

# **Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)**

## **INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)**

### **SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> MEETING 31 March 2017, WHO, Geneva**

The 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held on 31 March 2017 at WHO in Geneva. Jorge Ocana (UNITAR) chaired the meeting.

The meeting began with a review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-agency meeting (IAM) on sound chemicals management held on 30 March 2017. IOMC agreed that the inter-agency meeting, as a platform for sharing information of relevance, was again fruitful and that IOMC should continue to organize a yearly IAM, preferably in Geneva to facilitate participation. The good engagement of the other agencies was noted and IOMC agreed that the door should be kept open to additional organisations in the future.

The IOMC meeting continued with updates on progress with the emerging policy issues. This was followed by an update from the SAICM Secretariat on the GEF project proposal and agreement that a teleconference would be scheduled once the PPG phase begins. Regarding the Special Programme to support national institutional strengthening on the chemicals MEAs and SAICM, UN Environment provided an update on the current status. The Executive Board meeting, which IOMC POs may attend as observers, is tentatively planned for the week of 25 November.

Regarding the Global Chemicals Outlook, UN Environment reported on a planned virtual meeting to be held in June in order to share and discuss with Steering Committee Members GCO-II related activities and developments during the first half of 2017 and plans for the second half of 2017.

The IOMC was informed that the IOMC Toolbox Project Phase 3 proposal would be submitted in May or early June. All POs were encouraged to ensure that the Toolbox contains relevant tools from all organizations. The BRS Conventions Secretariat was asked to work with UN Environment to ensure that BRS tools are included, particularly given that Phase 3 aims to develop materials about how the Toolbox can support countries' implementation of the Conventions.

It was noted that the IOMC Mercury Group planned to meet in the margins of the May BRS COPs and IOMC nominated UNITAR and UNIDO to participate in the steering committee of the PCB Elimination Network (PEN). The IOMC reviewed statistics on visits to the IOMC home page and IOMC Toolbox web site, which showed a relatively stable number of visits to the sites over the past six months.

The 48<sup>th</sup> IOMC meeting will be hosted by FAO in Rome in November 2017, possibly back-to-back with the next inter-agency meeting.

Following the IOMC meeting, a special session with the independent evaluator of SAICM was held.