

Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

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Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

- UN agreement for sound management of chemicals
- Starting point for international chemicals management policy
- Implications for your company & products: covers chemicals at all stages of their lifecycles, including in products
- Platform to help establish CMS as best practice internationally?

Background



- World Summit on Sustainable Development, 2002, agreement to:
Develop a strategic approach to international chemicals management to achieve by 2020 that chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and environment...

Background



...using transparent **science-based risk assessment procedures and science-based risk management procedures**, taking into account the precautionary approach, as set out in principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment & Development...

Background



...and support developing countries in strengthening their capacity for the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes by providing technical and financial assistance...



Background

- Achieve sound management of chemicals by 2020
- Using science and risk-based approaches
- Supporting developing countries to ensure they have capacity to do this



SAICM Development

- Competing philosophies in SAICM negotiations
 - Government driven, precautionary approach; top-down implementation
 - Market-driven, science & risk based approach; bottom-up implementation
 - Development emphasis; binding financial commitments for implementation

SAICM Development



- SAICM adopted at the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM), Dubai, February 2006
 - Over 100 governments
 - Business organizations
 - International NGOs
- Beginning of a **15 year implementation process**

SAICM Implementation: International

- International level
 - IGO projects (UNEP, WHO, OECD, etc.)
 - International Conference on Chemicals Management (**2009, 2012, 2015, 2020**)
 - IFCS Forum VI (**2009**)?
 - UN CSD to cover Chemicals (**2010, 2011**)

SAICM Implementation: Regional

- Regional Implementation Meetings
 - Africa, Cairo: September 14 – 16, 2006
 - WEOG, Barcelona: Nov 20 – 22, 200
 - Central & Eastern Europe, Riga: Dec 4 – 6
 - GRULAC, Bolivia: March 2007 (tbd)
 - Asia-Pacific, Bangkok: April 2007 (tbd)

Business Engagement in SAICM

- Direct participation for NGOs (including business)
- USCIB → ICC → SAICM
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC): entire chemicals value chain
- Also ICCA, ICCM, CropLife



Next Steps for Chemical Strategies Partnership?

Opportunity to:

- Raise awareness of CMS globally
- Establish CMS as best practice and tool for SAICM implementation
- Defend philosophies on which CMS based – market driven, risk-based approach w/proven results
- The time is now!



Next Steps for Chemical Strategies Partnership?

- Link CMS with SAICM Objectives & id how CSP will contribute to reaching 2020 goal
- Communicate with government leads for SAICM where CMS established (US, other?)
- Communicate w/UNEP Chemicals & SAICM Secretariat
- Participate directly in SAICM process
 - via USCIB → ICC
 - Establish CSP in process?
 - 2009 ICCM *



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