



ICCA Support for the Beyond 2020 Framework
General Positions ahead of the SAICM Fourth Intersessional Process Meeting (IP-4)

The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), which represents chemical associations and companies across the globe, remains committed to achieving the sound management of chemicals and waste (SMCW) globally. ICCA supports the broad consensus among the SAICM stakeholders on the benefits of continuing with the voluntary, multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach of SAICM in the Beyond 2020 Framework. We believe that SAICM is the appropriate forum in which to discuss the many global chemicals and waste management challenges and harness resources to close the gap between developed countries and developing countries in the SMCW.

Improving Capacity Building

The new framework should strive for meaningful partnerships aimed at delivering tangible progress on the ground, via capacity building and support for the development and implementation of legal and proportionate fee-based chemicals management frameworks in all countries.

ICCA executes capacity building programs around the world, aiming to achieve the SAICM objectives: risk reduction, knowledge and information sharing, governance, capacity-building and technical cooperation, and reducing illegal international trafficking. Fundamental to our capacity building program are our regional regulatory cooperation initiatives. These initiatives promote the use of good regulatory practices in helping local governments, particularly in countries lacking chemicals management infrastructure, establish regulatory environments that protect human health, safety, environment, and security, while encouraging investment and free and open trade. Below, we highlight two regional examples of these industry-regulator partnerships led by ICCA.

Latin America

The Latin American Regulatory Cooperation Forum (LARCF) is an initiative to promote regulatory cooperation and best practices in chemicals management throughout Latin America. Over the course of the past two years, LARCF has held 10 technical webinars (with average attendance of over 250 stakeholders) and developed 2 key guidance documents (and is in the process of developing a third).

Southeast Asia

The ASEAN Regulatory Cooperation Project (ARCP) began its regulator-industry initiative in 2015. With the shift to virtual engagements over the past few years, ARCP held eight workshops (with average attendance of over 200 stakeholders) focusing on GHS alignment, chemical inventory requirements, and prioritization of risk assessments. ARCP also published two guidance documents and is in the process of developing additional guidance documents to increase the capacity of regulators and industry in the region.

ICCA Tools & Programs

ICCA is also committed to developing tools to support capacity building, including information sharing and the implementation of chemicals management systems. Together with UNEP and with input from many SAICM stakeholders, we have developed an eLearning course on chemical information databases.

ICCA has also developed a Regulatory Toolbox highlighting best practice approaches to chemical regulations.

ICCA continues to enhance and expand its voluntary commitments, such as Responsible Care® (RC), industry commitment to environmental health, and safety. While not a substitute for legal frameworks, RC is an important tool to elevate the operations and standards for EHS among companies participating in the program.

Financial Commitments and Partnerships

In addition to the ongoing efforts discussed above, ICCA remains committed to supporting SAICM and the Beyond 2020 Framework through monetary and in-kind resources. **We are pleased to announce that ICCA recently doubled its annual contributions to the SAICM Secretariat with the desire to advance tangible projects that are key in building capacity for chemicals management.** As part of that commitment, we are partnering with UNEP and many other SAICM stakeholders to advance a pilot program to implement GHS in four African countries. This long-term, multi-stakeholder project connects local governments with industry with access to broader global resources. We trust this project will serve as a model to expand in other countries and regions.

We welcome more opportunities to partner on more specific projects aimed at closing the gap between developed and developing countries to promote the adoption of sound chemicals management regimes. As many have noted in the negotiations of the new Beyond 2020 framework, the status quo is not an option. Together, we must consider new ideas and opportunities to facilitate such partnerships, while avoiding duplication and reducing inefficiencies. **This requires a sustainable financing mechanism where financial means from a diverse set of stakeholders flow to clearly identified projects with concrete deliverables and adequate commitment mechanism.** SAICM is currently lacking a mechanism which fosters an efficient and effective financial commitment to meaningful projects. Focusing solely on increasing the pot of money, however, will not solve our persistent challenges of establishing and enforcing fit-for-purpose and fee-based legally binding chemicals management systems.

Recommendations for IP-4 Participants

In this vein, industry welcomes the creation of a **Capacity Building Clearinghouse Mechanism to match the identified need by countries for concrete projects in support of the SAICM objectives, with financial means and expertise provided by donors.** We welcome the SAICM Secretariat's inclusion of the Capacity Building Clearinghouse Mechanism in its Capacity Building Strategy. We strongly support partnering with like-minded stakeholders and defining win-win-win opportunities and the identification of specific projects that promote the SAICM objectives. **We call upon all SAICM stakeholders to support the working intersessional arrangements required for establishing such a mechanism at ICCM-5.**

ICCA similarly supports the development of tangible indicators for measuring progress on the promulgation of sound chemicals management systems. ICCA appreciates efforts by certain stakeholders to determine **measurable targets and objectives** that are based on the **Overall Orientation and Guidance** (OOG) elements to define progress towards the implementation of the SDG's 2030 Agenda. With regards to stakeholders engagement, we recommend the inclusion of **concrete actions by key stakeholders** linked to the agreed objectives and targets, based on the aforementioned 11 OOG basic elements and 6 core activities.

To conclude, ICCA iterates that more meaningful partnerships on more specific projects serving the SAICM objectives are needed. A post 2020 SAICM should focus on increasing efforts on the most pertinent, high-priority issues, namely, enhancing basic capacity to manage chemicals and waste safely in countries that need it most (e.g., having effective legal and proportionate fee-based chemicals legislation in place with robust regulatory regimes and proper GHS implementation). The Beyond 2020 Framework requires work and support from all stakeholders, and we applaud the many contributions highlighted by the stakeholders participating in this process.

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