



# Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

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# What is SAICM ?

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- SAICM is an international non-binding policy framework to support efforts to achieve the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (WSSD) goal for chemicals, notably
  - “achieve by 2020 that chemicals are used & produced in ways that lead to the minimization of adverse effects on human health & the environment”
- Adopted by Ministers, Heads of delegation & representatives of civil society & private sector at International Conference on Chemicals Management (Dubai, 2006)

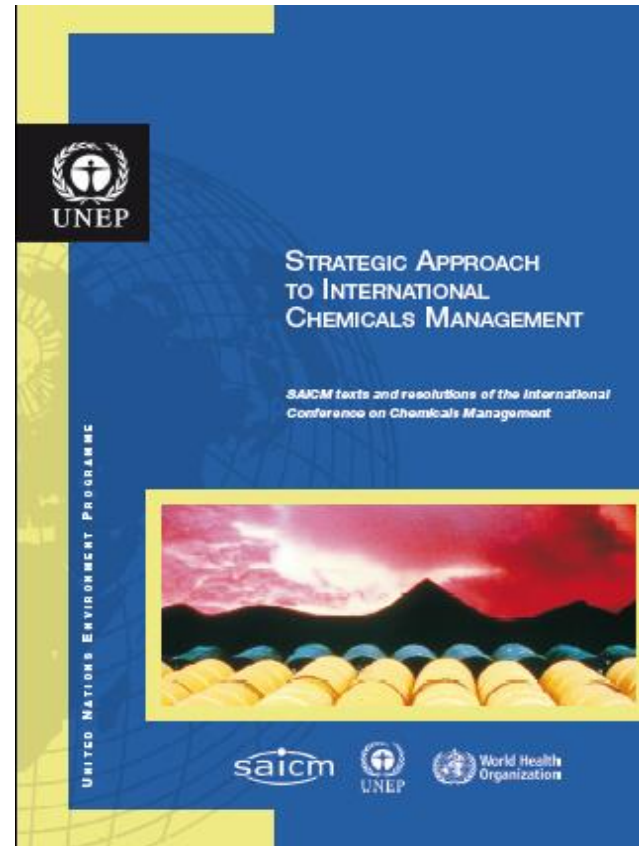
# Key Characteristics of SAICM

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- An international voluntary and non-binding policy approach for chemical safety.
- Global approach which covers all agricultural and industrial chemicals throughout their life cycle.
- Recognizes the gaps & needs of developing countries and countries in economic transition, particularly in relation to capacity-building.
- Reflects environmental, economic, social, health and labour aspects of chemical safety.
- A pro-active, inclusive and overarching platform for engagement and commitment of governments, key inter-governmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and industry.
- Aims to coordinate, catalyze and facilitate actions.

# The core SAICM texts & resolutions

- **Dubai Declaration**
  - The political commitment
- **Overarching Policy Statement**
  - Setting out: scope, statement of needs, objectives, financial considerations, principles & approaches, modalities for implementation & reviewing progress
- **Global Plan of Action**
  - Identifies work areas & activities to achieve the 2020 goal, including for nanotechnology
- **Resolutions adopted by the ICCM**



# The ICCM - Governing Body of SAICM

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- ICCM = International Conference on Chemicals Management;
- ICCM4 is scheduled in Geneva from 28 Sept to 2 Oct 2015;
- Comprising governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental stakeholders;
- Undertakes periodic reviews of implementation and convenes triennially (2006, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2020).

# Key decisions / outcomes expected at ICCM4

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- Agreement on the Overall Orientation and Guidance towards the achievement of the 2020 goal – a key strategic policy piece
- Decision on a Chemicals in Products Programme
- Consideration of proposed elements of a draft resolution on nanotechnology
- Decision on the emerging policy issue proposal for Environmentally Persistent Pharmaceutical Pollutants
- Consideration of a Highly Hazardous Pesticide (HHP) proposal
- Discussion on sound management of chemicals beyond 2020
- Consideration of Sustainable Development Goals and discussion of the Strategic Approach contribution to implementation.
- Decision on activities and budget of the secretariat, and decision for closure of the QSP Trust Fund

# SAICM and emerging policy issues

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- One of the functions of the ICCM is “to focus attention and call for appropriate action on emerging policy issues as they arise and to forge consensus on priorities for cooperative action” (para 24 (j) of the Overarching Policy Strategy).
- SAICM facilitates actions and provides a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral forum on emerging policy issues.



# SAICM Emerging policy issues

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- Lead in Paint
- Chemicals in Products
- Hazardous substance within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products
- Nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials
- Endocrine-disrupting chemicals (III/F)
- Environmentally Persistent Pharmaceutical Pollutants (EPPP) is proposed as an emerging policy issue for consideration at ICCM4.

# Emerging policy issues at ICCM4

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- Workplans under development by emerging policy issue leads and will be available for consideration by participants at ICCM4.
- Encouraging continued and enhanced actions on emerging policy issues through the Overall Orientation and Guidance towards the achievement of the 2020 goal.
- Regarding Nanotechnology:
  - OEWG2 adopted elements of a draft resolution on nanotechnology for consideration of ICCM4.

# Keys to achieving SAICM implementation

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- Involvement of all stakeholders – Government, non-governmental and intergovernmental
- High-level commitment from all sectors – health, environment, industry, labour, economic
- Emphasis on the sound management of chemicals as a sustainable development issue
- Implementation depends on actions at national, regional and international levels
- Early enabling actions - to build necessary capacity & relevant stakeholder participation

# **Expectations from the LAC workshop on nanotechnology**

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- Greater understanding of nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials in the region
- Identification of specific action(s) and contribution(s) to implement the relevant activities in the Global Plan of Action
- Review the OEWG2 proposed elements of a draft resolution on nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials in preparation for ICCM4

# For More Information

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