

VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON TARGETS, INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

SECOND REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

Group Mandate: make proposals that progress work on this topic in lead-up to IP4, building on the outcome of the Technical Working Group as presented in meeting documents SAICM/IP.4/3 and SAICM/IP.4/INF/15. Specific tasks include:

- (i) Finalize the targets proposal currently set out in SAICM/IP.4/3, with a view to enable multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral commitment and action, where appropriate;
- (ii) Develop a set of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones for finalized targets.

Instructions for providing electronic feedback:

Please provide electronic feedback on:

Part (i) General comments and proposed text edits to existing text on targets under **Strategic Objective D**.

Part (ii) General comments and proposed text edits to existing text on targets under **Strategic Objective E**.

Please refer the following meeting documents for more detailed information on each target:

- [SAICM/IP.4/3](#) - Proposed targets prepared by the Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
- [SAICM/IP.4/INF/15](#) - Supplementary information on proposed targets prepared by the **Technical Working Group** on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Please submit your feedback, if possible in a **microsoft word file** to the SAICM Secretariat at saicm.chemicals@un.org, with a copy to delfina.cuglievan@un.org by **Monday, 30 November 2020**.

Submission from the following organizations and stakeholders:

Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)
Pesticide Action Network (PAN International)
groundWork South Africa
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
Toxisphera
Commonweal
BUND/Friends of the Earth, Germany
Form Environment and Development, Germany

General comment

All suggested targets are very general in nature and not specific enough to achieve focused action and progress. More work should be done to accommodate targets with concrete deadlines and risk reduction activities.

PART (i) Provide *a)* general comments and *b)* proposed text edits on existing text for targets under Strategic Objective D

**please try to insert comments in revisions mode below*

Strategic Objective D: Benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and **harm are is** prevented or, where not feasible, minimized through safer **alternatives**, innovative and **sustainable solutions*** and forward thinking. Further discussion is needed in regards in the use of the term “safe[r]”.

Considerations: Intended to cover the ongoing need for innovative thinking and solutions to address current and future aspects of managing chemicals and waste, such as life-cycle management, the circular economy, green and sustainable chemistry, safer alternatives, better recycling technologies and resource efficiency.

* need to clarify what “sustainable solutions” means

Target D.1. Companies adopt and implement policies and practices consistently, regardless of where they operate, to produce and use **green and** sustainable and safer alternatives** and deploy life cycle management and cleaner production technologies. Target D4 subsumed in D1.

**Need to clarify what sustainable alternatives means. There is a need to have a reference to a definition of sustainable and green chemistry.

Target D.2 All stakeholders [~~Countries~~][~~governments~~] [~~Countries~~][~~governments~~] (globally, regionally, sub-regionally, nationally) implement policies that encourage production using natural products or non-chemicals **s alternatives**, facilitate the minimization of waste, re-use and ~~the recycling and re-use of products (circular economy), and the adoption of~~ **green sustainable***** and safe(r) alternatives, including cleaner production technologies.

*** Need to have a reference to the definition on what sustainable means

~~Alt. D.2. [~~Countries~~][~~governments~~] (globally, regionally, sub-regionally, nationally) implement policies that encourage production using sustainable and safe(r) alternatives including cleaner production technologies and facilitate recycling and re-use of products (circular economy).~~

Target D.3 Companies, including from the investment sector, incorporate strategies and policies to implement the sound management of chemicals [and waste] in their investment approaches and business models and apply internationally- recognized reporting standards****.

**** the clarification is needed of what internationally -recognised reporting standards mean

~~**Target D.4** This target is considered a subset of Target D1 with one amendment made to D1 to explicitly mention life cycle management. The target has been dropped and the indicators have all been moved to D1.~~

Target D5. Industry associations **ensure** change towards sustainability and the safe management of chemicals {and waste} ~~and consumer products throughout their life cycles, and the~~ **including information disclosure of chemicals in products throughout their life cycles within and beyond** value chains, ~~including in sharing information~~ and building the capacity of small, medium, and micro-sized enterprises.

PART (ii) Provide *a) general comments and b) proposed text edits on existing text for targets under Strategic Objective E*

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Strategic Objective E: {The importance of the sound management of chemicals and waste as an essential element to achieving sustainable development is recognized by all}; adequate financial and non-financial resources are {identified and} mobilized; **measurable** actions are accelerated; and necessary {transparent and accountable} partnerships are established to foster cooperation among stakeholders}.

Considerations: Intended to address the need for high-level commitment across sectoral boundaries, to ensure appropriate attention is given and action taken to accelerate progress, and to contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Target E.1. All countries and stakeholder organizations at the high{est} level recognize the importance of and demonstrate their commitment to the sound management of chemicals {and waste} as a contribution to sustainable development {and the 2030 Agenda}.

Target E.2 Policies for sound management of chemicals and {waste} are integrated into local, national, sub regional, regional {global}-development strategies. Further discussion is needed on the inclusion of “global” development strategies.

Target E.3 Partnerships and networks amongst sectors and stakeholders are strengthened ~~and~~ **to** achieve the sound management of chemicals {and waste}~~—in a transparent and accountable way.~~

Target E.4 Financial and non-financial resources needed to achieve the sound management of chemicals {and waste} are identified and mobilized in all sectors by and for all stakeholders. Further discussion of Target E4 is needed, including on the addition of a reference to the Integrated Approach to Financing.

Target E.5 Gaps between developed and developing countries the implementation of sound management of chemicals {and waste} are identified and ~~narrowed~~ **eliminated** .

New proposed targets: Please, refer to IPEN submission

Targets	SDGs
E1: By 2030, gaps between developed and developing countries are narrowed in terms of the implementation of sound management of chemicals and waste.	12
E2: By 2030, adequate, predictable, and sustainable financing is available for national implementation of sound management of chemicals and wastes.	12, 17
E3: By 2030, at least 50% of financing for the sound management of chemicals and waste comes from the private sector through taxes and contributions to a global fund.	12, 17
E4: By 2025, partnership agreements with the private sector are publicly available and consistent with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.	12, 17
E5: By 2025, all countries have ended fossil-fuel subsidies.	12, 13, 17