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Vision

It might be useful to have something in here about protecting public health. This is fundamental to all chemicals-related issues – and even climate, biodiversity and others. It might be fit in the 3rd paragraph.

Main priority 1

We note very good ideas, however chemicals issues could be stated a little more clearly. For example, monitoring air and water quality should include chemical monitoring – not just biological oxygen demand for water and PM2.5 for air. Environmental foresights list things like food security etc. but this is another good location to develop environmental foresights about toxic chemical and pollution impacts. In bullet point (e) about information disclosure, it might be clearer to say disclosure of information to consumers. Right now, it could be interpreted as disclosing information about consumers to someone else.

Main priority 2

In point (d) about agriculture, it would be good to actually include the word “agroecology.” In point (f) it would be good include “renewable” because the nuclear energy and even the coal industry describe their versions as “clean.” In point (l), it might be good to precede that with a step that actually defines what sustainable procurement means. In point (m), it might be good to give some examples of harmful subsidies. It would also be good to include a phrase about internalization of costs either here or in the next bullet point (n).

Main priority 3

Language from the Dubai Declaration of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals management could be included: for example, “We will work towards effective and efficient governance of chemicals management by means of transparency, public participation and accountability involving all sectors of society, in particular striving for the equal participation of women in chemicals management.”