

***Seminar on Policies, Programmes and
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**Opening remarks:
Setting the Scene**

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Chemical Safety – an International Challenge

- No sustainable development without chemicals control
- Chemicals respect no borders
- Increased production and consumption in countries lacking health and safety rules



The 2020 SAICM Goal

“By 2020 chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse impacts on the environment and human health”

Swedish cooperation with BRIICS

- Many countries struggle with a new chemicals legislation
- Strategic countries for the Swedish MoE
 - Brazil
 - China
 - Indonesia
 - South Africa
- Important to learn from others
 - use their experience and knowledge

OOG Six core activity areas

- i. Enhance the responsibility of stakeholders
- ii. Establish and strengthen national legislative and regulatory frameworks for chemicals and waste**
- iii. Mainstream sound management of chemicals and waste in the sustainable development agenda
- iv. Increase risk reduction and information sharing efforts on emerging policy issues
- v. Promote information access
- vi. Assess progress towards the 2020 goal

SAICM – priorities in the OOG

ICCM4 in 2015

“an Overall Orientation and Guidance including **some concrete elements**, to facilitate achievement of the **2020 goal** of sound chemicals management” (The OOG)

**What is the 2020 goal in actual achievements
at the National level ?**



Basic elements of SMC (OOG) required at the national level

1. **legal frameworks** that address the life cycle of chemicals
2. national, sub-regional and regional **enforcement** and compliance mechanisms
3. implementation of relevant international conventions
4. strong **institutional frameworks** and coordination mechanisms amongst relevant stakeholders
5. collection and systems for the **sharing of data and information** among all relevant stakeholders using a life cycle approach
6. **industry participation and responsibility**, including cost recovery policies and systems as well as the incorporation of sound chemicals management into corporate policies and practices

Basic elements of SMC (OOG) required at the national level

7. implementation of the **Globally Harmonized System** of Classification/Labelling
8. inclusion of chemicals in national budgeting processes and development plans
9. chemical risk assessment through the use of best practices
10. strengthened capacity to deal with chemicals incidents, including poisonings
11. monitoring and assessing the impacts of chemicals on health and the environment

Sustainable Development Goals 2015

“sound management of chemicals and waste is an essential and integral cross-cutting element of sustainable development and is of great relevance to the sustainable development agenda”



Many relevant SDGs

12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals....

2.4 sustainable food production/resilient agriculture

3.9 reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals

6.3 improve water quality by reducing pollution and release of hazardous chemicals...

8.8 promote safe and secure working environments

9.2 promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation

11.6 reduce the adverse *per capita* environmental impact of cities, notably in relation to air quality and waste

14.1 reduce marine pollution

International arrangements and National implementation are interlinked

National

Preventive and proactive strategies and actions to promote safer alternatives and to prevent accidents

International

- Legal arrangements, agreements
- Supportive initiatives
 - Globally Harmonized system of classification and labelling (GHS), FAOs Code of Conduct, eChem Portal etc.

Preparing for ICCM 5

Intersessional meeting in Brasilia
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Beyond 2020 discussions to start



Thank you!