

The background of the page features a stylized illustration of two hands, one on the left and one on the right, rendered in a light green color. The hands are positioned as if they are holding or supporting several chemical spheres. These spheres are also light green and have small, dark rectangular labels attached to them by thin lines, resembling molecular models or laboratory equipment. The overall background is a gradient of green, transitioning from a darker shade at the bottom to a lighter, almost white shade at the top right.

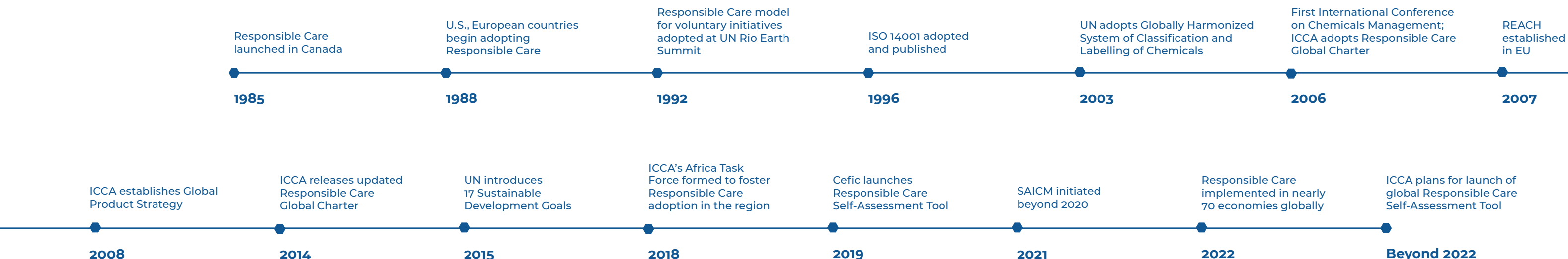
# Responsible Care®

---

Responsible Care® is the global chemical industry's voluntary initiative to foster safe management of chemicals and continually improve the environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) performance of our processes, operations and products.

Beginning in Canada in 1985, today, Responsible Care® is practiced in nearly 70 global economies and is an essential part of ICCA's contribution to the **Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management** to promote chemical safety and sustainability around the world.

## More Than 35 Years of Responsible Care®



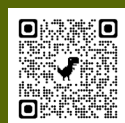
### Responsible Care® Global Charter

CEOs from leading chemical suppliers and manufacturers around the world have signed the Responsible Care Global Charter, which outlines our unified commitment to:

- Enable a corporate leadership culture that supports safe chemicals management;
- Safeguard people and the environment through continuous process improvement;
- Strengthen chemical management systems around the world;
- Influence business partners to transparently report progress;
- Engage stakeholders to promote chemical safety; and
- Contribute to sustainability.

While Responsible Care requirements can vary from region to region, a set of ICCA implementation milestones enables national associations to track progress to build and grow Responsible Care.

A fundamental component of Responsible Care is adoption of codes, guidance, policies or procedures around a set of core values and objectives. By implementing a common management approach, national associations can connect the Responsible Care principles to national and international practices, standards, and sustainability principles.



### Enabling Continual Progress

ICCA's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) reporting tool enables national associations to work with companies in their regions to collect and report data on industry performance metrics related to:

- Workplace Safety;
- Energy and Water Consumption;
- CO2 Emissions; and
- Process Safety Incidents.

Building on a model first used in Europe, ICCA is also developing a Self-Assessment Tool for global use to connect Responsible Care with broader international standards in the fields of sustainability, corporate social responsibility, health, safety and environment, and efficiency.

It also introduces four "maturity" levels, describing four different levels of Responsible Care implementation. This can help attract more small and medium-sized enterprises that are interested in joining Responsible Care and are looking for a starting point.

Access the full 2021 ICCA Responsible Care Status Report by scanning the following QR Code.

### Expanding Responsible Care® Around the Globe

#### Global Capacity Building Activities

With a focus on China, India and Africa, ICCA provides financial and technical resources to support capacity building to advance Responsible Care adoption and implementation.

These efforts focus on:

- Promoting awareness of and knowledge about chemical hazards;
- Managing risks associated with manufacture and use of chemicals; and
- Developing the necessary national infrastructure and capacities for regulatory and voluntary approaches to chemical management.

Since 2019, ICCA has contributed approximately €860,000 to support 79 capacity building projects promoting Responsible Care:

- 2019**  
26 workshops and events  
19 countries
- 2020**  
14 workshops and events  
11 countries
- 2021**  
20 workshops and events  
16 countries
- 2022**  
17 workshops and events  
15 countries

The Romanian Chemicals Producers and Distributors Association (APDCR) joined Responsible Care in 2020

Responsible Care Kenya (RCK) formed in 2021 — hosted by the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM)

#### Peer Mentoring Network

ICCA member associations and companies have access to a global network of experienced practitioners to help enhance safety, health and environmental protection.

Experienced practitioners lend expertise to online workshops and specialist topics, including GHS implementation and UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods legislation.

### The Journey Toward Sustainability

Chemistry plays an essential role in driving progress across all three dimensions of sustainable development — environmental, social and economic.

Responsible Care enables the industry to foster sustainable development practices, community relationships and a culture of continuous improvement.

While Responsible Care is the foundation of the chemical industry's commitment to sustainability, our industry's contributions to sustainability are much broader. Innovative products and technologies that depend on chemistry will play a critical role in meeting the challenges and targets set out across the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Learn more about ICCA's contributions to each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by scanning the QR code.





**Responsible Care<sup>®</sup>**  
OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY



International  
Council of  
Chemical  
Associations