

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

INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 50TH MEETING 27-28 November 2018, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland

The 50th meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held 27-28 November 2018 at the ILO in Geneva. Jorge Ocaña (UNITAR) chaired the meeting. The meeting discussed, *inter alia*, follow-up to the May retreat, participation in OEWG-3, EPIs, the IOMC Toolbox, and next steps.

Specific Matters

IOMC agreed to develop a short position paper on work being done at the **interface of chemicals and waste** in order to contribute to the discussion on waste at OEWG-3. Specific examples could include micro-plastics, e-waste and specific sectors such as metals or textiles and how this is linked to the SDGs.

Regarding preparations for **OEWG-3** in March 2019, there will be a general update on **EPIs** prepared by the SAICM Secretariat; regarding the specific requests from ICCM-4, IOMC agreed to submit a single document. IOMC further agreed to hold a side-event on EPPPs, develop a general update on activities undertaken in support of SAICM, to submit the updated version of the **SDGs mapping paper**, and to allow use of the mapping table in the **GCO-II**. Participants also discussed the role and engagement of IOMC **beyond 2020** and how to strengthen **sectoral engagement**, highlighting the importance of creating incentives for other sectors and also bringing in downstream users, for example.

Regarding **financing**, participants discussed the SAICM GEF projects, plans for GEF-7, and the UNEP Special Programme. Discussions with other agencies included with the **WBCSD** on their industry chemical sector SDG roadmap and with Sweden regarding the **Alliance for High Ambition on Chemicals and Wastes**.

General Matters

IOMC agreed to update the database of country activities before the next meeting, and the Secretariat will undertake a high-level analysis. UNITAR agreed to coordinate development of an overall communications strategy for IOMC. Participants discussed the expertise of regional offices and considered an “initial overview of new initiatives (coalitions, alliances, etc.) for chemicals and waste and IOMC involvement”, agreeing to further develop this document. A progress report on the IOMC Toolbox was provided, noting progress with training workshops and that the re-designed Toolbox website should be available in early 2019.

Regarding the draft criteria to be used for considering proposed new Participating Organizations, IOMC agreed to some changes to be implemented by the Secretariat for circulation for a final check. IOMC decided to invite UNECE to the 51st meeting as an observer.

Ms. Xiaofang Zhou (UNDP) was unanimously elected as the next IOMC Chair and it was agreed to hold the 51st meeting in Istanbul hosted by UNDP after OEWG-3. The 52nd meeting will be held in Autumn 2019 hosted by UNITAR in Geneva; a 5th Inter-agency meeting may be held in conjunction with the 52nd meeting.