
Development of Integrated National Programmes for Sound Chemicals Management:

Of Relevance to SAICM?

A SAICM PrepCom 2 Side Event

Tuesday, 5 October 2004
13:15 – 14:45

(lunch provided, room to be announced)

PrepCom II delegates are invited to join representatives from pilot countries and stakeholder groups to discuss experiences of establishing national coordinating platforms to facilitate integrated chemicals management.



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INTER-ORGANIZATION PROGRAMME FOR THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS
A cooperative agreement among UNEP, ILO, FAO, WHO, UNIDO, UNITAR and OECD

Background

A number of countries have initiated the development of an *Integrated National Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (INP)* in collaboration with UNITAR/IOMC and with funding of the Swiss Government.¹ The integrated chemicals management concept involves the establishment of a national collaborative platform which formalizes inter-ministerial coordination and ensures systematic stakeholder involvement. The platform serves as a framework to develop National Chemical Management Profiles, to strengthen national information exchange and to develop a coordinated financial resource mobilisation strategy, for example. It also facilitates coordinated action plan development for substantive areas which benefit from integrated approaches, such as establishment of poison control centres, GHS implementation or capacity building for integrated import control. An important aspect of developing an INP is the identification and implementation of synergies for capacity building under international chemicals management agreements.²

Objective of the Side Event

The side event has the objective to brief SAICM delegates about the INP concept, to share practical experience gained in countries, and to facilitate a discussion regarding the ways in which the concept may be relevant for the further development of SAICM.

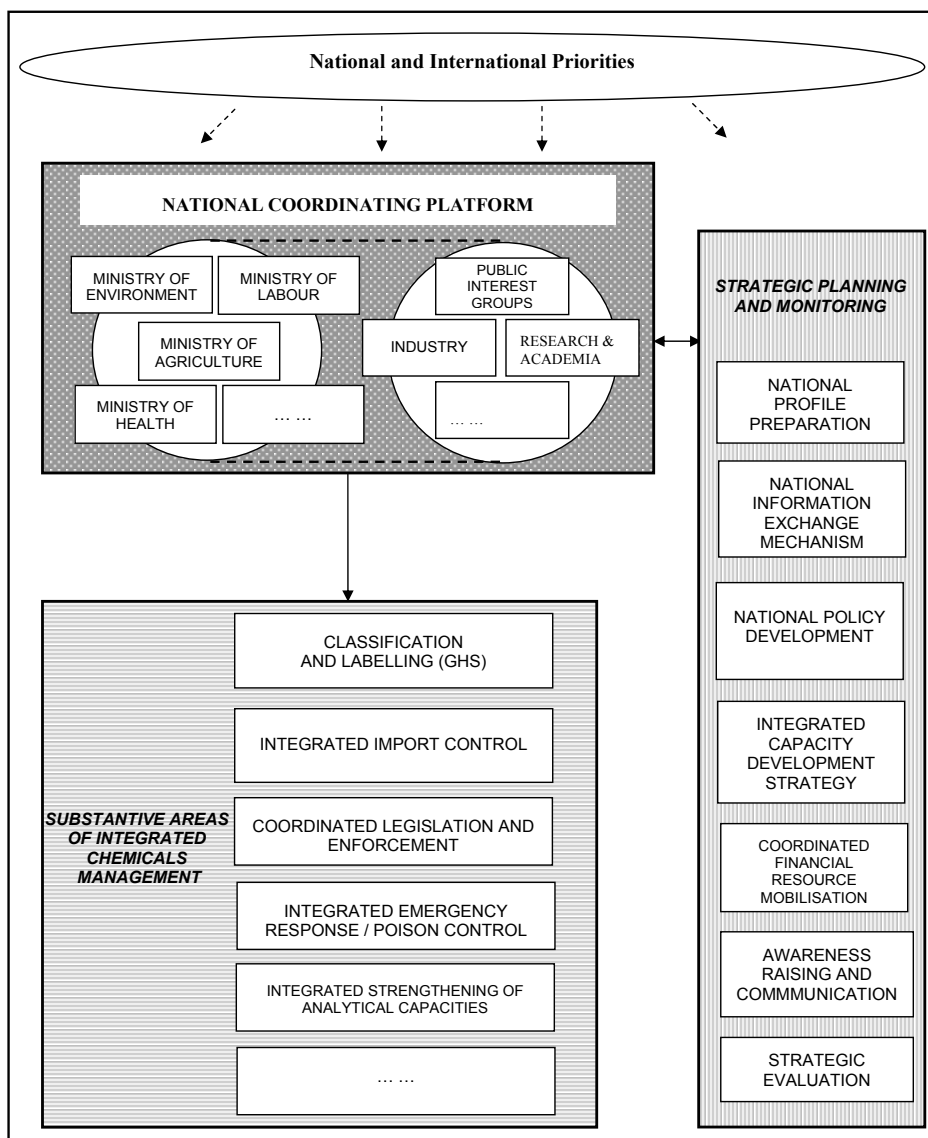
Organization

The event is organised by UNITAR, in collaboration with its international partners, and with financial support of the Government of Switzerland. A light lunch will be provided to participants. The main working language of the meeting will be English, but participants may intervene and ask questions in other languages. The precise location of the event will be announced at PrepCom 2. The event does not require formal registration.

¹ Pilot countries supported by UNITAR/IOMC with financial support from the Government of Switzerland have included Argentina, Armenia, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Senegal, Slovenia, Sri Lanka and Tchad.

² A Global Thematic Workshop on this topic took place from 30 March – 2 April 2004 and its conclusions have been summarized in SAICM PrepCom 2 information document INF 5. Other workshop documents are available at the workshop website: www.unitar.org/cwm/c/tw/ws8/index.htm.

Framework for an Integrated National Programme for Sound Chemicals Management³



³ For additional information regarding the INP methodology, please refer to the draft UNITAR Guidance Document "Developing and Sustaining an Integrated National Programme for Sound Chemicals Management", available on the UNITAR website www.unitar.org/cwm/publications/inp.htm.

Draft Programme*

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Welcome, Ibrahima Sow, Ministry for Environment and Nature Protection, Senegal (Moderator)

Introduction to the INP Concept, Achim Halpaap, UNITAR

Presentation of Case Examples from Countries (6-7 minutes each)

- Princess Osbourne, Ministry of Health, Jamaica
- Anahit Aleksandryan, Ministry of Nature Protection, Armenia
- Gamini Manuweera, Office of the Registrar of Pesticides, Sri Lanka

Discussant Perspectives (3-4 minutes each)

- Mark Hyman, Department of Environment and Heritage, Australia
- Steve Gorman, World Bank
- Lorraine Lotter, ICCA
- Olga Speranskaya, IPEN

The INP Concept: Of Relevance to SAICM? Franz Perrez, Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape

Open Discussion

CD ROM on Synergies for Capacity Building

Participants will receive a complementary copy of the new UNITAR CD-Rom "Synergies for Capacity Building Under International Chemicals and Waste Management Agreement". It contains comprehensive information on 53 international agreements concerned with chemicals and waste management, as well as related resource documents related to integrated capacity building for synergy development.

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