

## Working Group 13: Opportunities for Informing the SAICM Process

### Conclusions:

All participants support integrated synergistic approach to the implementation of conventions and agreements but stress the level of integration will vary with different countries and regions. integration will be different across different regions, countries developed vs developing...not everyone sure that integration will bring countries to achieve the same standards at the same time.

And SAICM is still being developed so it is not clear how integration will work ...

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- A. All conclusions of all the WGs must proceed to SAICM including recommendations about resources, capacity building, information exchange, risk assessment and management, legislation.
- B. An identified priority is to develop and achieve coordination model to ensure synergy across national, regional and international levels. This requires a clear mechanism or modus operandi for better coordination between focal points, regional groups & organizations and Convention Secretariats.

This requires communication from national to REGIONAL TO international and international to national, a two way flow of information.

SAICM should organise a forum for Secretariats & UN Agency.  
Need to stop duplication SO what happens to IFCS after SAICM

Need only one organisation doing CB & Secretariats need to coordinate better

- C. A priority is to coordinate agreements and conventions to achieve synergy for complete life cycle management and perhaps this could be achieved through one common agenda or action plan developed at SAICM or in countries.

### Added issues:

Countries cant succeed in integration without adequate \$ and manpower...makes regional cooperation more important . eg RA in Rotterdam.

Legislation may be needed to ensure synergy under SAICM

SAICM Questionnaire need to be resent formally (not just be available on the website) to all focal point

Capacity building in countries should go hand in hand with the negotiating process for possible new agreements so countries can keep up.

NGOs need to be expanded to include workers, health groups, etc

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