



Second part of the fourth meeting of the intersessional process
considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of
chemicals and waste beyond 2020 – IP4.2
Nairobi, Kenya, 27 February-3 March 2023

**IP Co-Chairs single consolidated document:
priority issues to consider**

IP4.2 discussion
Feb 15, 2023

NGO Vision of the Beyond 2020 instrument

<https://hej-support.org/SAICM-networking/>

NGP position paper for IP4

http://saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP4/2022/SAICM_IP.4_INF_32.pdf

Overarching Framework

The Beyond 2020 Framework should become an umbrella global strategy for all existing and future treaties on chemicals and waste, including legally binding and voluntary agreements.

Sustainable Financing

The Beyond 2020 framework should ensure sustainable financing to support its implementation. In addition to the Integrated Approach to long-term funding of the Chemicals and Waste Agenda, it should incorporate novel approaches focusing on the polluter-pays principle in relation to cost-internalization.

Issues of Concern

The Beyond 2020 framework should step up the work with the existing SAICM Issues of Concern and suggested candidates, including through binding instruments.

Information transparency

The Beyond 2020 framework should request the industry to make data and information on the health and environmental effects of chemicals throughout their life cycle available to stakeholders. Information on chemicals relating to the health and safety of humans and the environment should not be regarded as confidential, fully implementing the right to know.

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Mandatory National Action Plans

The Beyond 2020 framework should request governments to mandatory develop and implement national action plans (NAPs) *addressing the Strategic Objectives and targets* of the framework. A report on progress made should be publicly available and provided to the International Conference on Chemicals Management.

Gender and chemicals

The Beyond 2020 framework should include Women and Chemicals as a new issue of concern to facilitate mainstreaming gender into sound chemicals and waste management at the national and international levels.

Stakeholder engagement

The role of civil society in SAICM has always been based on equal participation in all related activities, including the decision-making process. The Beyond 2020 framework should sustain this tradition and preserve the inclusive character of the new framework.

Vulnerable populations

The Beyond 2020 framework should acknowledge that vulnerable populations unjustifiably suffer from toxic chemical exposure. It should ensure that vulnerable groups are protected from harmful chemicals, waste, and regrettable substitutions and are part of related decision-making processes.

NGO recommendations included in IP Co-Chairs single consolidated document

http://saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP4_2/SAICM_IP.4_10.docx

In the Introduction, page 5:

the need to implement the 2030 Agenda in relation to the sound management of chemicals and waste and prioritise efforts towards achievement of 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In the Scope, page 5:

the involvement of all relevant sectors and stakeholders across the life cycle at all levels;

In Operating Principles, page 5- 6:

Collaboration, page 6

Paragraphs 2,3,4 include our demands, such as "multi-stakeholder and multisectoral approach" and collaboration with existing initiatives on chemicals and waste.

Knowledge and information, page 6

Though in brackets, the text includes a paragraph about the need to promote access to information for the sound management of chemicals and waste in all relevant aspects.

Participation, page 6

The IP Co-Chairs text recognizes the importance of full and effective participation of all stakeholders

Gender, page 6

- the recognition of women as agents of change and the inclusion of gender considerations in all relevant aspects of the new instrument through inter alia the development and implementation of a gender action plan

In Targets for the sound management of chemicals and waste, page 8,9:

- The IP Co-Chairs single consolidated document contains a list of targets under the Strategic Objectives A-E, including those suggested by NGOs. Many of NGO driven targets are focused on concrete risk reduction activities and highlight crucial aspects which should be prioritised by the Beyond 2020 instrument, including the target on highly hazardous pesticides elimination, transparency of information on chemicals throughout their lifecycle, internalization of cost recovery mechanism.

See Targets A2, A5, A6,A7, B1, B2, B3, B4, D5,E4, E5.



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In Enhanced sectoral and stakeholder engagement , page 16

- the involvement and commitment of all relevant sectors and stakeholders at the local, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste

In Financial considerations, page 20

- The IP Co-Chairs single consolidated document includes text on private sector involvement, including through levies and taxes, polluter pays principle and extended producer responsibility.

However, the text is largely in brackets

In Mechanism for IoC implementation, page 14

- The IP Co-Chairs single consolidated document notes the need to develop a work plan with timelines and milestones for implementation of actions to address IoCs, including setting up a multi-stakeholder committee to oversee monitoring, reporting, periodic reviews and reporting on progress.



NGO recommendations included in IOMC CRP.4 document

IP4 Discussion Document on the Way Forward for Existing EPIs and Other Issues of Concern

http://saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP4/CRP/SAICM_IP.4_CRP.4_Rev.1.docx

States the intention to:

- a) **consider all EPIs and other issues of concern from before ICCM5 as being transitioned into any new arrangements** for “issues of [international] concern” adopted as part of the new Beyond 2020 SAICM instrument
- b) **determine and set the path forward on these existing SAICM EPIs** and other issues of concern at its sixth session [ICCM6];

Calls for continued work on EPIs adopted before 2020 to continue until ICCM6 and for a report on progress at ICCM6

Invites the responsible IOMC organizations, in consultation with stakeholders, to submit a proposal to ICCM6 including: (a) an assessment on how these EPIs and other issues of concern contribute to achieving the Strategic Objective(s) and Targets of the new instrument; b) proposing additional indicators as needed for relevant targets for these EPIs; (c) **the need to continue addressing them as “issues of [international] concern” in the new instrument and (d) opportunities to improve implementation in regions.**

NGO vision on IoCs and EPIs

The IP Co-Chairs text needs to explicitly recognise all eight issues of concern identified during SAICM (2006-2020). The work on these issues should continue as part of the Beyond 2020 instrument. Governments must recognize the link of these issues to SDGs and take strong action to implement them.

A Survey on Emerging Policy Issues and Other Issues of Concern conducted by SAICM Secretariat indicated stakeholder willingness to continue the work on all eight IoCs.

Progress evaluation of IoCs implementation

Determining the need for further work, including elevated obligations on an issue, should be based on the results of a progress evaluation. A way forward is described in an NGO document entitled “New Mechanism of Action: elevation of obligations to progress SAICM Issues of Concerns (IoCs) in the post 2020 multilateral regime for chemicals and waste.”

Practical steps forward to address SAICM IoC

Triggers for moving Issues of Concern (IoC) to the level with increased obligations - The suggested triggers can be used to evaluate progress in IoC implementation.

[NGO Information-On-IoC-criteria Update30Sept.pdf](#)
([saicm.org](#))

(http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP3/stakeholders/NGO_Information-On-IoC-criteria_Update30Sept.pdf)

CiP, HHPs, PFAS case studies

- <http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP3/stakeholders/IPEN-Case-CiP.pdf>
- <http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP3/stakeholders/IPEN-Case-HHPs.pdf>
- <http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP3/stakeholders/IPEN-Case-PFAS.pdf>

Global Minimum Transparency Standard – a tool to disclose information on hazardous chemicals in products

<https://www.globalchemicaltransparency.org/>

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Information transparency in Targets under Strategic Objective B

- In the [position paper for IP4](#), NGOs noted the importance for the Beyond 2020 instrument to stress the responsibility of the industry to make data and information on the health and environmental effects of chemicals throughout their life cycle available to stakeholders.
- Target B1 - By 20xx, comprehensive data and information on chemicals, throughout their lifecycle, **[including as parts of materials and products]** are generated, made available and accessible .
- Target B2- By 20XX, stakeholders in the value chain ensure that reliable information on chemicals in **[materials and]** articles is available throughout their life cycle **[including at the waste stage]**, to enable informed decisions and safe management of chemicals in a clean circular economy.
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Financial considerations

- In the [position paper for IP4](#), NGOs supported the proposal for a global tax to be levied on producers of basic chemicals as outlined in [The Centre for International Environmental Law \(CIEL\) and IPEN's report](#). These funds could be used to build the necessary infrastructure for sound chemicals and waste management in the Global South. **The Beyond 2020 instrument should ensure that the new funding mechanism will apply to all stakeholders, including civil society organizations, working on sound chemicals and waste management.**
- At IP4.2, delegates should remove brackets in Part B on Private Sector Involvement, paragraph 9, to ensure that levies and taxes, internalization of cost, precautionary principle, polluter pays principle are included in the text.

A Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides
http://saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP4/2022/SAICM_IP.4_INF_38.pdf

- should be established by ICCM5 to promote a global phase out of HHPs and the adoption of safer and more sustainable alternatives.
- should be convened as a voluntary, collaborative and multi-stakeholder initiative under the auspices of FAO, UNEP, WHO and ILO

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