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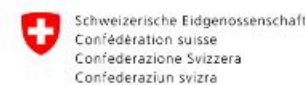
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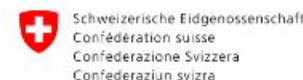
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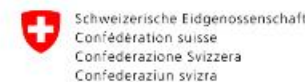
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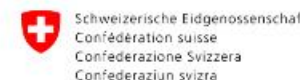
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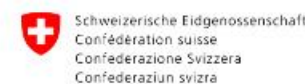
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1ST MEETING OF OEWG OF SCIENCE- POLICY PANEL ON CHEMICALS AND WASTE (OEWG-1)

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023 | BANGKOK, THAILAND



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Preparations for the resumed first session of the OEWG on a Science-Policy Panel for chemicals, waste and pollution prevention (OEWG 1.2)

Geneva Environment Network - Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing
7 December 2022

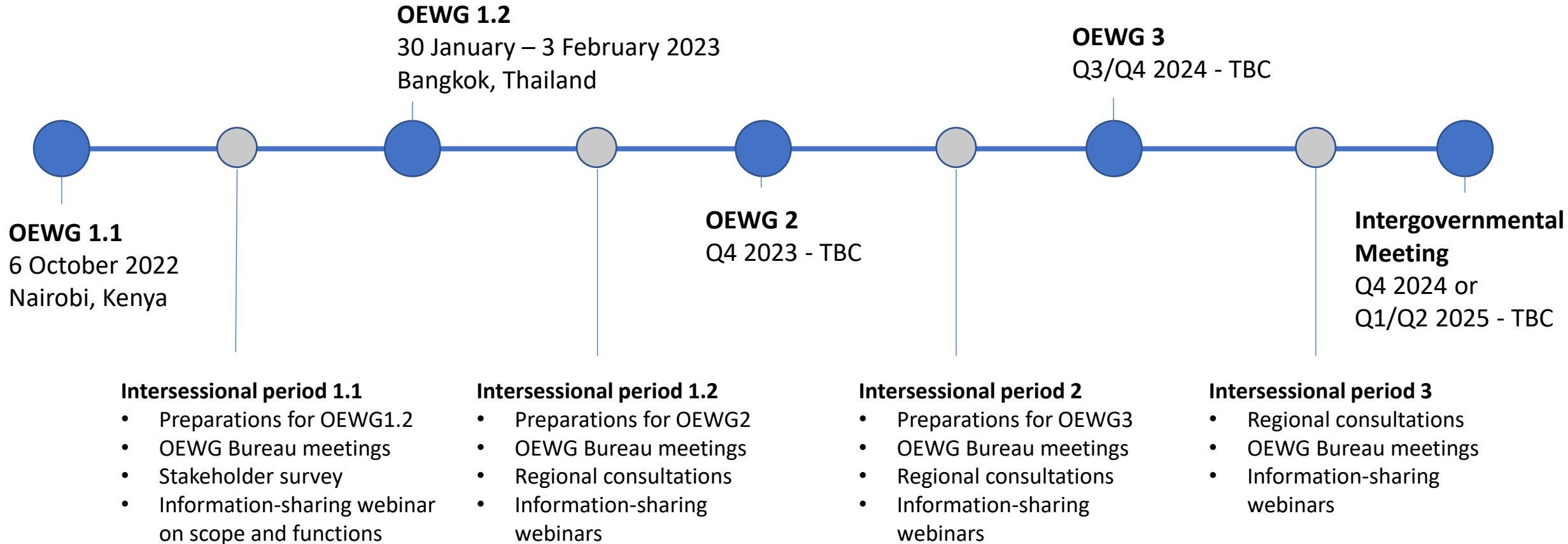
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Background - UNEA Resolution 5/8

Decided that a Science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (para. 1)

Decided to convene, subject to availability of resources, an ad hoc open ended working group that will begin work in 2022 with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024 (para. 4)

OEWG Process - Tentative Timeline



OEWG 1.1, 6 October 2022, Nairobi & online

Close to 500 participants representing over 80 Member States, as well as representatives from UN entities, MEAs, SAICM, accredited IGOs, NGOs, academia, private sector/industry

- Election of seven of ten **Bureau Members**, including the Rapporteur and agreement on interim **Chair** (pending finalization of Bureau election)
- Adoption of **UNEA Rules of Procedure** to apply mutatis mutandis
- **Initial exchange of views** on the establishment of a science-policy panel

OEWG Bureau

Seven of ten **Bureau Members elected at OEWG 1.1.**

Vice-Chairs: Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda)

Salma Qadoori Jabir (Iraq) *

Oumar Diaouré Cisse (Mali)

Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan) – *interim Chair*

Michel Tschirren (Switzerland)

Valentina Sierra (Uruguay)

Cyrus Mageria (Kenya) - *Rapporteur*

OEWG 1.2 – Practical information

When? 30 January to 3 February 2023, with regional and other groups preparatory meetings on 29 January 2023

Where? United Nations Conference Centre, ESCAP, Bangkok

How to participate? Register no later than 20 December 2022 through the online meeting platform at <https://indico.un.org/event/1001971/>
(Application for travel support now closed)

➤ Further practical information : [meeting webpage](#)

OEWG 1 – Agenda

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure of the ad hoc open-ended working group – *UNEA Rules of Procedures adopted at OEWG 1.1*
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda – *adopted at OEWG 1.1*
 - (c) Organizational matters
4. General statements
5. Options for the timetable and organization of work of the ad hoc open-ended working group
6. Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of the report of the session
9. Closure of the session

OEWG 1.2 – Main expectations

- Finalise election of Bureau Members, including election of Chair
- Discussions on issues outlined in para 5 of the Resolution 5/8, particularly:
 - Options for the scope of the panel
 - Options for the principal functions of the panel
- Consideration of options for the timetable, budget and sequencing of the OEWG work
- Agreement on intersessional work in preparation for OEWG 2

OEWG 1.2 – Meeting documentation

- *Working documents*

| Symbol | Topic |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Provisional agenda |
| 1/ Add.2 | Annotated provisional agenda |
| 2 | Report of OEWG 1.1 |
| 3 | Options for the scope of the science policy panel |
| 4 | Options for principal functions of the science policy panel |
| 5 | Work timetable and budget for the Secretariat |

OEWG 1.2 – Meeting documentation

- *Information documents*

| Symbol | Topic |
|--------------|--|
| INF/1 | UNEA Resolution 5/8 |
| INF/2 | UNEA Rules of procedure |
| INF/3 | Scenario note for OEWG 1.2 |
| INF/4 | Mapping analysis of the current landscape of existing science policy interfaces on the sound management of chemicals and waste and the prevention of pollution |
| INF/5 | Comparative analysis of existing assessment structures |
| INF/6 | Analysis report on the Stakeholder Engagement Strategy |
| INF/7 | Inventory of existing rules and procedures related to the panel functions |

OEWG 1.2 – Deep-dive dialogues on scope and functions

- Proposed to be held in the margins of OEWG 1.2 (date and format tbd)
- **Objective:** To further inform the OEWG discussions on scope and functions of the panel through an inclusive dialogue across stakeholder groups - *including governments, Secretariats of relevant multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and international organisations, civil society, academia, industry / private sector*

OEWG Process – Budget Status

- Thanks to governments of France, Germany, Norway, Switzerland and the UK for their financial contributions
- Most Secretariat costs covered so far by UNEP
- Resources available to cover first OEWG meeting
- **Member States in a position to do so invited to provide financial contribution** to support delivery of the process, including Secretariat

Stakeholder engagement

Including with:

- WHO and IOMC member organisations
- Relevant MEAs, including BRS, Minamata, Montreal, and SAICM
- Other panels and assessment bodies / processes
- CSO and IGOs, Academia, Private Sector

Intersessional period

Seize opportunities for outreach/back-to-back meetings with relevant Conferences and COPs & other relevant regional meetings

Stakeholder Engagement Survey

Webinar series

Stakeholder Engagement Survey

- Conducted between mid-October and end November 2022
- Circulated to all Member States, as well as other relevant stakeholders
- 386 answers: 85 from governments, rest from IGOs, NGOs, academia, industry, UN agencies, etc.
- Explored different key topics to be further considered in the context of the OEWG, namely with respect to : Governance, Functions, Principles and Scope of a Science-Policy Panel
- INF 6 to provide an overview of input received
- Possibly first of a series

Webinar series (2022 & 2023)

25 July 2022: [Introducing the science-policy panel](#)

5 October 2022: [Lessons learned from WHO, IPCC, IPBES, IRP, Ozone](#)

Week of 16 January 2023: Scope and functions of the Panel

End February 2023: OEWG 1.2 follow up

More to be developed in 2023 on: Academia and industry involvement, OEWG 2 overview, OEWG 2 outcomes, Horizon scanning in the SPP

OEWG – National Focal Points

- Member States invited to designate their national focal points to the SPP OEWG process
- 109 Member States have nominated Focal Points:
 - 39 in Africa
 - 21 in Asia Pacific
 - 18 in Eastern Europe
 - 15 in LAC
 - 16 in WEOG
- Designations to be submitted through formal letter from the Ministry or a Note Verbale from the Embassy or Permanent Mission to : unep-sgb@un.org, copied to spp-cwp@un.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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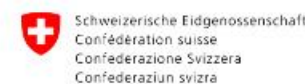
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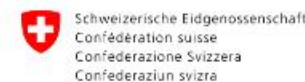
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RESUMED SESSION OF SAICM 4TH MEETING OF
THE INTERSESSIONAL PROCESS (IP4)

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2023 | NAIROBI, KENYA

5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT (ICCM-5)

SEPTEMBER 2023 | BONN, GERMANY



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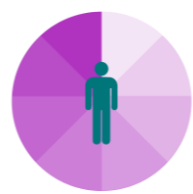
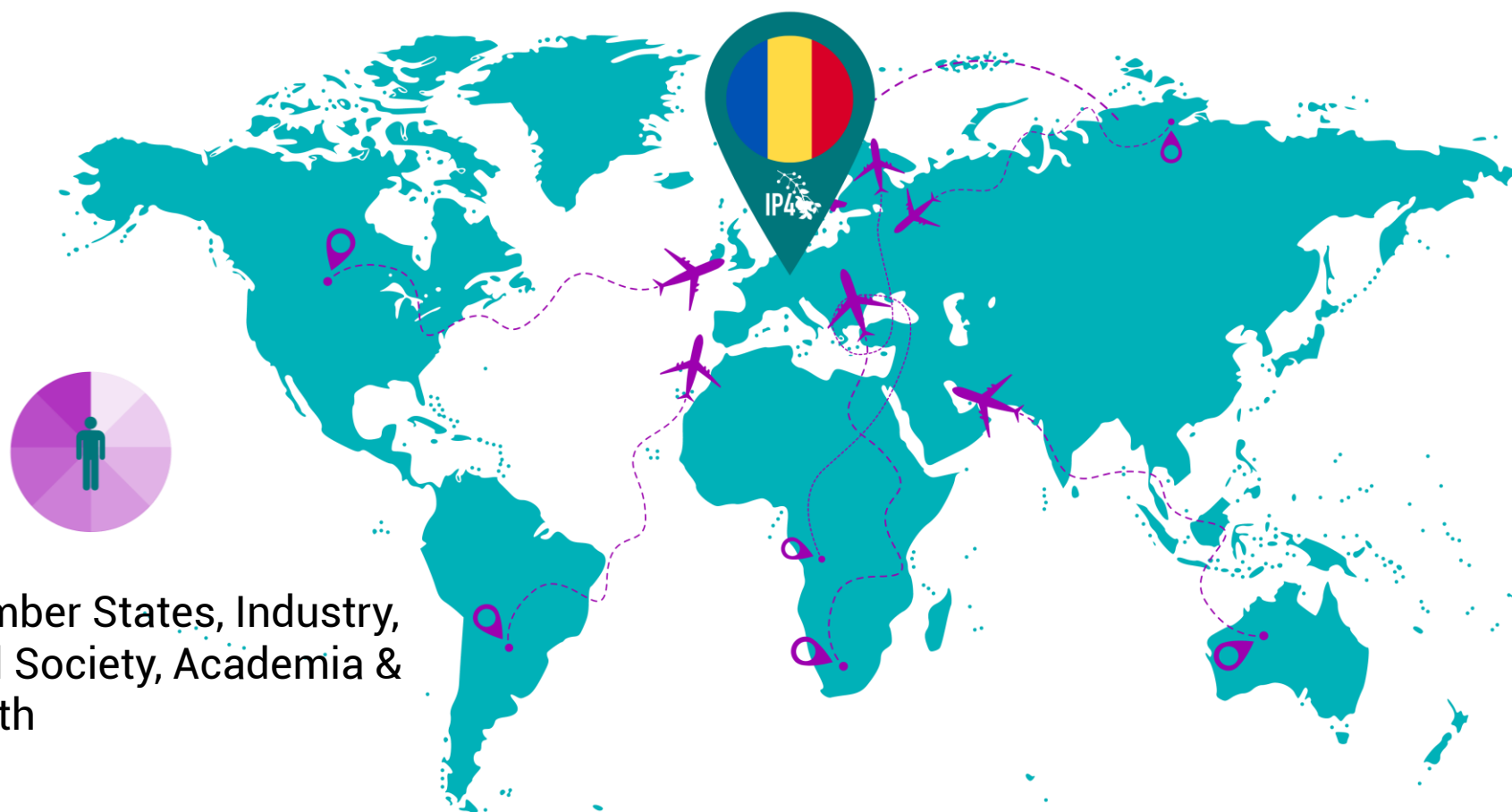
STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT



4th meeting of the Intersessional Process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020| Bucharest, Romania, 29 August-2 September 2022 and Nairobi, Kenya, 27 February- 3 March 2023

**Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing
Wednesday, 7 December 2022**

STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT



Member States, Industry,
Civil Society, Academia &
Youth



Almost 300
participants

IP4, Bucharest, Romania, 29 August-2 September 2022



OUTCOME: THEMATIC GROUP 1

VISION, SCOPE, PRINCIPLES & APPROACHES, STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES & TARGETS

MANDATE

- Develop consolidated text specifically text on **vision, scope, principles and approaches and strategic objectives**.
- Consider proposing a **limited set of priority targets** in support of the strategic objectives.

STATUS

- Progress in discussion on all five strategic objectives.
- Identification of **28 high priority targets** in support of the strategic objectives.
- **Three new options** proposed on the vision that have been welcomed as the basis for further work.

OUTCOME: THEMATIC GROUP 2

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, ADDRESSING ISSUES OF CONCERN & LINKAGES WITH THE SCIENCE POLICY PANEL

MANDATE

- Institutional arrangements addressing issues of concern and any linkages with the future Science Policy Panel.
- Mechanisms to support implementation.
- Any outstanding issues and consider recommendations for next steps and possible further intersessional work.

STATUS

- Progress on all institutional arrangements related issues including several functions of the governing body and the Bureau.
- Agreement reached linkages with future Science Policy Panel. But no consensus on how to invite the SPP to undertake work for the conference consideration.





OUTCOME: THEMATIC GROUP 3

IMPLEMENTING MEASURES including CAPACITY BUILDING & FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

MANDATE

- Mechanisms to support capacity building
- Financial considerations
- Deliberations included funding proposals and approaches to support capacity building including financing the secretariat.

STATUS

Progress achieved with **a number of brackets being removed and text agreed.**

Proposals for additional text included:

- From the Africa group on a global coordinated fee
- ICCA on a Capacity Building Platform
- Iran on the establishment of a databank
- Switzerland on a voluntary peer review mechanism
- ITUC on the creation of an international fund


Bucharest, Romania
29 August - 2 September 2022

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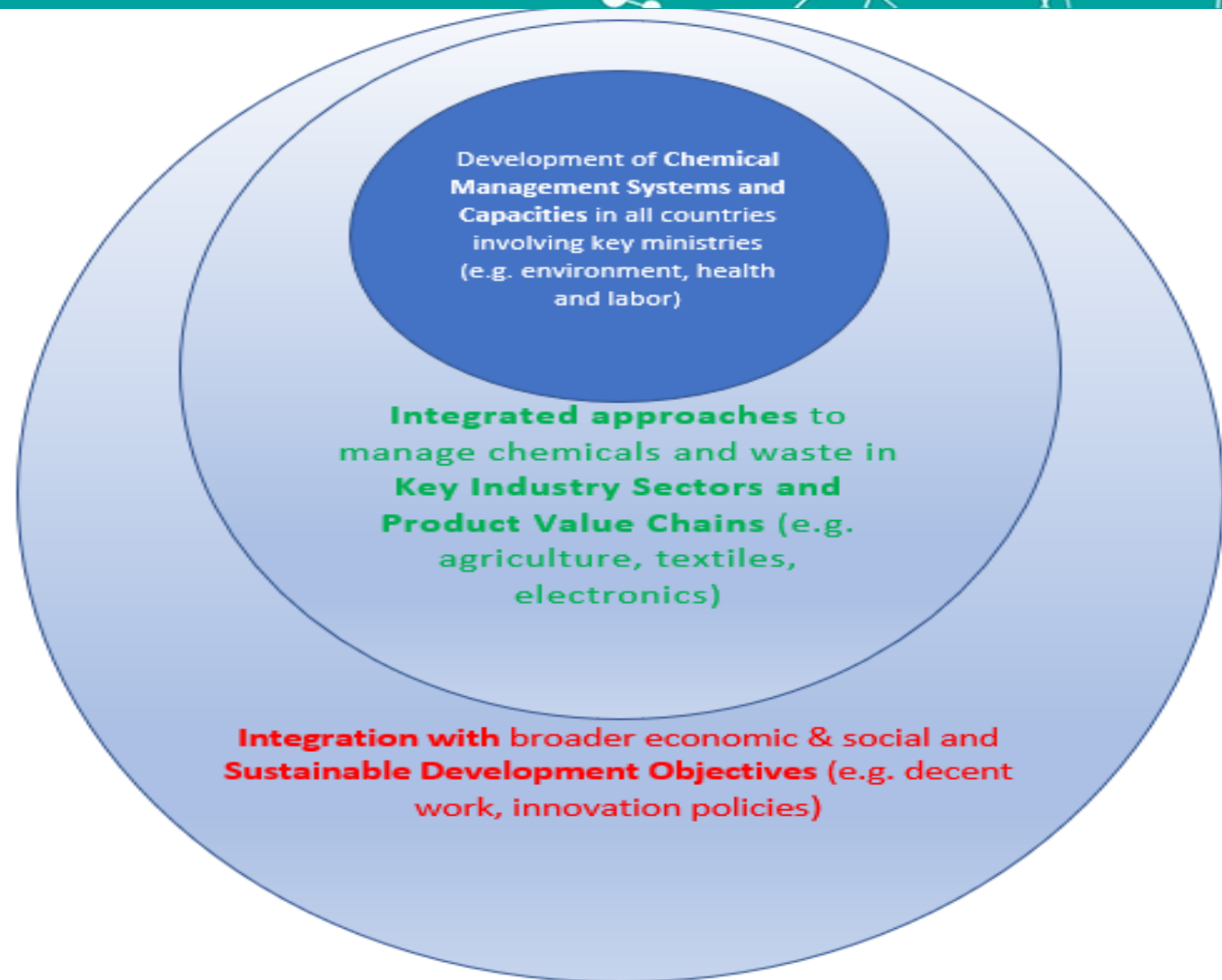
Outcomes of the Fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

The delegates welcomed the resulting **Co-Chairs' consolidated text** in plenary early Friday evening as a significant achievement agreed to **suspend IP4 and resume it in early 2023** at a time and venue to be set by the Bureau in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

ICCM5 President Anita Breyer  formally announced the convening of **ICCM5 from 25-29 September 2023**, in Bonn, Germany

Strengthening integrated
chemicals and waste
management
(IP4 INF document 18)

**Three key
dimensions of
integrated
chemicals and
waste
management**



Resumed session of the 4th meeting of the Intersessional Process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 | Nairobi, Kenya, February-March 2023 ^{1/3}

- Resumed IP4 meeting will be held from 27 February to 3 March 2023 at the UN Environment Programme Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.
- It will be preceded by technical briefings on Saturday, 25 February 2023 and regional, stakeholder and sectoral meetings on Sunday, 26 February 2023.
- Invitation and the provisional agenda have been sent to SAICM Stakeholders on 11 November 2022.
- Practical information for the meeting participants is available at the following website: [Resumed IP4 - Information Note for Participants.pdf \(saicm.org\)](#)

Resumed session of the 4th meeting of the Intersessional Process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 | Nairobi, Kenya, February-March 2023 ^{2/3}

- Participants are kindly requested to register online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1003225/> no later than 14 December 2022 for participants requesting funding and until 20 January 2023 for non-funded delegates.
- In line with ICCM resolution IV/4, the Bureau Member and the Regional Representative from each region and the representatives of the stakeholders' groups (health, labour and NGOs) will be responsible for the identification of the financed delegates from the regions and constituencies, respectively.
- To support coordination among governmental stakeholders coming from the same country, a letter from the SAICM national focal point is requested for registrations coming governmental participants.

Resumed session of the 4th meeting of the Intersessional Process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 | Nairobi, Kenya, February-March 2023 ^{3/3}

- All documents from the IP4 in Bucharest are available at the dedicated SAICM website: [Fourth Intersessional meeting \(saicm.org\)](https://www.saicm.org). Further information on the resumed IP4 meeting will be made available on the SAICM website in due course.
- Deadline for posting the meeting documents (working and information documents) is 15 January 2023.
- Please contact the secretariat for further information: saicm.chemicals@un.org

In preparation of the resumed IP4 meeting, IP co-chairs launched a consultation process to:

- share some high-level reflections,
- inform participants of the substantive issues to be considered at IP4.2 to provide a full set of “recommendations” to ICCM 5,
- receive feedback.

Timeline of this consultation process:

- Tuesday, 1 November 2022: IP Co-Chairs provided an overview of the consultation process with its objectives and relevant timelines.
- 4 November - 2 December 2022: Review period. Consolidated comments from constituencies to be submitted to the SAICM Secretariat via the Bureau.
- 15 December 2022: The update on the consultation process and a draft text on additional recommendations will be provided at the ICCM5 Bureau meeting that will also discuss the way forward ahead of the resumed IP4.

More information: [IP Co-Chairs consultation process \(saicm.org\)](https://saicm.org)

Regional briefings:

- Following the posting online the documents for the resumed IP4 meeting in mid-January 2023, virtual regional briefings will be organized by the SAICM Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau members.
- The virtual briefings are expected to take place in January/February 2023 for:
 - Africa region,
 - Asia-Pacific region,
 - Central and Eastern Europe region,
 - Latin America and Caribbean region, and
 - Western Europe and Others region.



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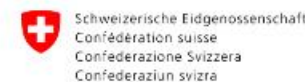
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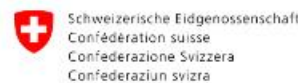
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Preparations for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in 2023

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Update on the intersessional work under the Basel Convention



BC subsidiary bodies: Implementation and Compliance Committee



Assists Parties to comply with their obligations under the Convention; facilitates, promotes, monitors and aims to secure implementation and compliance



15th meeting, 14-17 November 2022, Geneva, Switzerland

- Considered 8 prioritized specific submissions (Central African Republic, Cook Islands, Gabon, Liberia, Mauritania, Nauru, Syrian Arab Republic and Togo) and decided that the matter regarding Liberia was resolved
- Reviewed draft classifications of compliance performance with national reporting, a report scoping the extent of illegal traffic, and Parties' self review of their legislation implementing the Convention
- Developed questionnaires to seek information from BCRCs and organizations on their activities to support Parties with the implementation of the Convention
- Developed questionnaires to seek information from Parties and UN Resident Coordinators on the integration of implementation needs in UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework processes
- Developed its draft 2024-2025 work programme
- Held a joint session with the RC Compliance Committee to discuss issues of common interest

BC subsidiary bodies: Plastic Waste Partnership

Mobilises business, government, academic and civil society to improve and promote ESM of plastic waste at all levels and to prevent and minimize its generation

3rd meeting of the working group, 23-25 November 2022, Punta del Este, Uruguay

- Approval of report on best practices and lessons learned on measures taken by key stakeholders to prevent and reduce single use plastic waste and packaging waste
- Approval of compilation of national and international specifications related the Basel Convention plastic waste amendments aimed at assisting Parties in their implementation
- For its future workplan, the working group discussed development of products to disseminate best practices and promote policy development on various topics of relevance to the discussions at INC



BC subsidiary bodies: Open-ended Working Group

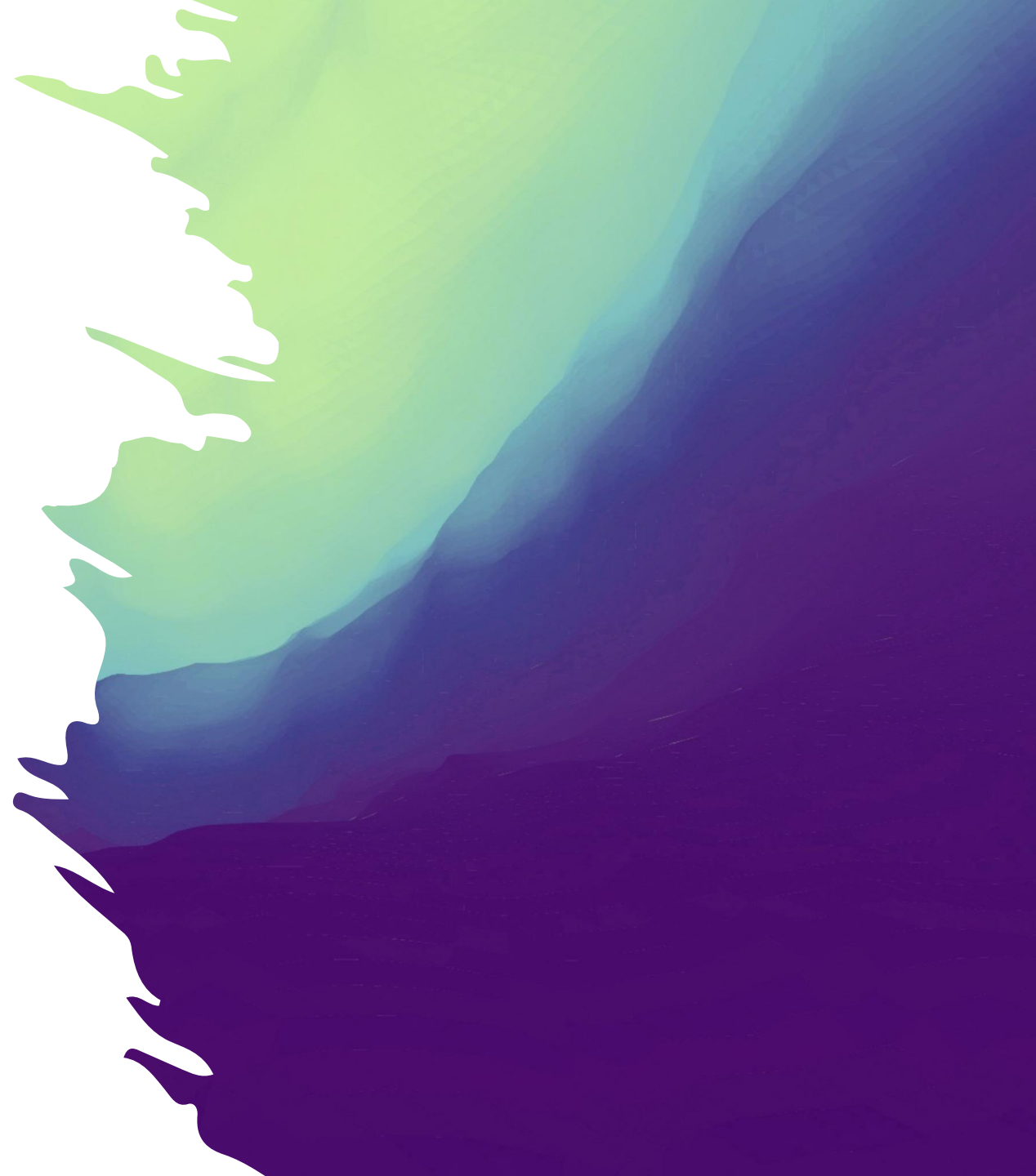
Assists the COP in keeping under continuous review the implementation of the Convention's work plan; considers and advises COP on policy, technical, legal and institutional aspects

13th meeting, 21-23 February 2023, Geneva, Switzerland

- Consider recommendations to improve the Strategic Framework
- Develop draft recommendations to improve functioning of PIC procedure
- Consider and further develop technical guidelines, including those on POPs, plastic waste and waste lead-acid batteries
- Consider the need to update existing guidance, technical guidelines and factsheets in order to reflect adjustments consequential to the adoption of the e-waste amendments (COP-15)
- Progress the work on further legal clarity



Update on the intersessional work under the Rotterdam Convention



RC subsidiary bodies: Chemical Review Committee

Reviews chemicals and pesticide formulations according to criteria and makes recommendations to the COP for listing in Annex III

18th meeting, 19-23 September 2022, Rome, Italy

- Finalized draft Decision Guidance Documents for iprodione and terbufos → for consideration for listing by COP-11
- Reviewed notifications of final regulatory action for amitrole, carbaryl, carbon tetrachloride, chlorfenvinphos, methidathion, methyl bromide, methyl parathion, mirex, paraquat and thiodicarb
- Notifications from 2 PIC regions for methyl parathion and paraquat found to meet criteria → draft decision guidance documents being developed





RC subsidiary bodies: Compliance Committee

Assists individual Parties in resolving compliance difficulties and reviews systemic issues of general compliance

1st meeting, 16-18 November 2022, Geneva, Switzerland

- Agreed on modalities for its work: decisions and recommendations agreed
- General issues of compliance:
 - Laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Convention;
 - Notifications of final regulatory actions;
 - Exports and imports of chemicals listed in Annex III – begin collecting information from Parties;
 - Information exchange;
 - Information submission;
 - Enhanced cooperation with the BC Implementation and Compliance Committee – modalities agreed
- Draft 2024-2025 work programme forwarded to COP-11 for consideration
- Joint session with the BC Implementation and Compliance Committee to discuss issues of common interest

Other developments

- Proposal by Switzerland, Australia, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Mali to amend Articles 7, 10, 11 and 22 of the Rotterdam Convention and to add a new Annex VIII
 - Aims, among other things:
 - Establish a new annex VIII listing chemicals that have been found by the CRC to meet the criteria for listing in Annex III but for which the COP has not been able to agree to list in Annex III
 - Establish rights and obligations for the Parties to the amended Convention in relation to the chemicals listed in new Annex, e.g. PIC procedure with explicit consent would apply to new Annex VIII chemicals
 - Amendment proposal circulated to all Parties with an explanatory note on 31 October 2022 with an invitation to provide comments by 16 January 2023
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Update on the intersessional work under the Stockholm Convention



SC subsidiary bodies: POPs Review Committee



Reviews chemicals proposed for listing in Annex A, Annex B, and/or Annex C to the Convention, carries out other tasks mandated by the COP

18th meeting, 26 to 30 September 2022, Rome, Italy

- Recommended to COP-11 that it consider listing two new chemicals in Annex A with specific exemptions:
 - **Dechlorane Plus** - Flame retardant in adhesives, sealants, polymeric systems
 - **UV-328** - UV absorber in a wide range of products
- Adopted the risk profiles of the following chemicals and moved them to Annex F review stage (risk management evaluation):
 - **Chlorinated paraffins with carbon chain lengths in the range C₁₄₋₁₇ and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45 per cent chlorine by weight**
 - **Long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids (PFCAs), their salts and related compounds**
- Deferred the decision on the risk profile for chlorpyrifos to POPRC-19
- Note: POPRC-17 recommended to COP-11 that it consider listing **methoxychlor** - organochlorine insecticide - in Annex A without specific exemptions

BRS COPs in 2023

- BC COP-16, RC COP-11 and SC COP-11:
 - 1-12 May 2023, Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland
 - 30 April 2023: preparatory meetings (regional groups, bureaux)
- No high-level segment
- Face-to-face meetings
- Meetings website:
<http://www.brsmeas.org/2023COPs>

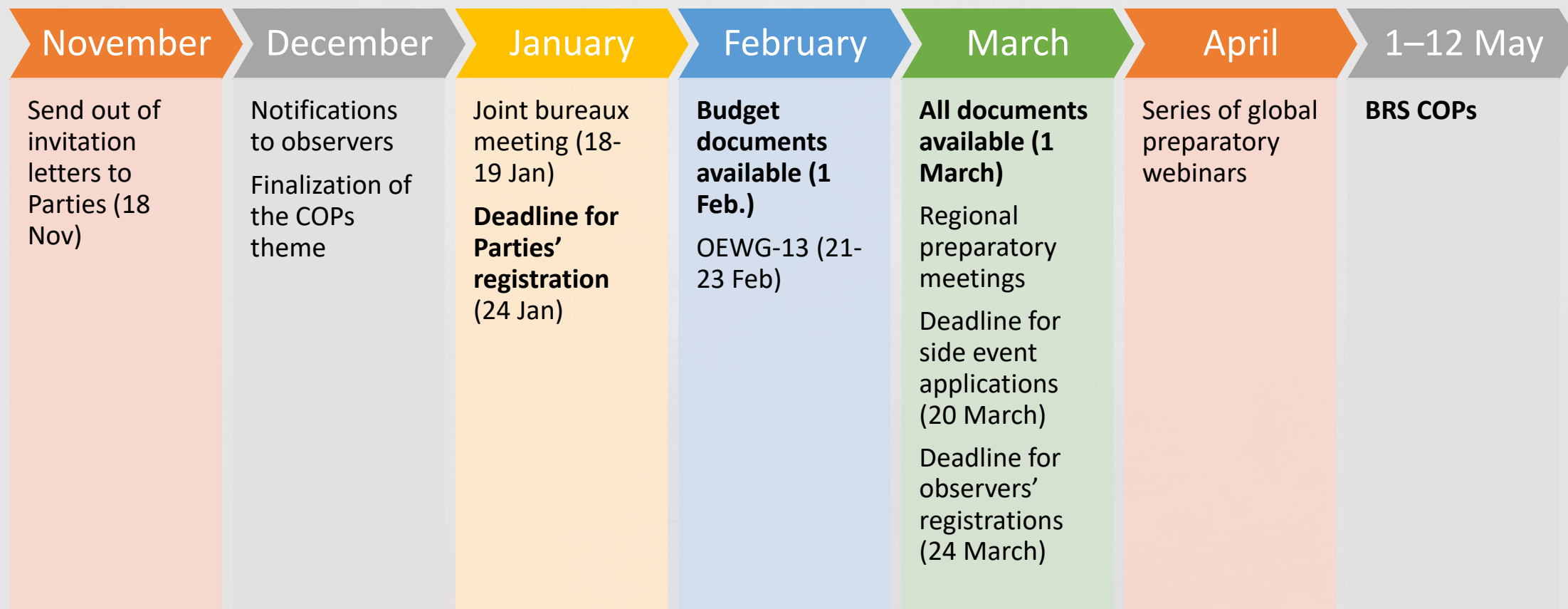




Road ahead to the COPs

- **Meetings of the three COP bureaux:**
 - Individual meetings - 11 October (BC), 25 October (RC), 27 October (SC): To provide initial feedback on the tentative schedule of work of the COPs and meeting arrangements
 - Joint bureaux meeting, 18-19 January 2023: To finalize the tentative schedule of work of the COPs

Important dates



Regional preparatory meetings



| | Dates | Locations |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Asia-Pacific | 14-16 March 2023 | Bangkok, Thailand |
| Africa | 21-23 March 2023 | Dakar, Senegal |
| Eastern Europe | 28-30 March 2023 | Zagreb, Croatia |
| GRULAC | 28-30 March 2023 | Panama City, Panama |

Upcoming BRS meetings leading up to the COPs



| Date | Venue | Meeting |
|---------------------|---|---|
| 5-7 December 2022 | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago | 6 th meeting of the SC small intersessional working group on PCB |
| 5-7 December 2022 | Geneva, Switzerland | Meeting of the expert working group on the review of annexes |
| 8-10 December 2022 | Geneva, Switzerland | Meeting of the SIWG on the technical guidelines on plastic wastes |
| 18-19 January 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland | Joint bureaux meeting |
| 26-27 January 2023 | Paris, France | Meeting of ENFORCE |
| 6-10 February 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland | Training for chairing BRS meetings |
| 21-23 February 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland | 13th meeting of the BC Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-13) |
| 24-25 February 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland | 3 rd meeting of the small intersessional working group on the strategic framework (part 2) |
| March 2023 | Asia-Pacific; Africa; Eastern Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean | Regional preparatory meetings for the BRS COPs |

PCBs Fair

- **When:** 3 to 5 May 2023 (in the margins of the 2023 COPs)
- **Objective:** Raise awareness on the urgency accelerate action to meet the upcoming 2025 and 2028 PCB deadlines
- **Deadline for Parties and others to submit expressions of interest:** 24 February 2023
- More information will be available soon on the Conventions website



Thank you



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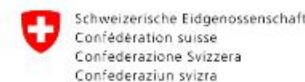
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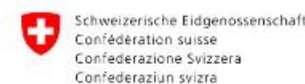
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5TH MEETING OF THE **MINAMATA
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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2023 | GENEVA



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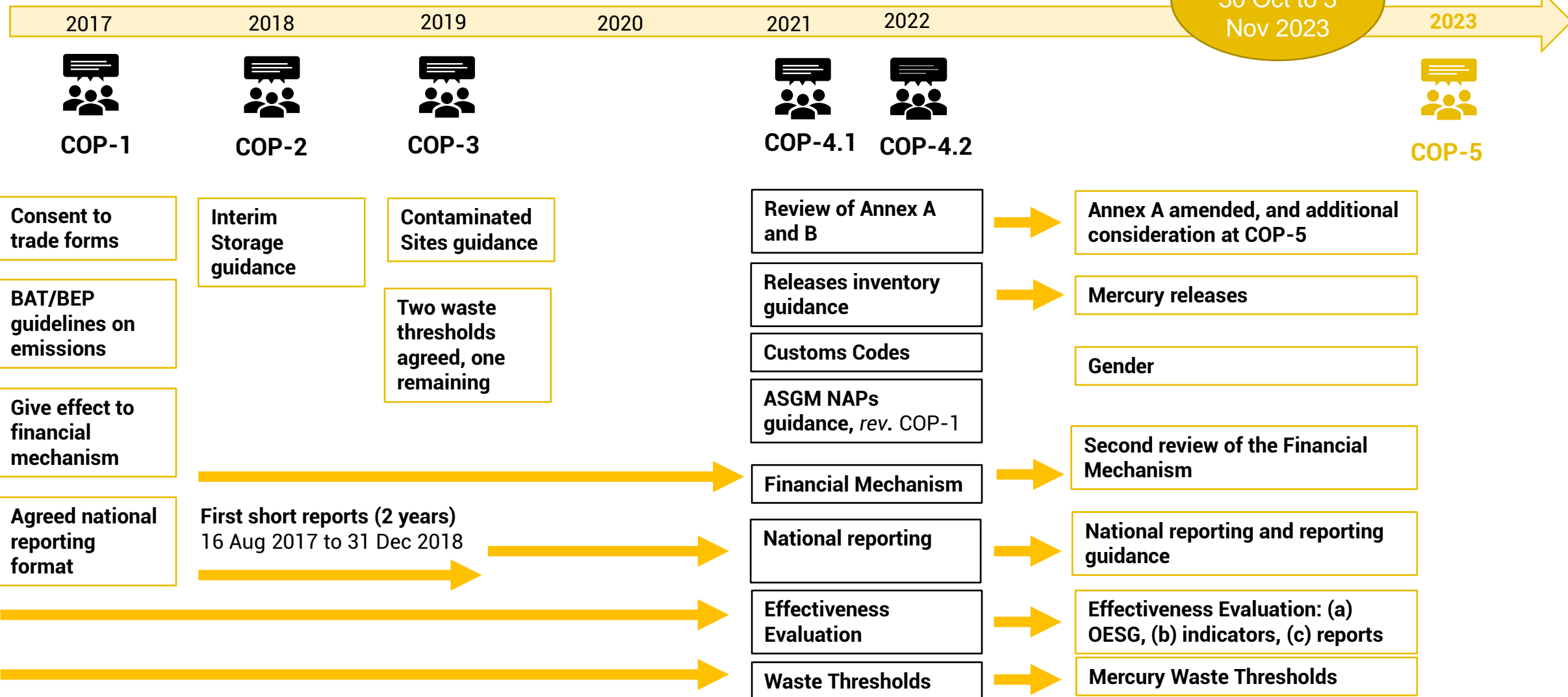
Wednesday, 07 December 2022, 10.00 - 12.00 Geneva time (CET)

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Timeline, with snapshot of key work until COP-5



16 August 2017: Entry into force of the Convention



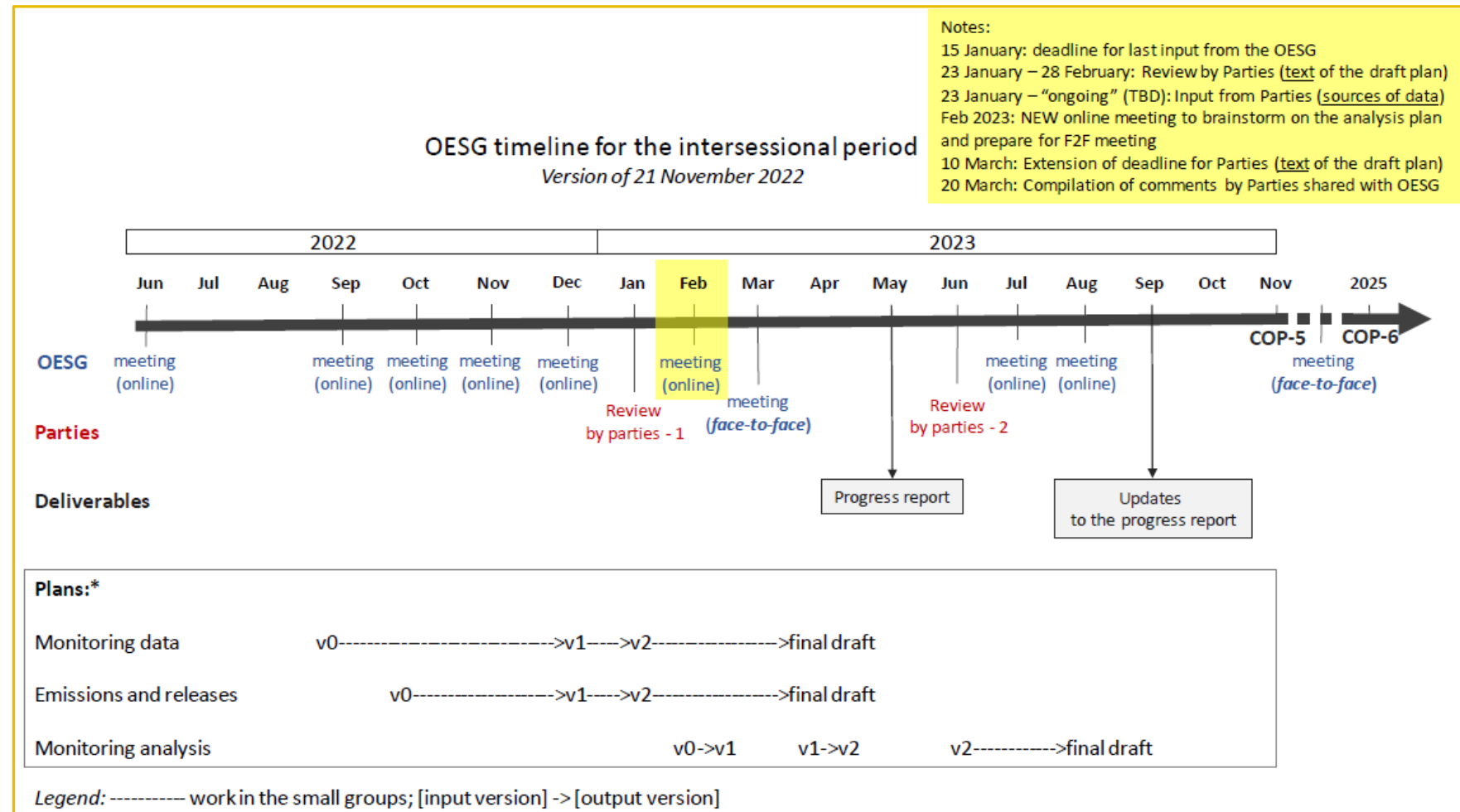
First Effectiveness Evaluation: Indicators

- In paragraph 7 of **Decision MC-4/11**, the COP requested the Secretariat to support an intersessional process to refine the list of indicators to be used in the effectiveness evaluation process, with a view to providing a final list of indicators for consideration and possible adoption by COP-5.
- The draft refined list of indicators are now open for comments until **31 January 2023**. It can be found on the intersessional page of the Convention. [\[LINK\]](#) Please also see the materials presented at the MinamataOnline session of [16 November 2022](#).

| Table on draft refined list of indicators for the effectiveness evaluation process for specific comment | | | | | | |
|---|-------|----|---|---|--|---------|
| Article and Indicator | | | Original formulation of the indicator | Refined formulation of the indicator | Source of information on the indicator | Comment |
| 1 | Art 3 | B3 | Total amount of mercury mined from primary mercury mines | Total amount of mercury mined from primary mercury mines | Art 21 reporting, UNEP reports | |
| 2 | Art 3 | B4 | Amount of mercury traded, broken down by specific purpose | Amount of mercury traded, broken down by specific purpose | Art 21 reporting, Art 3 forms | |
| 3 | Art 3 | B5 | Number of parties that have endeavoured to identify stocks and sources of supply | Number of parties that have endeavoured to identify <u>individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons</u> , and sources of supply <u>generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory</u> | Art 21 reporting | |
| 4 | Art 3 | B6 | For those parties that have determined they have excess Hg, whether they have taken measures called for in article 3 para. 5 (b), and amount of Hg disposed of in accordance with those measure, if available | For those parties that have determined they have excess mercury, whether they have taken measures called for in article 3 para. 5 (b), and amount of mercury disposed of in accordance with those measures, if available | Art 21 reporting, Convention reports | |
| 5 | Art 3 | B7 | Number and proportion of parties trading in mercury | Number and proportion of parties <u>having appropriate measures to control import and export of mercury in accordance with Article 3</u> | Art 21 reporting, Art 3 forms | |
| 6 | Art 4 | C3 | Number of parties having appropriate measures to prevent the manufacture, export or import of mercury-added products listed in part I of annex A | Number <u>and proportion</u> of parties <u>subject to Article 4 paragraph 1</u> having <u>taken</u> appropriate measures to <u>not allow</u> the manufacture, export or import of mercury-added products listed in part I of annex A <u>after the phase-out date specified for those products</u> | Art 21 reporting | |
| 7 | Art 4 | C5 | Number of parties that have taken two or more measures for the mercury-added products listed in part II of annex A | <i>Secretariat note: Following the amendment of Annex A Part II at COP-4 wording on this indicator may need to be adjusted.</i> | Art 21 reporting | |
| 8 | Art 5 | C8 | Number of parties having measures in place to not allow the use of mercury or mercury compounds in manufacturing processes listed in part I of annex B | <u>For each process listed in part I of annex B, the n</u> Number and proportion <u> of parties having which conduct those processes that have</u> measures in place | Art 21 reporting | |

First Effectiveness Evaluation: Open-ended Scientific Group

- Decision MC-4/11** established an Open-Ended Scientific Group (OESG), mandated to develop three plans before COP-5:
 - plan for monitoring data collection and summary,
 - plan for emissions and releases data summary, and
 - the plan for data analysis
- OESG comprises **41 members** nominated from parties, co-chaired by Terry Keating (USA) and Domonique Bally Kpokro (Cote d'Ivoire)
- OESG has met **five times online** with its last meeting on 6 December 2022.
- Two drafts** ((i) and (ii) above) will be shared with parties for review in early 2023
- The OESG will meet **face-to-face** in Geneva on 27-31 March 2023



Mercury Trade, Supply and Demand Report

- The initial phase of the development of the mercury trade, supply and demand report is now complete with an annotated outline of the report produced
- Parties and other stakeholders were invited to indicate experts on the subject matter to contribute to the development of the annotated outline
- The second phase of the development of the report has started and two rounds of review by parties are foreseen for 2023

Article 21 Synthesis Report

- The analysis of full reports submitted for 31 December 2021 is in the process of being completed.
- In early 2023, the initial outline of the Article 21 Synthesis Report will be made available for comment and input
- Parties and other stakeholders will be invited to indicate experts on specific subject matters to contribute to the development of an annotated outline
- The second phase of the development of the report will then begin in 2023

- The Minamata Convention pays **specific attention to the needs of vulnerable populations, especially women and children**, in several parts of its text.
- COP-4 decision [MC-4/10](#) on gender mainstreaming invited Parties to support the secretariat in its efforts to mainstream gender into all activities to be undertaken by the secretariat as well as by parties and other stakeholders, including thorough the development of a **gender action plan** for the Convention during the biennium 2022–2023.
- Pursuant to decision MC-4/10, the secretariat has organized two **online consultations for Parties and other stakeholders** between November and December 2022 to receive input on a draft gender action, which was prepared by the secretariat thanks to the generous financial support of Sweden. A [call for nominations](#) to participate in this consultive process has been issued by the secretariat on 12 August 2022.
- The draft gender action plan, incorporating the inputs received during the consultative process, is expected to be submitted for consideration by **COP-5**.
- **More information** on gender activities carried out by the secretariat is available on the Convention's [website](#).

Second review of the financial mechanism

Decision MC-4/7:

Second review of the financial mechanism

August 2019 – July 2022

Submissions requested by 30 September 2022, ASAP

Draft report to include:

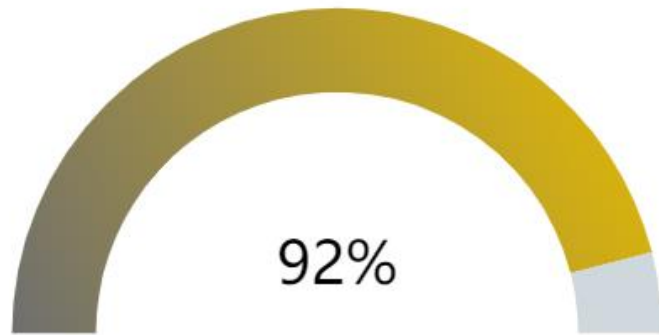
- ❑ Overview of all information provided including submissions, **reports** by Secretariat, GEF Secretariat, SIP Governing Board, evaluations, national reports
- ❑ Analysis of **lessons** learned
- ❑ Assessment of GEF **principles** of incremental costs and Global Environmental Benefits as they pertain to Convention implementation
- ❑ Assessment of **sustainability, transparency, and accessibility** of funding
- ❑ Identification of **resources mobilized**
- ❑ Recommendations to improve its **effectiveness and efficiency**
- ❑ Assessment against **performance criteria**

Effectiveness and efficiency of the financial mechanism will be assessed, taking into account, among other things, these **performance criteria**:

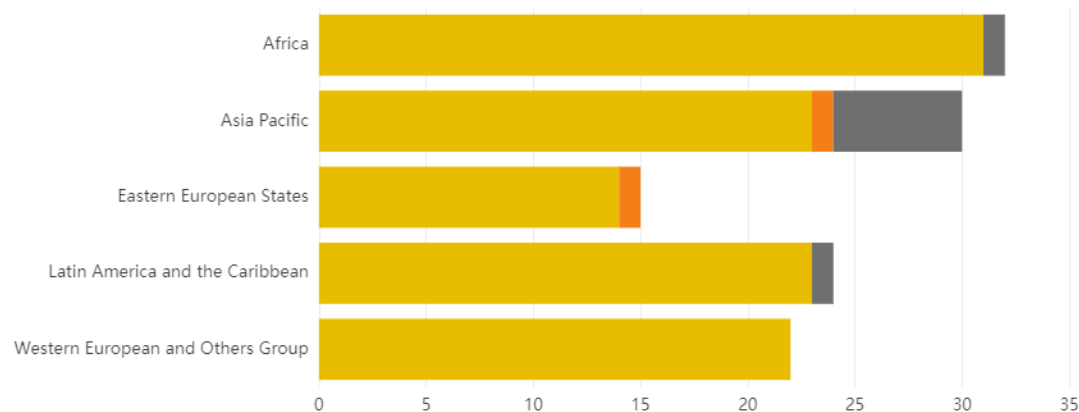
- ❑ Responsiveness to **COP guidance**.
- ❑ Extent to which **reductions** of supply, use, emissions and releases of mercury have been or are expected to be reduced (+ other benefits in terms of implementation).
- ❑ Transparency and timeliness of the project **approval processes**.
- ❑ Simplicity, flexibility and expeditiousness of **procedures** for accessing funds and for implementing and reporting on projects.
- ❑ Adequacy and sustainability of the **resources**.
- ❑ **Country ownership** of funded activities.
- ❑ Level of **stakeholder** involvement.
- ❑ Any other significant issues raised by Parties.

- **National Reporting Status**

First full national reports - Reporting Rate (2/11/2022)



First full national reports by region (2/11/2022)



- **Work on the Draft Reporting Guidance**

- ✓ Parties and other stakeholders are invited to provide any additional comments on the Draft Reporting Guidance **by Thursday, 15 December 2022** (pursuant to Decision MC-4/8)
- ✓ The comment form and the draft reporting guidance with line indication are made available on the [intersessional webpage](#) of the Convention's website, and please see the MinamataOnline session of [12 October 2022](#).

SIP Governing Board at its seventh meeting

Seventh meeting of the Governing Board of the SIP 22-23 November 2022

Co-Chairs: Gina Griffith (Suriname) and Andrew Clark (USA)

- Reviewed the implementation status of all **24 SIP projects**, and the status of the Specific Trust Fund
- Considered the **mid-term evaluation** of the SIP
- Considered the **second review** of the financial mechanism

Provisional agenda*

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda
 - (b) Election of co-chairs
 - (c) Request for disclosure of any possible personal and/or financial conflict of interest
3. Operations of the Specific International Programme
 - (a) Operations of the Programme, including status of implementation of First, Second and Third Round projects
 - (b) Status of the Specific Trust Fund
 - (c) Work programme for 2022-2023
4. Mid-term evaluation of the Specific International Programme of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
5. Second review of the financial mechanism of the Minamata Convention on Mercury: Specific International Programme
6. Dates and venue of the next meeting
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of the meeting report
9. Closure of the meeting

Governing Board called on all those in a position to contribute to the Specific Trust Fund, so that the Board will be in a position to launch the Fourth Round of Applications.



- Expert Group on Mercury Releases is **developing draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practice (BAT/BEP)** to control mercury releases to land and water from relevant sources, pursuant to Article 9 Paragraph 7.
- In response to a **call for information**, Colombia, the European Union, Japan, Norway, Uganda, the United States of America and OECD submitted information on national regulations and industry practice.
- The **group met online** four times since June 2022 to develop draft guidance.
- The draft will be posted on the Convention website in mid-December 2022 for **comments** until mid-February 2023.

- COP-3 and COP-4 agreed on the definition of:
 - Waste consisting of mercury and mercury compounds
 - Waste containing mercury or mercury compounds
 - Mine tailings
- Expert Group on Mercury Waste Thresholds is working to propose:
 - Thresholds for **waste contaminated** with mercury or mercury compounds
 - Guidance document on **testing the leaching of mercury from mine tailings**
- In response to a **call for information**, Canada, the European Union, Japan, Uganda and the United States of America submitted information and data on waste contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds.
- The Expert Group **met online** twice since June 2022.
- The Expert Group will meet **face-to-face in Geneva from 16-18 February 2023**, back-to-back with the Open-Ended Working Group of the Basel Convention.

Status of the General and Special Trust Funds for 2022

General Trust Fund

2022: USD 3,180,159 approved budget
USD 2,567,335 contributions [USD 971,684 due]

Special Trust Fund

2022: USD 944,804 pledged/received



Status of contributions to the trust funds

Contributions to the General Trust Fund - as of 30 September 2022

[DOWNLOAD](#) Contributions | 30.09.2022 | 64.63 KB

Contributions to the Special Trust Fund - as of 30 September 2022

[DOWNLOAD](#) Contributions | 30.09.2022 | 40.31 KB

IMPORTANT: Annex A to the Convention was amended at COP-4



- Annex A to the Convention provides for measures to be taken on **mercury-added products** in which mercury or mercury compounds are used.
- COP-4 decided, in its decision MC-4/3, to amend part I of Annex A to the Convention by **adding eight mercury-added products**, so that the manufacture, import and export of those products not be allowed after 2025.
- COP-4 also agreed to amend part II of Annex A by adding provisions for **dental amalgam**.
- **The depositary issued the circular notification for the amendments to Annex A on 28 September 2022.** It will **enter into force** one year after the communication from the depositary on 28 September 2023, except for Parties who made a declaration under paragraph 5 of Article 30.
- Parties shall notify the Secretariat any exemption registration in writing no later than the date upon which the applicable amendment enters into force for the Party.



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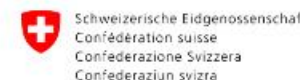
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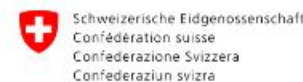
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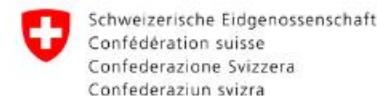
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Supporting implementation of MEAs: UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

- Voluntary multi-stakeholder network initiated in 2005 by UNEP Governing Council

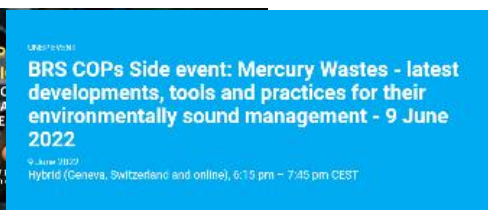
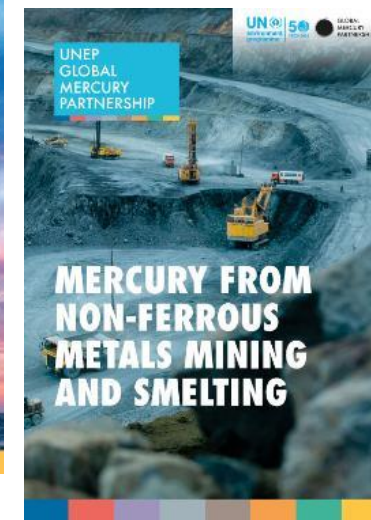
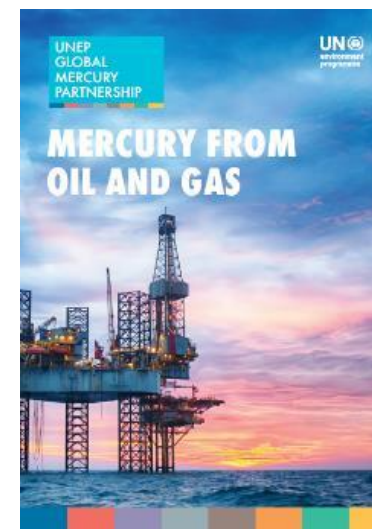
• **Overall Goal:** to protect human health and the environment from the releases of mercury

- ✓ Support implementation of the Minamata Convention
- ✓ Provide knowledge and science on mercury
- ✓ Deliver outreach and awareness raising towards global action



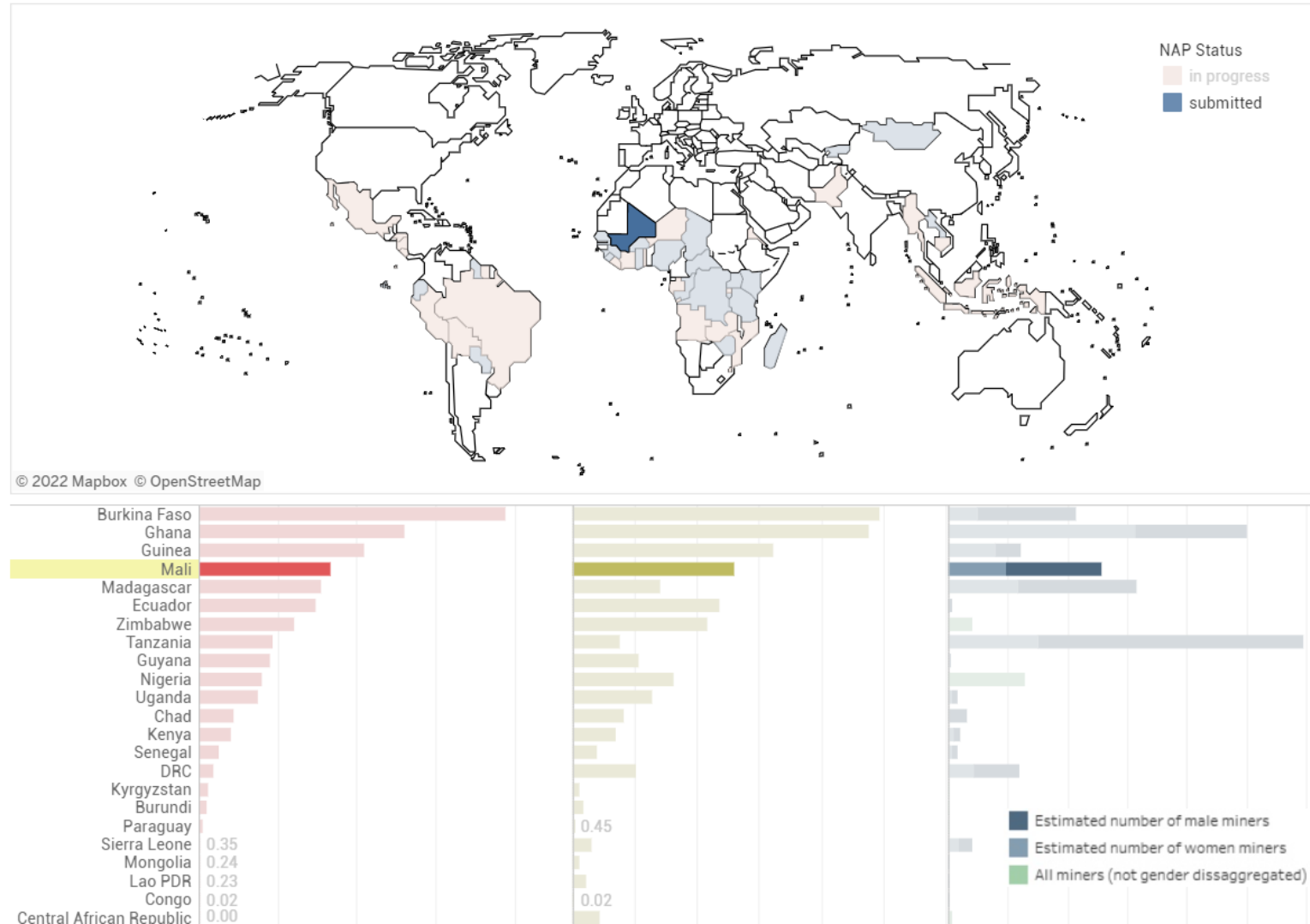
13th Partnership Advisory Group Meeting, November 2022

Over 240 partners from: Governments, IGOs, NGOs, Industry /private sector, academia and the scientific community



Supporting implementation of MEAs: Minamata National Action Plans - Dynamic dashboards

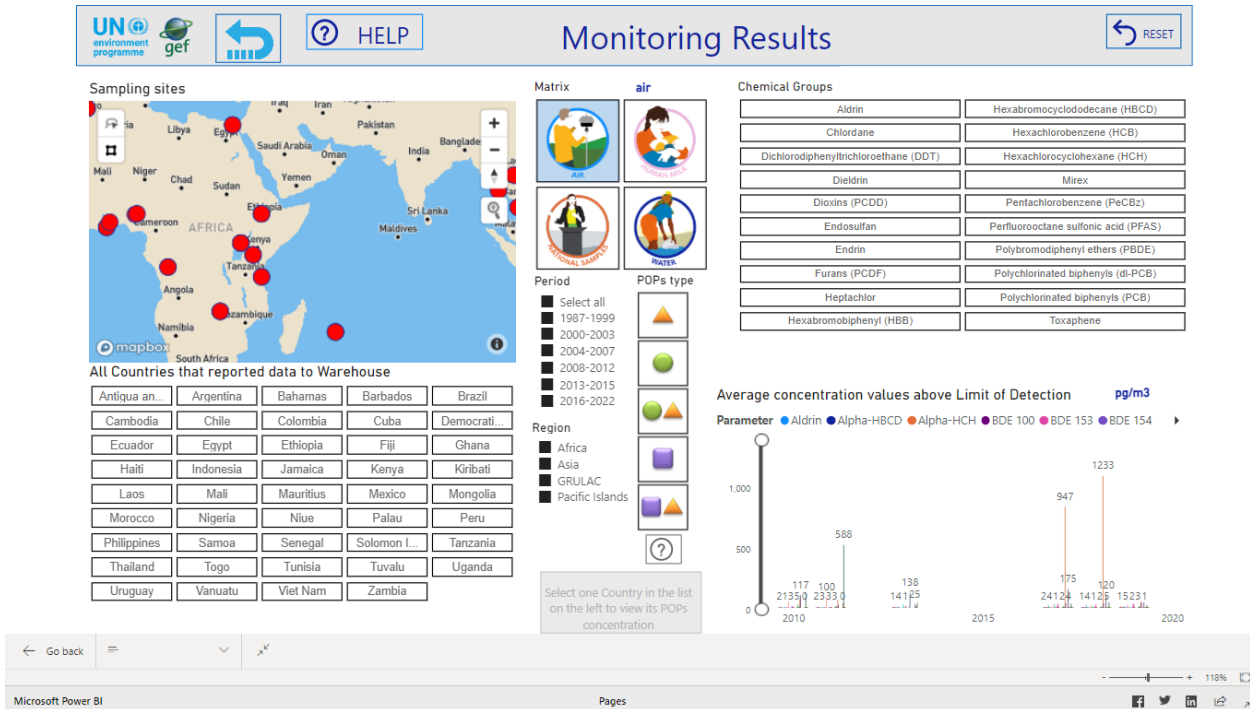
ASGM National Action Plans - Key baseline figures



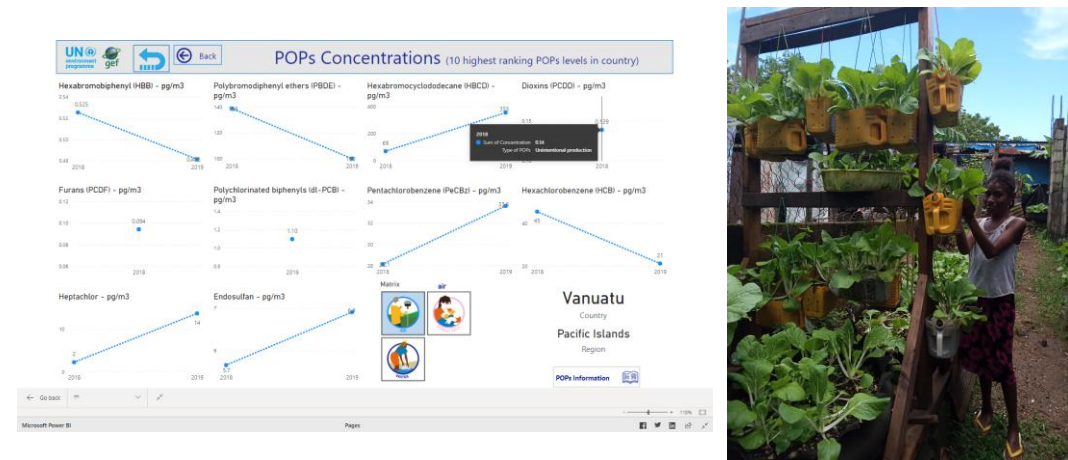
For each country, the [interactive dashboards](#) present:

- **Key baseline figures** (e.g. mercury use estimates, ASGM gold production, number of miners etc.)
- **Occurrence of worst practices**
- Summaries of **qualitative baseline information** (e.g. role of women, waste management, mercury trade etc.)
- Summaries of **NAP strategies**
- **NAP mercury reduction targets**

UNEP Supporting implementation of MEAs : Dashboard on Results of UNEP/GEF POPs Global Monitoring Plan project



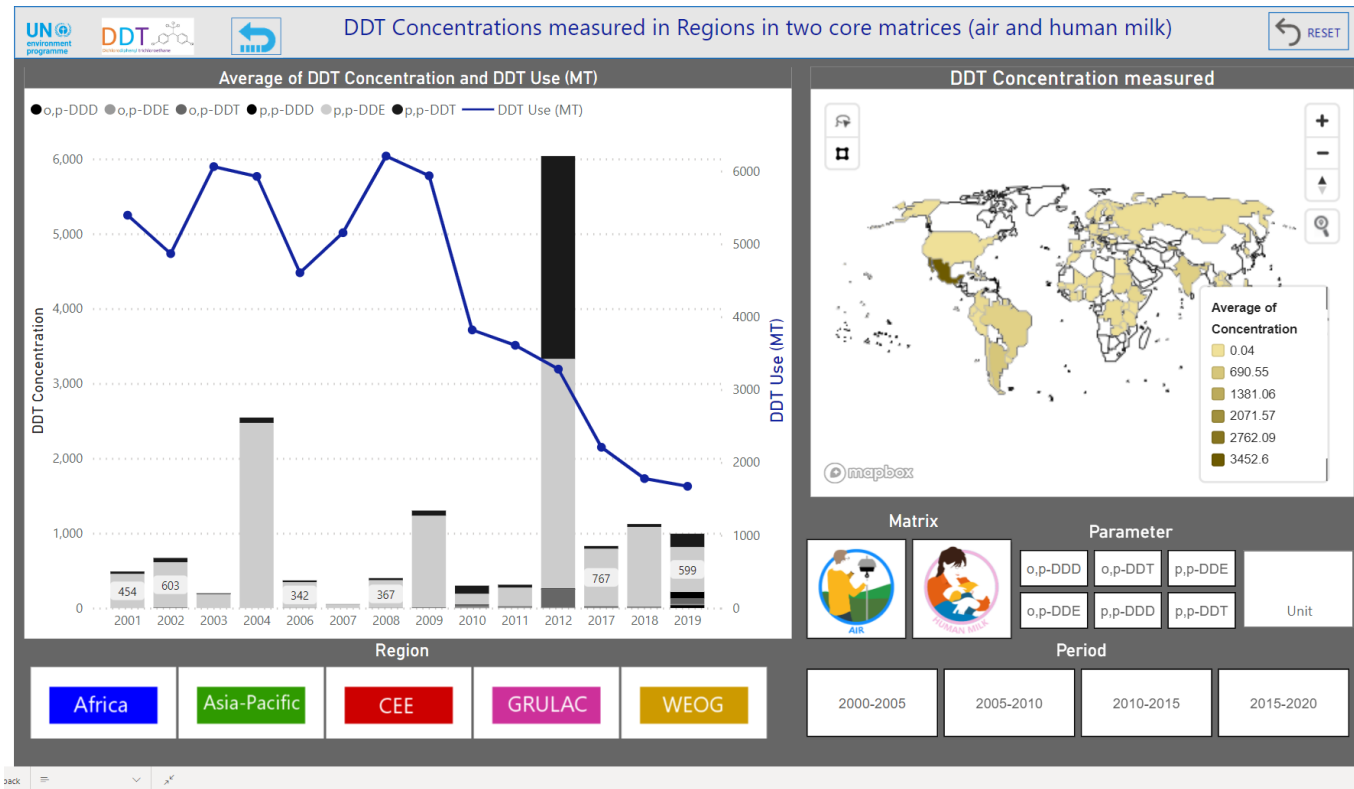
Case Study : Using POPs monitoring results for informed action in Vanuatu



<https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/persistent-organic-pollutants/global-monitoring>



DDT dashboard



World Environment Situation Room

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Chemicals and waste

Intro | Monitoring | Inventories | Informed decision-making | Integrated approach

Protecting humans and the environment from exposure to hazardous chemicals and waste

The work of UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch has generated a wealth of information, data and knowledge related to chemicals and wastes. To assist countries and stakeholders with meeting various environmental targets and objectives of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, activities were conducted with digital tools developed and data generated 1) to monitor globally the presence of POPs and mercury in humans and in the environment; (2) to develop national inventories of POPs and mercury; (3) to strengthen knowledge sharing and usage for informed decision-making on environmentally sound management on chemicals and waste; and (4) to promote an integrated approach to address pollution and waste towards achieving the sustainable development goals.

Persistent organic pollutants - POPs

Supporting the Beyond 2020 process on sound management of chemicals and waste



[SAICM/IP4/INF/18](#) : Strengthening integrated chemicals and waste management

3 dimensions:

1. Development of Chemical Management Systems and Capacities in all countries involving key ministries (e.g. environment, health and labor)
2. Integrated approaches to manage chemicals and waste in Key Industry Sectors and Product Value Chains (e.g. agriculture, textiles, electronics)
3. Integration with broader economic & social and sustainable development objectives (e.g. decent work, innovation policies)

Advancing global chemicals and waste management in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains

- *A multi-stakeholder workshop in support of the intersessional process for the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (“Beyond 2020”)*
- *Organized by the IOMC and hosted by OECD in Paris, 18-19 January 2023*

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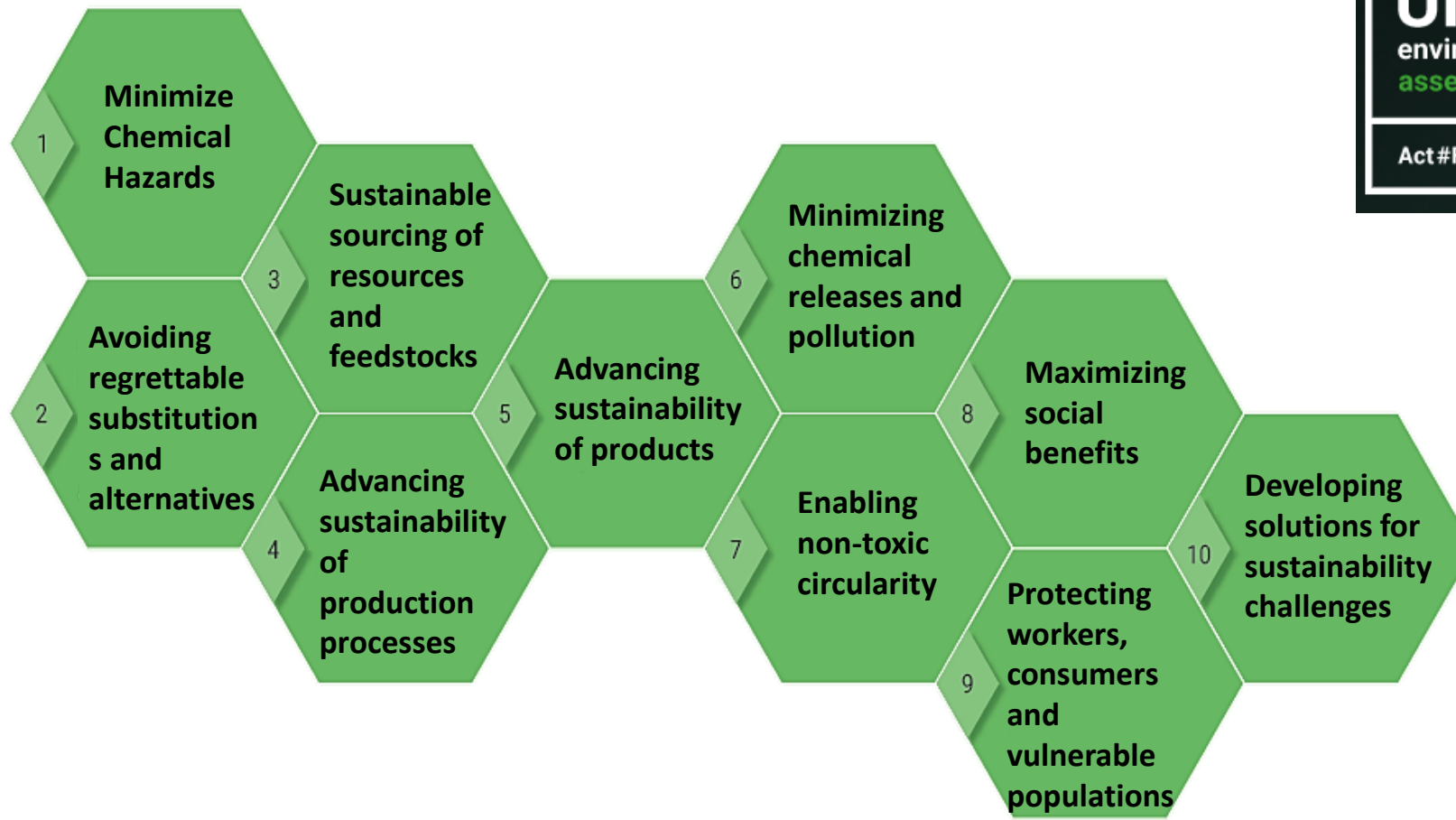


INTER-ORGANIZATION PROGRAMME FOR THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS

A cooperative agreement among FAO, ILO, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR, WHO, World Bank and OECD

Implementing resolutions – Green and Sustainable Chemistry

“Welcomes the Green and Sustainable Chemistry: Framework Manual of the United Nations Environment Programme and its executive summary, which highlight the crucial importance of environmentally sound innovation, and encourages their use, as appropriate”



Advancing the 10 objectives and guiding considerations - Infographic

<https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/policy-and-governance/green-and-sustainable-chemistry>

Implementing resolutions - Anti-microbial resistance

UNEP, in collaboration with FAO, WHO and WOA, advance work on anti-microbial resistance

- **3rd Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance**, Muscat, 24-25 November 2022
- The **AMR Partnership Platform** was launched by the Quadripartite on 18 November 2022
- **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week**, 18-24 November 2022.
- Creation of **technical groups** on integrated surveillance and on the economic case for AMR
- AMR Global Leaders Group meetings <https://www.amrleaders.org>
- [Webinar series](#) on environmental dimensions of AMR





Thank you for your attention

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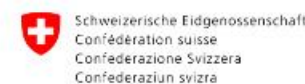
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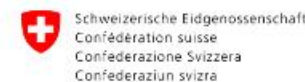
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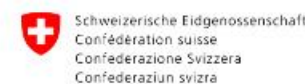
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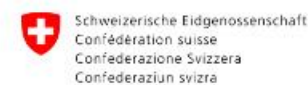
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