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**Strategic Approach to International
Chemicals Management (SAICM) &
Safe Management of Chemicals & Waste
Beyond 2020**

Agenda

- **Background on SAICM goals and accomplishments**
- **How the chemical industry contributes to SAICM**
- **Next Steps: SAICM Beyond 2020**

Background: What is SAICM?

SAICM is a policy framework to promote chemical safety worldwide:

- **Comprised of over 175 governments, about 90 NGOs and 10 IGOs**
- **Managed through the secretariat of UN Environment**

The voluntary, multi-stakeholder initiative aims to achieve, by 2020, the sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle.

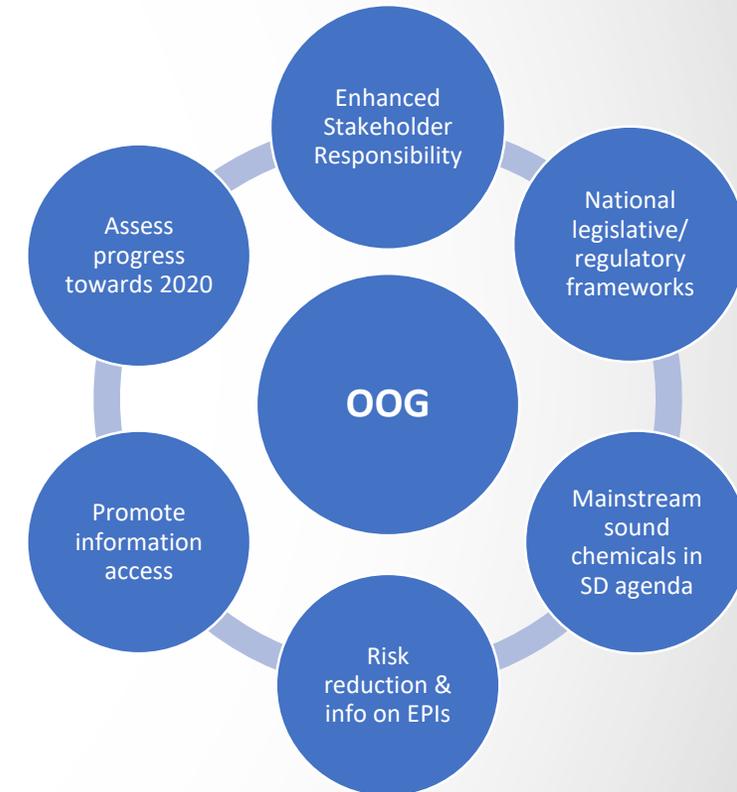
Industry Contributions to SAICM

- **Responsible Care Global Charter**
 - Responsible Care practiced in 62 chemical associations around the world
 - 2014 - ICCA updated and strengthened RC Global Charter
- **Global Product Strategy**
 - More than 245 capacity building workshops in 45 countries since 2006
 - Partnered with UN Environmental to help regions develop chemical and water policies and management capacity
 - Regulatory Tool Box to promote greater understanding of chemicals assessment

Overall Orientation and Guidance (OOG) - 6 Key Areas

Six core activity areas identified toward achievement of the overall 2020 goal:

- Enhance stakeholder responsibility
- Establish and strengthen national legislative and regulatory frameworks for chemicals and waste
- Mainstream the sound management of chemicals *and waste* in the sustainable development agenda
- Increase risk reduction and information sharing efforts on emerging policy issues
- Promote information access
- Assess progress towards 2020 goal of minimizing adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment



Next Steps: ICCA Position on SAICM Beyond 2020

- ICCA remains committed to SAICM
- SAICM should continue to be a voluntary, multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral approach
- Industry needs to continually emphasize significant progress made to date
- SAICM should focus on the basics, e.g. data-sharing, and implementation of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) to constitute key elements of such basic schemes
- ICCA is committed to the “*ending plastics waste alliance strategic pillars/goals*”
- ICCA recommends development of an **international navigator** on chemicals safety information

Next Steps: SAICM Mandate Expires in 2020

SAICM Stakeholders are discussing a future SAICM 2.0. Key industry issues under consideration include:

- **Objectives and targets:** What are the SAICM 2.0 goals, and how will stakeholders (including industry) show progress?
- **Financing:** Who will pay for SAICM 2.0? Many stakeholders want increased industry contributions.
- **Waste:** Is all waste included under SAICM 2.0?
- **Issues of Global Concern:** How are issues (e.g., EDCs, nanotechnology, fluorochemistry) identified? What actions are taken through SAICM? Some stakeholders want a mechanism for a globally binding treaty.

Next Steps

Negotiations on SAICM 2.0 and discussions about a possible broader, “enabling framework” on chemicals and waste will continue:

- **October 2019: Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand**
- **Spring 2020: Meeting in Bucharest, Romania**

Final Decision on Beyond 2020: ICCM5, October 2020 in Bonn, Germany

Advocacy Task Force Seeking Guidance

- What are meaningful and measurable industry targets and indicators for SAICM post-2020? What commitments can we make that are both achievable and show progress? In particular, what commitments can we make regarding Responsible Care?
- What actions undertaken by governments, UN bodies, etc., should be included in the targets and indicators?
- What indicators and targets would we NOT like to see (e.g., regarding issues of concern, taxes on industry)

How You Can Get Involved

ICCA Advocacy Task Force also encourages you/your national associations to get involved, by reaching out to your government representatives to share information on:

- Specific tools and activities your companies and associations are applying to contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste through Responsible Care and the Global Product Strategy.
- What you need them to understand about the importance of a multi-stakeholder framework in achieving these goals.



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