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Key outcomes of the work in 2020 and preparation for the 2021 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
12th Meeting of the Basel Convention’s Open-ended Working Group

- Online segment: 1-3 September 2020
- Face-to-face segment: postponed to 2021
- 600 participants, from 120 countries attended online segment
- Main outcomes:
  - Inputs from Parties and Observers provided on the various technical, strategic and legal products of the intersessional processes, i.e.:
    - TGs on POPs wastes*, on mercury wastes*, on plastic wastes*, on incineration on land and specially engineered landfill*;
    - Plastic wastes;
    - National reporting inventory guidance;
    - Electronic approaches to transboundary movements;
    - ICC guidance,
    - Review of annexes;
    - Partnership programme, including the follow up to PACE and household waste partnership
- Finalized intersessional products will be considered at the face-to-face segment (tbc) and COP-15 in July 2021
14th Meeting of the Basel Convention’s Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC)

- ICC-14 part I (29 June-3 July 2020), part II (21-25 September 2020) and part III (7 December 2020), online
- Main outcomes:
  - **Specific submissions**: Three compliance matters resolved (Bahamas, Bhutan and Sao Tome and Principe), 16 ongoing submissions with compliance action plans approved for 4 of them (Burkina Faso, CAR, Chad, Cook Islands, DPRK, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Liberia, Mauritania, Nauru, Niger, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo and Turkmenistan)
  - **General issues**: reporting (classification of performance, integration in sustainable cooperation frameworks), national legislation, illegal traffic (dialogue with MEAs), control system (guidance on insurance, bond and guarantee*; guidance on transit TBM, consulted with OEWG-12), draft POW for 2022-2023
Work on plastic waste

1. **Plastic waste amendments**
   - Effective 1 January 2021

2. **Technical guidelines**
   - Updating of technical guidelines on ESM of plastic wastes

3. **Review of Annexes I and III**
   - Consider whether any additional constituents or characteristics in relation to plastic waste should be added to those annexes

4. **Plastic Waste Partnership (PWP)**
   - Multi-stakeholder partnership; project groups; pilot projects

5. **Custom codes**
   - Collaboration with WCO on HS codes for plastic waste

6. **Inventory**
   - Development of guidance on inventory of plastic waste to facilitate national reporting

7. **Further consideration**
   - Possible future assessment of the effectiveness of the measures taken under the Basel Convention to address plastic waste and further activities to conducted

8. **Technical assistance**
   - Small Grant Programme for regional centres
     - In-country projects to be conducted
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<td>Meeting of the small intersessional working group on the technical guidelines on plastic wastes (online)</td>
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<td><strong>Plastic wastes new entries become effective</strong></td>
<td>1 January 2021</td>
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<td>Fifth Meeting of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE) (online)</td>
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Recent developments under the Basel Convention

- Proposal to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX submitted by the European Union
- Proposals to amend e-wastes entries in Annexes VIII and IX, and new entry in Annex II submitted by Ghana and Switzerland
- Proposal to amend paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention submitted by the Russian Federation on response by State of import
- Amendment proposals to be submitted to all Parties on 19 January 2021, i.e. 6 months prior to the COP-15 meeting, with an invitation to comment by 17 March 2021
Sixteenth Meeting of the Rotterdam Convention’s Chemical Review Committee

- 8 to 11 September 2020, online
- Chair: Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa)
- Key outcomes:
  - Recommended the listing of the following chemicals to Annex III of the Convention:
    - Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds
    - Decabromodiphenyl ether
  - Proposed amendment to be circulated to Parties on **15 December 2020** and to be considered at COP10, with an invitation to comment by 17 March 2021.
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Sixteenth Meeting of the Stockholm Convention’s POPs Review Committee

• 11-16 January 2021, online
• Interim Chair: Mr. Peter Dawson (New Zealand)
• Provisional agenda:
  • Consideration of draft risk profiles:
    • Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer
    • Methoxychlor
  • Consideration of a proposal for the inclusion of UV-328 in Annex A
  • Review of information related to specific exemptions for decaBDE and SCCPs
  • Evaluation and review of BDEs pursuant to para 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A
  • Indicative list of substances covered by the listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds
  • Proposed amendment to list PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds to Annex A to be circulated to Parties on 15 December 2020 and to be considered at COP10, with an invitation to comment by 17 March 2021.
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<td>8th Expert Group Meeting on DDT (online)</td>
<td>9-12 November 2020</td>
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<td>Entry into force of the amendments listing dicofol and PFOA to Annex A as well as relating to the specific exemptions for PFOS</td>
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<td>3rd meeting of the small intersessional working group on PCB (online)</td>
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2021 Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

- Basel COP-15, Rotterdam COP-10, Stockholm COP-10: 19-30 July 2021, Geneva, Switzerland
- 1-day High-Level Segment
- Theme: "Global Agreements for a Healthy Planet: Sound management of chemicals and waste"
- Preparations:
  - 27-29 Jan. 2021: Joint bureaux meeting to discuss COVID-19 implications, incl. a possible contingency plan, and other organizational matters
  - Feb. 2021: Final decision on 2021 BRS COPs format
  - May-June 2021: Regional preparatory meetings, back-to-back with ICCM-5 regionals
Thank you

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COP-3
25-29 Nov 2019

Intersessional Period

COP-4
1-4 Nov 2021
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COP-4 Preparation
- Bureau
- Implementation of COP-3 decisions on intersessional work
- Programme of Work activities, including on gender
- Art 21 National Reports
- Joint Task Force (MC-3/11)

Expert Groups
- Review of Annex A and B
- Mercury releases
- Mercury waste

Effectiveness Evaluation
- Indicators
- Monitoring guidance
- Supply and trade of mercury, and mercury waste report

Specific International Programme
- Implementation of 15 projects
- Governing Board meeting
- Launch of Third Round
- Fundraising

Minamata ONLINE
- Response to COVID-19 context
- 13 Sessions
- Three work streams:
  - Implementation review and support
  - Mercury science
  - COP-4 preparation

Capacity-building and Technical Assistance Programme of the Secretariat

2020 Products
- Trade
- Emissions
- General Provisions
- Ratification
Priorities for 2021

**COP-4 Preparation**
- Bureau
- COVID-19 context for COP-4
- COP-4 documents
- Regional Meetings
- Joint Task Force (MC-3/11)
- Gender Roadmap

**Intersessional Work**
- Review of Annex A and B
- Mercury releases
- Mercury waste
- Effectiveness Evaluation

**Implementation and Compliance Committee**
- Review Article 21 reports

**Financial Mechanism**
- GEF-8 Replenishment
- Specific International Programme projects
- Governing Board decision on applicants to Third Round
- TOR of review of mechanism

**Information Exchange**
- Minamata ONLINE Season 2
- Joint study on Biodiversity
- Joint study on climate change

**2020 Products**
- Trade
- Emissions
- General Provisions
- Ratification

Capacity-building and Technical Assistance Programme of the Secretariat
Intersessional Work until COP-4
Intersessional work for COP-4

Article 4 and 5: Products and processes
- MC-3/1 Review of Annexes A and B.
- MC-3/2 Dental Amalgam
- MC-3/3 Customs codes

• Information submitted by Parties and stakeholders on the review of Annexes A and B has been posted on the web. Ad hoc group of experts is collecting further information through group calls, and working to develop a report by April 2021.
• Secretariat will develop documents on dental amalgam by April 2021, based on information submitted by Parties and stakeholders.
• Secretariat will develop guidance document on the use of customs codes in cooperation with the Global Mercury Partnership.

Article 9: Releases
- MC-3/4 Releases of mercury

• Group of technical experts met six times to develop a list of relevant point sources, guidance for developing release inventory, and a road map for BAT/BEP guidance.

Article 11: Mercury waste
- MC-3/5 Mercury waste thresholds

• Group of technical experts met five times to develop thresholds for waste contaminated with mercury and mining waste.
• Secretariat works with the Global Mercury Partnership to develop guidance for the management of ASGM tailings.
• Parties encouraged to contribute to the work under the Basel Convention to update the relevant technical guidelines on environmentally sound management.

Article 22: Effectiveness evaluation
- MC-3/10 Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation

• Parties were invited to submit initial comments on evaluation indicators by 30 November 2020. The comments submitted were collated in an online workspace. COP document will be developed through exchange sessions and further submission of Parties’ views.
• Annotated outline for the monitoring guidance was finalized. Secretariat will develop draft guidance supported by experts identified by Parties by January 2021, for comments by March 2021.
• Secretariat will work on Article 21 Synthesis Report and Trade, Supply and Demand Report.
Updates on technical expert groups

Ad hoc group on the review of Annexes A and B is co-chaired by Mr. Darren Byrne (Ireland) and Ms. Gwenetta Fordyce (Guyana). In addition to the group’s online meetings, ten thematic group calls on specific types of products and processes were convened. The group will review the information collected on the availability, feasibility and environmental/health benefit/risk of alternatives and finalize the COP document by April 2021.

Group of technical experts on mercury releases is co-chaired by Ms. Bianca Dlamini (Eswatini) and Mr. Greg Helms (US). The group will submit a report on a list of potentially relevant point sources, draft guidance on the development of release inventories, and a draft road map for developing BAT/BEP guidance.

Group on technical experts on mercury waste is co-chaired by Mr. Andreas Gössnitzer (Switzerland) and Ms. Oluwatoyin Olabanji (Nigeria). The group will submit a report on threshold for waste contaminated with mercury and mining waste.
Intersessional Work on Effectiveness Evaluation

MC-3/10, para 1: Work on the proposed indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention

MC-3/10, para 2(a): Work on developing monitoring guidance

MC-3/10, para 2(b): Work on other reports for effectiveness evaluation

Please visit website for details, including past event recordings, documents and the online workspaces.

Link to Decision MC-3/10
# Plan of Work on the proposed Indicators

**MC-3/10, para 1**

*Invites* Parties to submit **views** on the indicators set out in annex I to the present decision and requests the secretariat to compile those views in advance of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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<td>Mon, 30 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Following the session on 17 September 2020, Parties are to consider their <strong>initial views</strong> and responses on the proposed indicators and submit them to the Secretariat. Stakeholders may submit their views too.</td>
<td>The Secretariat has collated the submissions and made them available on a dedicated digital workspace.</td>
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<td>By 31 Jan 2021</td>
<td>The Secretariat will facilitate an <strong>exchange session</strong> on the received views and initial responses. This exchange will enable clarifications on the views and responses submitted, additional questions that may have arisen, and other relevant information sharing and exchange on the proposed indicators.</td>
<td>This opportunity to exchange is to assist Parties in their formal preparation of their views.</td>
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Requests the Secretariat to advance the work by securing services for drafting guidance on monitoring to maintain harmonized, comparable information on mercury levels in the environment...

**Roadmap on Monitoring guidance**

**MC-3/10, para 2(a)**

- **Developing annotated outline**
  - Draft annotated outline was presented at an online information session on 10 June.
  - Final version was posted on the website in October, taking into account the comments received.

- **Developing contents**
  - Secretariat hired consultants to develop the contents.
  - Parties and stakeholders identified experts and scientists contributing to the drafting.
  - Webinars of identified experts were held six times in autumn 2021. Experts were invited to comment on early drafts.
  - Draft guidance will be posted on the website in January 2021.

- **Consultation**
  - Comments on the draft by March 2021.
  - Final consultation meeting, preferably face-to-face, in May-June 2021.
  - Finalized in July 2021 and posted as COP-4 document.

**Outline of the Monitoring Guidance**

1. Acknowledgements
2. List of abbreviations and glossary of terms
3. Introduction and objectives
4. Use of comparable monitoring data for the effectiveness evaluation
5. Air monitoring
6. Biota monitoring
7. Human biomonitoring
8. Cross-media data management, modeling and analysis
9. References
   - Annex 1: Review of existing monitoring, modeling and data management activities
   - Annex 2: Gap analysis
POW Activity: Gender and Mercury

COP-3 included gender as a focus area of the Convention’s Programme of Work for the biennium 2020-2021 (Activity 13).

Thanks to the generous financial support of Sweden, the Secretariat has undertaken to develop a gender roadmap with the objective of mainstreaming gender within its programme of work.

In November 2020, a call for information has been sent out to stakeholders to collect scientific, technical and policy information on gender and mercury. Deadline for submissions was 13 December.

The gender roadmap is expected to be finalized by February 2021.
Ongoing work to support Parties and Stakeholders
To support our Parties and Stakeholders at this time, we launched **MINAMATA ONLINE** Season 1

For 2021 planning of Minamata Online, we will launch a survey.

Intention is to be of service to both those new to Minamata, as well as to Minamata and mercury experts.
Capacity-building and technical assistance Programme of the Minamata Convention Secretariat

The 2020 deadline for mercury-added products

Parties shall not allow, by taking appropriate measures, the manufacture, import or export of mercury-added products listed in Part I of Annex A after 2020.
5th Meeting of the Governing Board
Specific International Programme

25/11/2020 13:00 CET - virtual

Specific International Programme

Third Round open for applications by eligible Parties by Thursday, 18 March 2021

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15 projects under implementation
MC-3/11 Enhanced cooperation between the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Joint Task Force
- Secretariat of the Minamata Convention
- Secretariat of the BRS Conventions
- UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch

Terms of Reference
- Enhance programmatic cooperation
- Enhance delivery and efficiencies of respective POWs
- Explore linkages with broader agenda

Working Groups
- Inter-secretariat working groups
- Tripartite working groups
Joint Studies: Minamata Secretariat and BRS Secretariat

Climate Change

Biodiversity

PRESS RELEASE

Sound management of chemicals and waste a prerequisite for turning the tide on biodiversity loss and protecting human health:

Joint Statement of the Basel, Minamata, Rotterdam, & Stockholm conventions on the occasion of the UN Summit on Biodiversity

Geneva, Switzerland

30 September 2020
Article 21: National Reports
National Reporting under Minamata (Art. 21)

First biennial report of the Minamata Convention on Mercury 2019

Pursuant to article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, each party to the Convention shall report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, on the effectiveness of such measures and on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

In decision MC-18/7 on the timing and format of reporting by the Parties, the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting (2017) agreed on the full format of reporting and decided that each Party shall report every four years using the full format and report every two years on four questions marked by an asterisk in the full format.

The Conference of the Parties further decided on the following timeline with regards to the short and full reporting:

- Deadline for first biennial short report: 31 December 2019
- Deadline for first full report: 31 December 2021
National Reporting under Minamata (Art. 21)

First Biennial Short Reports: 31 December 2019

Part B: Information taken to implement relevant provisions and effectiveness

Art. 3: Mercury supply sources and trade

Q1 (c)
Does the Party have any primary mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the Party?
If yes, indicate the total amount mined in metric tons per year.

Art. 3: Mercury supply sources and trade

Q3
Has the Party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory?
If yes, please attach results, and any other related information.

Art. 11: Mercury wastes

Q2
Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the Party’s territory?
If yes, and if available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subject to final disposal under the reporting period. Please specify method of the final disposal operations.

First national short reports – 2019

Pursuant to Article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, each Party shall report on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, on the effectiveness of such measures and on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention. The deadline for the first biennial national reports (short format) was 31 December 2019.

Below are the national reports submitted by the Parties to the Minamata Convention for the first reporting cycle. New reports received will be posted here when available.

Parties are strongly encouraged to use the online reporting tool to prepare and submit their report if they have not yet done so. The tool follows the reporting format agreed by the Conference of Parties and is available in the six official languages of the UN. The National Focal Point of each Party has received the login credentials to submit the report.

If your Government’s National Focal Point has not received the credentials, or if your Government is unaware whom the credentials have been sent to, please immediately alert MEA-MinamataSecretary@un.org.

For the biennial report, an information document and a presentation have been prepared to assist Parties and facilitate completing the report.

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*Set to convene in first half of 2021*

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Consideration of first biennial national reports that were due December 2019, 4 questions
National Focal Points under Minamata (Art. 17)

National Focal Points Rate (08/09/2020)

National Focal Points by region (08/09/2020)
Preparations until COP-4
Current status of Ratification

As of 15 December 2020, **125 Parties** have ratified the Minamata Convention.

Albania, Oman, the Philippines, Tanzania, and Qatar deposited their instruments most recently.

**Africa** – 33 Parties

**Asia and the Pacific** – 31 Parties

**Central and Eastern Europe** – 15 Parties

**Latin America and the Caribbean** – 24 Parties

**Western Europe and others Group** – 22 Parties
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Bureau convened electrically in February, June and October 2020, to keep preparations for COP-4 under review, including the implications of the current COVID context.
## Important 2021 dates on the COP-4 timeline

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# Overview of preparatory meetings specific to COP-4

The Minamata and BRS secretariats will hold **information sessions** in their respective regional preparatory meetings for their respective COPs in 2021.

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| September 2021        | Minamata COP-4 regional preparatory meetings  
                      | Asia Pacific, first week of September 2021  
                      | Africa, second week of September 2021  
                      | Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, third week of September 2021  
                      | Latin America and the Caribbean, last week of September 2021 |
| 31 October 2021       | Minamata COP-4 regional and other preparatory meetings                       |
| 1-5 November 2021     | Minamata COP-4 Nusa Dua, Bali                                               |
Until we meet for Minamata COP-4 in Bali

**Intersessional Work**
- Art. 4&5 Products and Processes
- Art. 9 Releases
- Art. 11 Mercury Wastes
- Art. 22 Effectiveness Evaluation

**Pre-COP work**
- BRS and ICCM5
- Minamata Regional meetings
- Joint Task Force

**COP-4 – 1-5 Nov 2021**
- 31 October 2020
- Minamata Regional and other preparatory Meetings

**Ongoing Work to support Parties and Stakeholders**
- Minamata Online – Season 2
- Implementation and Compliance Committee
- Specific International Programme
- Capacity-building and Technical Assistance Programme on Art.3 Trade, Art. 8 Emissions, and the 2020 Products deadline
- Preparations for Full Biennial National Reports (Art. 21) due 31 December 2021 – 43 questions
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Priorities for making progress towards a pollution-free planet:
UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch

Geneva Environment Network - Chemicals and Waste Briefing | Year in Review and Priorities for 2021
Transitioning to a new medium-term strategy

Addressing 3 interconnected planetary crises:
- Climate change
- Biodiversity loss
- Pollution

Medium Term Strategy 2018-21
- Chemicals, wastes and air quality

Medium Term Strategy 2022-25

Draft being submitted to UNEA5
A highly interconnected strategy with a strong focus on Chemicals and Pollution Action

Towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
“For people, prosperity and equity”
Chemicals and Pollution Action Subprogramme

2030 outcome: Significant progress made Towards A Pollution-free Planet

**Outcome 1** - Human health and environmental outcomes are optimized through *enhanced capacity and leadership on the sound management of chemicals and waste*.

**Outcome 2**: Waste management improved including through circular processes, safe recovery of secondary raw materials & progressive reduction of open burning & dump sites.

**Outcome 3**: Reduced releases of pollutants to air, water, soil & the ocean.

Sustainable consumption and production and sound chemicals and waste management intrinsically linked/interdependent.

- Need to work through partnerships “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet”.
- Global and regional MEAs provide a collaborative framework for governance and time-bound actions.
- Need to respond to country priorities and needs to reduce and prevent pollution.
- Support system-wide changes to address pollution.
A broad mandate on pollution and chemicals and wastes

- **Coordination and monitoring of action on pollution**
- **Addressing capacity gaps**

**Environment, health and pollution resolutions**

- **4/7 Waste management**
- **3/2 Biodiversity**
- **2/8 Sustainable consumption and production**
- **3/6 Soil pollution**
- **3/9 Lead - paint and batteries**
- **3/1 Armed conflicts**
- **4/9 Single-use plastics**
- **2/10 Oceans and Seas**
- **1/9 Global Environment Monitoring System/Water Programme**
- **1/6 2/11 3/7 4/6 Marine plastics and microplastics**
- **1/10 Water pollution**
- **4/11 Protection the marine environment**
- **4/21 Implementation plan 'Towards a pollution-free planet'**
- **4/14 Sustainable nitrogen management**
- **1/5 2/7 4/8 Chemicals and waste**
- **3/5 Environment and health**
- **3/4 Environment and health**
- **1/7 and 3/8 Air quality**
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- **1/10 Marine litter and microplastics**
- **4/10 Biodiversity and Land Degradation**
- **1/10 Global Environment Monitoring System/Water Programme**
- **4/3 Mobility**

**UNEA1 resolutions**
**UNEA2 resolutions**
**UNEA3 resolutions**
**UNEA1/2/3/4 resolutions**
**UNEA4 resolutions**
Chemicals and Health Branch contribution

For enhanced capacity and leadership on the sound management of chemicals and waste.

- Sound science, knowledge and information
- Joint programming and coordination with BRS and Minamata
- MEAs implementation support/improved capacities for sound management of Chemicals and waste
- Enhanced cooperation on Environment and Health (regional fora, national initiatives)

For improved waste management

- Strengthen 3Rs
- Promote sustainable waste strategies and actions (circularity, innovative policies)
- Strengthen capacities to manage specific waste streams
- Map and work towards closing open dumpsites with key partners

For reduced releases of pollutants

- Track global status of pollution /policy actions
- Promote knowledge exchange, cooperation and capacities for improved Air Quality
- Promote Electric Mobility, Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles, Non-motorized transport
- Enhance horizontal capacities to address pollution / public advocacy / informed consumer choices
- Monitor, eliminate, substitute or prevent releases of MEA-regulated pollutants (esp. through GEF projects)
- Coordinated action through issue specific Global Alliances
Key opportunities and approaches in moving forward

- Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
  - An **ambitious outcome** is key to transition towards a pollution-free planet
- Importance of **interlinkages** with other processes and themes including climate and biodiversity
- **Gender, health, and social considerations** in knowledge and implementation efforts
- Need for a **multi-stakeholder, multisectoral and multidisciplinary** approach
- **Interagency collaboration / Coordinated action** (issue specific Global Alliances, regional coalitions, national joint initiatives, …)
- Address **nexus issues** (including environmental aspects of One Health/AMR)
- Leverage **UN reform/ partnerships /funds** to address capacity gaps of countries including as part of COVID-19 recovery efforts
- Fully harness the **contribution to SDGs**
Key contribution to SDGs

Source: IOMC; CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT: ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)
Thank you

https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste
https://www.unep.org/beatpollution/

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• Virtual Working Groups
• Technical Briefings
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Principles of Virtual Working Groups

(i) The purpose of the proposed VWGs is to develop proposals for tangible outcomes including notes identifying gaps, compromise text proposals, and new or alternate text, as appropriate. The outcomes of the VWGs will be presented in meeting documents and discussed at IP4.

(ii) The VWGs are NOT intended to replace formal face-to-face discussions at IP4 and/or negotiations that will take place at ICCM5 but rather are intended to further build understanding and prepare delegates for these important negotiations.

(iii) The VWGs are being established to work on a few specific, concrete and rather technical issues that are in need of further development and are well-suited for virtual work.
Virtual Working Groups Mandate

VWG 1: Targets, indicators and milestones
Make proposals that progress work on this topic in lead-up to IP4, building on the outcome of the Technical Working Group as presented in meeting documents SAICM/IP.4/3 and SAICM/IP.4/INF/15.

VWG 2: Governance and mechanisms to support implementation
Make proposals that progress the work on this topic in lead-up to IP4.

VWG 3: Issues of concern
Make proposals that progress the work on this topic in lead up to IP4, building on Annex B of SAICM/IP.4/2 Compilation of recommendations.

VWG 4: Financial considerations
Make proposals that progress work on this topic in the lead-up to IP4.
### Virtual Working Groups registration

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VWG 4: Financial considerations
Technical Briefings

TB 1: Welcome and overview of next steps for the intersessional process
Host: ICCM5 President & Co-chairs of IP
When: 22nd October 2020

TB 3: Options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level
Host: UNEP
When: 19th November 2020

TB 5: Outcomes of the technical working group on targets, indicators and milestones
Host: Co-chairs of the technical working group
When: TBD

TB 7: Information session on the new International Labour Organization (ILO) legal comparative study on ILO chemical instruments Meeting Inform
Host: ILO
When: TBD

TB 2: Financing the sound management of chemicals and waste Beyond 2020
Host: Armenian Women for Health and a Healthy Environment
When: 9th November 2020

TB 4: UNEP's Assessment Report on Issues of Concern
Host: UNEP
When: 26th November 2020

TB 6: Outcomes of the governance meeting
Host: Governments of Germany, Norway, Switzerland and UNITAR
When: TBD

TB 8: Information session on the High Ambition Alliance
Host: Governments of Sweden and Uruguay
When: TBD

TB 9: Information session on Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) implementation
Host: UNITAR
When: TBD
Timeline of VWG and TB

- **October**: VWG 1: Targets, indicators and milestones
- **November**: VWG 2: Governance and mechanisms to support implementation
  - TB 3: VWG 3: Issues of concern
  - TB 4: VWG 4: Financial considerations
- **December**:
- **January**:
- **March**:
- **July**:

2020

2021
Overview of the High-Level Declaration Informal Drafting Group Process

Establishment of the informal drafting group

October 2020

Electronic Feedback
Call for stakeholder submissions on essential elements for a possible ICCM5 High-level Declaration

2 October – 29 October 2020

1st Virtual Meeting
Presentation of co-facilitators, discussion of process and compiled input from stakeholders, guidance on draft elements

24 November 2020

Electronic Feedback
On the draft structure and key elements of a proposed High-level Declaration

December 2020

2nd Virtual Meeting
Discussion of the draft structure and key elements of the proposed High-level Declaration

23 Dec 2020 – 15 Jan 2021

3rd Virtual Meeting
Discussion of the 1st draft of the proposed High-level Declaration

9 February 2021
This and previous meetings support stakeholders in their efforts to elaborate the future arrangements of the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 for consideration and adoption at ICCM5.
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