

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

INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 52nd MEETING

16-17 October 2019, UNITAR, Geneva

The 52nd meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held 16-17 October 2019, hosted by UNITAR in Geneva. Ms. Xiaofang Zhou (UNDP) chaired the meeting. The meeting discussed, *inter alia*, SAICM and Beyond 2020 (including a review of IP-3 and its outcomes), role of the IOMC, EPIs, IOMC indicators of progress, outcomes of / preparations for relevant governing body meetings, individual and collective strategic interests, and financing.

Specific Matters

Regarding **IP-3**, IOMC highlighted the success of the sectoral meetings which were organized and that the IOMC indicators of progress were regularly referenced. All organizations were encouraged to participate in the technical working group on **targets, milestones, and indicators** or contribute as possible and IOMC agreed to coordinate with the SAICM secretariat on **reporting of EPIs** for ICCM-5. Regarding development of an **endorsement statement** of the Beyond 2020 framework by heads of agencies, it was suggested that organizations should already start thinking about this by reviewing the joint IOMC statement from ICCM-1 and discuss further at the next meeting.

An assessment of the IOMC reviewed the results of the final SAICM evaluation along with text regarding the mandate of each organization in order to consider the current role of IOMC and the role it could play in future. It was agreed to develop a document to explain and communicate what IOMC is about, including the vision, what each organization contributes, mandate, how work is coordinated at national level, and an indication of which specific targets and indicators IOMC may take responsibility for in the Beyond 2020 framework and any other possible support.

IOMC agreed to consider revising the title of the **IOMC indicators** (currently "IOMC indicators of progress in implementing SAICM") to reflect relevance for Beyond 2020.

General Matters

The **BRS** Conventions secretariat presented on the outcomes of the 2019 "triple COPs" and the **Minamata Convention** secretariat updated on plans for the upcoming COP-3. 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.

Regarding **financing**, participants discussed the SAICM GEF projects, projects and plans for GEF-7, and the UNEP Special Programme.

Ms. Manal Azzi (ILO) was unanimously elected as the next Chair until May 2020 (with Bob Diderich, OECD, acting as Vice-Chair during this period). From May 2020, Bob Diderich, OECD, was elected as Chair (with Manal Azzi, ILO, acting as Vice-Chair during this period). It was agreed to hold the 53rd meeting in Paris hosted by OECD in April 2020.