

**INTER-ORGANIZATION PROGRAMME FOR THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF
CHEMICALS**

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INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 45th MEETING

The 45th meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held on 11-12 May 2016 at UNEP, in Geneva. Bob Diderich (OECD) chaired the meeting.

The meeting began with a review of the previous day's IOMC hosted Inter-agency meeting on sound chemicals management, whose purpose was to share information and coordinate with other international organizations that also have a role in the management of chemicals. The IOMC agreed that the inter-agency meeting was very useful, that a second meeting should be organized, and that it should perhaps become an annual event.

The IOMC meeting continued with an update from the SAICM Secretariat on the "beyond 2020 process", on preparations for the first inter-sessional meeting, and on plans to engage a consultant to carry out an evaluation of SAICM. The IOMC agreed to send the SAICM Secretariat a table of OOG implementation activities being carried out by the IOMC participating organizations and, if possible by organizations that attended the inter-agency meeting. The IOMC also agreed to proceed with its plans to post indicators (i.e. links to the participating organization web sites with related data and/or maps) on the IOMC web site.

The IOMC then heard updates on progress with the emerging policy issues, notably on FAO's publication of guidelines on highly hazardous pesticides, which are linked to the recently launched Pesticide Registration Toolkit as well as the IOMC Toolbox. The SAICM Secretariat informed the IOMC that GEF6 funds were available for SAICM projects, and it agreed to work with IOMC POs to develop a project proposal with a knowledge management component that included the five activity areas/"child" projects on Lead in Paint, HSLEEP, CiP, EPIs (not covered by individual projects) and HHPs.

The IOMC was informed of progress with the UNEP Special Programme to support national institutional strengthening on the chemical MEAs and SAICM. It heard a report from the Minamata Convention Interim Secretariat on progress with the convention and preparations for COP 1. The meeting also heard a report on the outcome of the UNEP-IOMC International expert/stakeholder workshop on SDGs. The IOMC then heard reports from, and discussed opportunities to coordinate with: the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the IOMC mercury group, the UNEP Special Programme on financing chemicals and waste, the UNEP Global Chemicals Outlook, the IOMC toolbox on chemicals management, and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The meeting concluded with a session with the UNHCR Special Rapporteur on Toxics, who described cases he had observed around the world where the local population had been severely harmed by chemical exposures from industrial activity. The IOMC and the Special Rapporteur agreed to share their respective tools and reports.

The 46th IOMC meeting will be hosted by UNIDO in Vienna during the week of 18-21 October 2016. The 47th IOMC meeting will be hosted by WHO in Spring 2017.