

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

INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 49TH MEETING 10 May 2018, World Bank, Washington D.C.

The 49th meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held on 10 May 2018 at the World Bank in Washington D.C. Jorge Ocaña (UNITAR) chaired the meeting. IOMC reaffirmed the idea from the retreat (8-9 May 2018) to discuss waste and the inter-sessional process as two specific topics for the next regular meeting.

In discussing SAICM issues, it was agreed that OECD could be a co-lead for EPPPs and that UNEP would inform the dates for the next Steering Committee and workshop regarding the indicators project. Regarding preparations for OEWG-3, it was agreed to consider merging the report on IOMC indicators with the SAICM progress report. IOMC also considered the possibility of a number of side-events and meeting documents which should further be discussed at a teleconference before the next meeting.

Regarding SDGs, the IOMC agreed to review and update the existing mapping paper by October 2018 and that the Secretariat will update the IOMC SDG brochure with the new vision statement (and any other items). The World Bank agreed to translate the brochure (after July) and the Secretariat will consult POs on the number of printed copies needed.

Regarding the Special Programme, UN Environment agreed to consult with the Special Programme Secretariat regarding placing information about approved projects on-line (noting that a project database was under development) and what is the definition of “country driven”, and report back to IOMC. IOMC also agreed to review summaries of the EPIs found in the draft GCO-II and that the IOMC indicators could also be used. The paper analyzing the database of PO activities in countries will be prepared for the next IOMC meeting.

The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury provided a status update and current plans for COP-2 (19-23 November 2018, Geneva) and the BRS Secretariat provided a presentation regarding the main milestones for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2018. The UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Toxics provided a briefing to IOMC, noting that his mandate had been renewed for three years and now included SDGs.

Further to discussions at the retreat, IOMC agreed to develop criteria to be used for considering any proposed new Participating Organizations and also agreed to the amendment to resolve the issue of BRS Secretariat. The Chair and the Secretariat will discuss with the Minamata Secretariat to determine their interest in the IOMC in addition to the mercury group, and report back at the next meeting.

It was agreed to hold the 50th meeting in Geneva hosted by ILO, during two days in the period 26-28 November 2018 and back-to-back with the 4th Inter-agency meeting (one day). The 51st meeting will be held in Spring 2019 hosted by UNDP in Istanbul.