

## 6<sup>th</sup> Inter-agency Meeting on Sound Chemicals Management

Thursday, 25 March 2021

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The sixth “Inter-agency Meeting on Sound Chemicals Management” was held virtually on 25 March 2021 and brought together 26 participants from 19 different agencies and Secretariats.<sup>1</sup> The goal of the meeting was once again to provide an opportunity for direct dialogue between interested agencies and organisations and promote collaboration on the way forward towards the 2020 goal and beyond, in the context of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The theme of IAM-6 was “targets and indicators being considered for the Beyond 2020 instrument”.

#### ***Topics Discussed and Agreed Action Points***

During the meeting, participants considered a number of specific issue areas:

#### ***(1) Reports on outcomes of work on targets and indicators, learning from other UN frameworks, and IOMC indicators***

The co-facilitator of the VWG on targets and indicators provided a brief report on the work of the group and highlighted two main outcomes: (1) the formulations of targets based on points of convergence of views expressed by stakeholders, and (2) two options to move forward (option 1 being a continuation of work on targets, indicators and milestones by a policy expert group, and option 2 combining the work of a policy expert group with work by a subgroup more technical in nature). The UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) provided a brief summary of the webinar “Learning from other UN frameworks for SAICM beyond 2020 indicators” held on 23 March 2021, highlighting that its purpose was to assist the development of ‘SAICM beyond 2020’ with some examples from other UN processes on targets, indicators and reporting, to assist some stakeholder input on these topics. Existing IOMC indicators of progress in implementing SAICM were presented along with additional indicators that had been proposed by the UN group in the IP process.

#### ***(2) Information from all agencies related to activities on targets and indicators***

Participants provided information from their agencies regarding work on existing or planned indicators, highlighting the importance of having measurable indicators, linking to SDG and other indicator frameworks, and to look at other areas beyond chemicals and waste (such as trade). The meeting concluded by considering how to collect input for a joint document on targets, indicators and milestones to provide to Beyond 2020 stakeholders.

For more information about the Inter-Agency Meetings, please visit:

<https://partnership.who.int/iomc/inter-agency-meetings>

<sup>1</sup> Participants included representatives of the nine IOMC organizations, as well as the IAEA, IMO, OPCW, Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Convention and the Minamata Convention, UNECE, UNEP-WCMC, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, and UN OHCHR.