



SAICM/UCT

Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHP) Community of Practice (CoP)

Discussion Forum Guide

Title	Perspectives on addressing HHPs in the SAICM context
Date	19 August 2020
Time	10H00 AM – 11H30 AM (GMT +2)
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Format of how the discussion will operate:

- To participate in this discussion, sign up at:
<https://chemicalswithoutconcern.org/community>
- Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: uctcops@outlook.com
- This live discussion will be run in Microsoft Teams in the chat section on the set day. You will receive instructions prior to the discussion
- The discussion will take place in the chat section of MS Teams. Members will introduce themselves upon arrival into the chat room.
- The discussion presenter may briefly present a verbal introduction with the assumption that members have read the text below. In some cases, presenters will provide a voiced over PowerPoint introduction before the discussion.
- Three questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion with each receiving 30 minutes. The presenter/s will address questions and statements posted by members, but the intention is that others will respond as well.
- All are welcome to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language if you are struggling with English and members will assist where possible.

Instructions for joining this discussion on the set date:

This discussion will be held in **Microsoft (MS) Teams**.

- After joining the CoP, a link to this discussion will be circulated to you via email and sent out as an Outlook calendar invite.
- If your organisation already has MS Teams, you will need to switch from your organisations MS Teams to your University of Cape Town Guest Teams account in the following manner:
 - a. You can do this by going into your MS Teams and navigating to the top right corner of the page to where your profile picture is
 - b. Here you should see the name of your organisation and small arrow indicating a drop-down menu
 - c. Click on this arrow and choose “University of Cape Town”
- Find the email sent to you with the MS Teams link to this discussion.
- Click the link that says, “Join Microsoft Teams Meeting” and you should be taken into the discussion.

If you have not received an email with the link, make sure you are signed up for the Highly Hazardous Pesticides Community of Practice or send an email to:

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PRESENTER BIOSKETCH

Brenda Koekkoek



Brenda Koekkoek is a Programme Management Officer at the SAICM secretariat and has worked in a leading role in in the secretariat since 2012. Upon joining UNEP in 2006, she worked to establish and manage the Global Mercury Partnership and providing policy support to the negotiation process for the development of the Minamata Convention on mercury. Prior to UNEP, Brenda worked at Environment and Climate Change Canada on air quality and chemical related issues.

Brenda holds a Bachelor degree in Environmental Engineering and a Master degree in Environmental Management. On a personal level, Brenda grew up on a dairy farm and has a natural passion for issues related to agriculture and rural livelihoods.

DISCUSSION INTRODUCTION – 10:00am

In 2006 the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launched the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), a multi-stakeholder policy framework to promote sound chemicals management around the world. SAICM is the core international forum for achieving a key goal set in 2002 at the World Summit on Sustainable Development: by 2020, chemicals will be used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment.

In 2015, the International Conference for Chemicals Management (ICCM) adopted a resolution that recognized HHPs as an issue of concern and called for concerted action to address HHPs.

The SAICM mandate expires in 2020, long before we will reach the target of minimizing the health and environmental impacts of chemicals throughout their lifecycle. Overall progress has been uneven and there is still a significant need for development and implementation of effective chemical and waste management policies and practices around the globe.

The Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals has agreed to facilitate collaboration, cooperation and contributions of stakeholders in the implementation of the HHP Strategy. The proposed strategy to address HHPs in the context of SAICM was developed by FAO, UNEP and WHO (see resources below).

SAICM stakeholders are encouraged to undertake concerted efforts to implement the HHP Strategy at the local, national, regional and international levels, with emphasis on promoting agroecologically based alternatives and strengthening national regulatory capacity to conduct risk assessment and risk management, including the availability of necessary information, mindful of the responsibility of national and multinational enterprises.

The discussions on SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 provide an opportunity to inspire wider stakeholder engagement and renewed commitment to implementing the Strategic Approach and encourage stakeholders to continue concentrated efforts to address HHPs.

In today's session, we will consider perspectives on addressing HHPs in the new SAICM instrument. The following questions will be addressed:

1. What have been the successes of addressing HHPs under SAICM to date? What have been the challenges?
2. What are the priorities for collaboration and action leading up to ICCM5 and beyond 2020?
3. From your stakeholder perspective and mandate, what recommendations can you make for effective stakeholder engagement under the SAICM umbrella? What is needed to implement these recommendations?

The intention is that at the end of this discussion participants will:

- Understand what is happening internationally under the SAICM instrument and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.
- The role that SAICM can play in moving HHPs forward to ICCM5.
- Know what possible areas of collaboration and areas of work can contribute to the

QUESTION 1 (30 mins) 10:05 - 10:30

Background: In 2015, the International Conference for Chemicals Management adopted a resolution that recognized HHPs as an issue of concern and called for concerted action to address HHPs. Although some progress has been recognized in the work done to address HHPs, several challenging areas and existing gaps regarding HHPs still exist.

Question 1:

What have been the successes, in your country or organization, in addressing HHPs under SAICM to date? What have been the challenges?

References:

- **ICCM4, ICCM resolution IV/3**
http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/ICCM4/doc/K1606013_e.pdf
- **Strategy to address highly hazardous pesticides in the context of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management**
<http://www.saicm.org/Implementation/EmergingPolicyIssues/HighlyHazardousPesticides/tabid/5479/Default.aspx>

QUESTION 2 (30 mins) 10:35 – 11:00

Background: Since ICCM4 resolution, it has been recognized that some progress has been made in the work addressing HHPs. Collaboration among stakeholders should continue in order to address challenging areas and existing gaps with regards to HHPs.

Question 2:

What are possible areas of future dialogue and collaboration leading up to ICCM5 and beyond/ in moving forward for addressing HHPs?

References:

- **FAO introduction to HHPs:**
<http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/thematic-sitemap/theme/pests/code/hhp/en/>
- **FAO/WHO Guidelines on HHPs (2016):**
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/205561/1/9789241510417_eng.pdf?ua=1
- **Rotterdam Convention – Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations:**
<http://www.pic.int/Implementation/SeverelyHazardousPesticideFormulations/SHPFsOverview/tabid/3108/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

QUESTION 3 (30 mins) 11:05 – 11:30

Background:

SAICM is comprised of various stakeholders with differing mandates – governments, IGOs, NGOs, industry, academia, etc. SAICM plays a key role in navigating and bringing together these stakeholders for the common goal of the sound management of HHPs and HHP waste.

Question 3:

From your stakeholder perspective and mandate, what recommendations can you make for effective stakeholder engagement under the SAICM umbrella? What is needed to implement these recommendations?

References:

- **Stakeholder input on HHPs:**

http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/Documents/EPI/hhp_compilation_responsesav1.doc

BLOG Post Instructions for those who cannot attend the live discussion**Blog post instructions:**

Should you not be able to attend the discussion when it is scheduled to happen but still wish to contribute, post your answers/comments as a Wiki post in the MS Team channel for this discussion.

Instructions on how to post a Wiki post in MS Teams:

1. If your organisation already has MS Teams, you will need to switch from your organisations MS Teams to your University of Cape Town Guest Teams account.
 - a. You can do this by going into your MS Teams and navigating to the top right corner of the page to where your profile picture is. Click on the small arrow indicating a drop down menu and choose “University of Cape Town”
2. Open up MS Teams and navigate to the Highly Hazardous Pesticides CoP.
3. When you are in HHP COP Team, look for the channel corresponding to the date of the discussion you would like to blog for (i.e. 17.08.2020 – Discussion 2’) and click on that channel.
4. At the top of the page, once you are in the channel, just under the search bar are a number of tabs, look for the tab called ‘Blog posts’. Click on this tab.
5. An example blog post will guide you on how to structure your blog post.
6. Beneath the example blog post (or the previous person’s blog post, should someone else have written a blog post before you) look for the purple plus sign (+) that says ‘Add a new section here’. Click the plus sign (+)
7. Title your section with your name and country or organization.
8. Below the title it should say ‘Your content goes here’, add your answers and contributions for the discussion there.
9. Your answers and contributions will be pasted into the live discussion chat for others to comment on. You can return later to read the chat.