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Overview of Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste in Kenya

Chemicals of concern in Kenya

- Chemicals contribute 8-10% of GDP
- Kenya is also a transit country for chemicals and wastes:
- Key chemicals sectors in Kenya are:
  - Industrial chemicals
  - Pesticides and herbicide's
  - Food additives
  - Plastics
  - Counterfeits
Efforts towards Sound Chemicals Management

Efforts towards Sound Chemicals Management in Line with SAICM objectives

• Kenya has participated in almost all Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCMs) and was President of ICCM4.

• It is also Party to Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Convention, and signatory to Minamata convention.

• It has developed the Kenya’s Chemicals Profile, A Kenya SAICM Implementation Plan has been developed through public participation.

• Domesticated many chemicals and waste MEAS
Efforts towards Sound Chemicals Management

- Kenya has Intense cooperation with the IOMC members (UNDP, UNIDO, WHO, UNEP, FAO, WB) on their areas of specialisation and intervention on Chemicals Management in the Environment.

- Unfortunately Sound management of chemicals is not sufficiently mainstreamed into decision making processes and national planning and SAICM guidance counties to be important especially the OOG.

- Implementation of chemicals related MEAs and voluntary instruments are not so advanced but are progressing well though the SAICM Risk Reduction & Governance objectives.

- New laws and regulations are being developed to implement the provisions of SAICM.
Linkages with the industry

Pesticides and agrochemicals

• Pesticides have an umbrella organisation agrochemicals association of Kenya
• The risks by chemicals is well articulated by SAICM.
• Kenya has very good capacity for monitoring agrochemicals
• All listed chemicals have had one action or the other. BRS domestication are well followed closely and systematically

Manufacturing, services and Plastics

• KAM membership constitutes 40% of manufacturing value-add industries in Kenya and comprises of small, medium and large enterprises.
• Approximately 30% a semiautonomous government agencies
• Many voluntary initiatives that support SAICM
Implementing SAICM in Kenya and Minamata Convention

- A multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach in chemicals management in Kenya is being implemented e.g.:
  - The private sector specifically KAM is implementing responsible care (RC) and best practices.
  - The aim is to have 50% chemical companies operating in Kenya sign on to implement RC by 2020.
  - Other Stakeholders such as NGOs are involved in the Mercury Reduction ASGM and Phase-Out of Mercury Added Products.
  - The Academia: Global Monitoring Programme (GMP) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Lead Paints Alliance – Lead Paint Elimination.
Efforts Supporting Government of Kenya to Ratification of the Minamata Convention

- Kenya has undertaken a profile using the UNEP Toolkit and which prioritized mercury issues.
- Kenya’s road map for ratification and domestication of the Minamata Convention are at an advance stage.
- Important Annexes being:
  - Article 7 on Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining
  - Annex A (Mercury-added products),
  - Anne B (Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used,
Responsible Care Addressing Chemical Risks

Responsible Care as SAICM tool

• RC a tool on Promoting Sound Chemicals Management by the Industry.
• It aims to promote sound management of chemicals through:
  ✓ more effective risk assessment and prioritization,
  ✓ promote responsible production ensure good practices for the chemical producers, users an regulators and
  ✓ promote the early response of the stakeholders to MEAs decisions
• Its led by Kenya Association Manufacturers (KAM) and a committee has been formed to implement it.
Regional Efforts for Chemical Management

Regional setup

• There is already a Ministry of East African Community (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi)

• A number of government to government initiatives are being undertaken. The most important being Kenya-Tanzania and Kenya Uganda on the phase-out of lead in petrol.

• Kenya is serving as the East African Secretariat on Lead Paint. The Bureau of Standards are working on a common standard of lead in paint.
Future of SAICM and Minamata Convention

2020 and beyond

• New laws and regulations are being developed to implement the provisions of SAICM.

• Kenya now has “Draft Toxic and Hazardous Chemicals Management Regulations” that seeks:
  ✓ To implement the provisions of the Chemicals MEAs, and especially
  ✓ Use the regulation to control specific chemicals especially mercury and lead
Future of SAICM and Minamata Convention

2020 and beyond

• National Chemical Policy being finalized.
• National Strategy for Chemicals Management being developed.
• Capacity building on Sound Management of Chemical.
  ✓ In 10 key Chemical Institutions to address chemicals issues
• Regional activities and addressing illegal trade in priority chemicals.
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