advance analysis, common understanding, commitment and action to integrate SMCW effectively into national implementation of SDG
- In addition inform the intersessional process to prepare recommendations regarding the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, initiated at ICCM4

Workshop programme

- *Session 1: Understanding the nexus of SDGs and sound management of chemicals and waste*
- *Session 2: Taking stock of early action by governments, industry, academia and civil society*
- *Session 3: Examining key sectors and selected SDGs in more depth*
- *Session 4: Identifying good practices for effective governance, outreach and communication*
- *Session 5: Exploring indicators of progress and effective mechanisms for monitoring*
- *Session 6: Adjusting partnerships and development cooperation to the new development agenda*
- *Session 7: Conclusions and follow-up*

Additional information

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