

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

INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 51st MEETING

16-17 April 2019, UNDP, Istanbul, Turkey

The 51st meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held 16-17 April 2019 at the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub office. Ms. Xiaofang Zhou (UNDP) chaired the meeting. The meeting discussed, *inter alia*, OEWG-3 outcomes, the role of the IOMC, EPIs, GCO-II, the IOMC Toolbox, and upcoming meetings.

Specific Matters

IOMC agreed to develop text regarding the mandates of each organization and use this, along with the evaluation of SAICM, for an assessment of IOMC at the next meeting. Additionally, the Chair requested that POs share at the next meeting **priorities for the coming 2-3 years** to continue the discussion on the strategic interests of POs and IOMC collectively. WHO volunteered to take the lead to draft input from IOMC regarding **multisectoral engagement** for the Co-Chairs of the inter-sessional process and participants made some initial suggestions, including making greater use of networks, including and possibly funding more sectoral participants, and having themes or a focus on a specific sector at the various meetings.

It was noted that side-events on **EPIs** – such as those done at OEWG-3 – were valuable and should be considered in the future. Regarding the IOMC **mercury** group, POs agreed it should meet by teleconference in advance of COP-3 and could discuss what **requests for technical assistance** are being made in the MIAs.

Regarding **financing**, participants discussed the SAICM GEF projects, plans for GEF-7 (including to raise to the GEF secretariat the interest of IOMC to develop work using the SAICM resources and noting that the **GCO-II** was an important reference that could provide ideas for possible projects), and the UNEP Special Programme.

General Matters

The BRS and Minamata Convention secretariats updated on preparations for their COPs taking place in 2019 and UNECE (also participating as an observer) noted their collaboration with IOMC POs on both PRTRs and GHS. Participants discussed the analysis of the IOMC database of country activities and UNITAR confirmed that a draft IOMC communications strategy would be developed.

A number of initiatives (coalitions, alliances, etc.) for chemicals and waste and IOMC involvement were reviewed and it was suggested that this topic could be a theme for the next Inter-agency meeting. A progress report on the IOMC Toolbox was provided, noting that a number of workshops have been held or are planned to assist with training on the Toolbox and the tools and topics.

It was agreed to hold the 52nd meeting in Geneva hosted by UNITAR in October 2019 after IP-3 and in conjunction with a 5th one-day Inter-agency meeting; the 53rd meeting will be held in Spring 2020 hosted by OECD in Paris.