Enhancing the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste beyond 2020

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Key functions needed to enhance SMCW

• Proposed strengthening SMCW through a more broadly mandated ICCM; and an enhanced and strengthened IOMC

• **Six core functional recommendations** (beyond a revitalised SAICM):
  1. Enhance public and political priority for SMCW to up-scaled action;
  2. Strengthen the science-policy interface to inform policy and action;
  3. Improve coherence, coordination and efficiency of policy & action;
  4. Build capacities, coordinate and mobilise accessible support resources;
  5. Review and follow-up assessment of SMCW progress as a basis to inform shifts or adjustments in policy and action;
  6. Achieve the above 5 recommendations by mobilizing broader participation and ownership through a UNGA resolution.
1. Shared vision, priority, ambitious goals and targets

A shared SMCW vision creates global momentum;

• In fact, a global SMCW shared vision already adopted in SDG;

• Current IP work on vision is SDG-based to guide SMCW sectors and actors;

• However, some criticism of this work includes concerns that:
  o Insufficient participation and ownership by all;
  o Effort to mobilize inclusiveness could delay or confuse the IP;
  o Linking to 2030 Agenda could be interpreted as “short-termism”.

• Therefore recommended to
  o Gain broad participation and ownership through a UNGA process
  o Frame 2030 targets as milestones toward a timeless vision
2. Strengthening the science-policy interface to inform coherent policy and action

A comprehensive multi-sector SPI platform on SMCW is needed to:

- Assess production and use information with costs of inaction
- Assess responses with benefits of action
- Provide early warning assessments of issues of concern
- Engage in communication and outreach to disseminate findings

3 options

- Best practice indicates a need for an independent SDG specific SPI
- In keeping with “build on existing” concept:
  - IOMC develop a model assessment process cutting across all sectors and potentially linked to informing the preparation of GCO-III
  - Establish a ICCM science/technical subsidiary structure
3. Improving policy coherence, synergies and efficiency

- Enhance participation in the IOMC and shift from administrative coordination to include strategic planning
  - Broaden participation of other entities (e.g. Secretariats of the BRS, Minamata Convention, Montreal Protocol, IMO, ICAO etc.)
  - Enrich the IOMC with intergovernmental representation from IGO governing bodies to directly consider policy barriers to delivery

- Broaden the mandate of the ICCM:
  - Enable inter-governmental guidance of policy, planning and resourcing needs for consideration by IOMC governing bodies;
  - The ICCM acts in close cooperation with the enhanced IOMC;
4. Building capacity and mobilising resources

- A persistent lack of capacity in many (developing) countries
- The solution is access to and investment in technology, skills, regulatory systems and institutional infrastructure to;
  - Strengthen and coordinate existing sources of finance for technology, systems and institutional capacity; and
  - Mobilize public finance to leverage private sector investment in these
- Recommendation = Establish an arrangement or structure for capacity building, technology and finance to:
  - Develop coordinating guidance recommendations for consideration by governing bodies of financial institutions, IGOs and governments
  - Enhance cooperation and communication to build effective multi-sector and stakeholder processes and partnerships
- An enhanced Special Programme could fulfil these functions
5. Review and follow-up

- Need to track collective SDG related SMCW progress and challenges, particularly to enhance cross-sector action
- Not in existing HLPF reviews, but under ICCM mandate.
- Recommend:
  - Firstly – IOMC elaborate their overview of SMCW-related elements of the SDGs as basis for a model to review of collective progress
  - Secondly – ICCM structure, supported by IOMC, to access available information in a meta-review to assess collective global progress
- Review results considered at high-level (ICCM report to UNGA) to facilitate implementation efforts, as needed
6. Enhancing SMCW within the UN system (I)

Recommend going beyond a revitalised SAICM.

- ICCM needs a mandate to execute these 5 functional areas thru
  - A High-level Declaration and the ICCM resolution on SAICM and the SMCW beyond 2020
  - That is adopted/endorsed by a forum that has the legal mandate and that has broad multi-sector representation (the UN General Assembly (UNGA))

- To ensure ongoing political priority for the SMCW agenda
  - Integrate the ICCM as part of UN reporting architecture on the international effort to achieve the SDGs,
  - While upholding respective legal mandates of autonomous governing bodies
6. Enhancing SMCW within the UN system (II)

Substantive elements of a ICCM5 High Level Declaration

• Outline SMCW vision, goals and targets (SDG-based)
• Call for the IOMC to broaden participation and enable strategic planning through intergovernmental participation
• Broaden the mandate for the ICCM to include SMCW guidance
• Establish a strengthened the science-policy interface
• Support action by establishing a Capacity, Technology and Finance arrangement or structure
• Develop a system to track and review collective progress to inform follow up recommendations for SMCW globally
6. Enhancing SMCW within the UN system III

• The High Level declaration would be introduced to the UNGA for endorsement by a group of countries (such as HAA)
• The resultant UN initiating resolution should include:
  o Reference to the additional functional areas and structural arrangements for the ICCM;
  o Inviting IOMC governing bodies to enhance the structure and function
  o Urge full participation by IGOs, MEAs and initiatives governing bodies, within their mandates;
  o Call for multi-sector governmental and invite multi-stakeholder participation.
• If adopted/endorsed, ICCM6 has the mandate to transform.
• This may necessitate an IP process for ICCM6
Thank you!

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