The Chemicals in Products project:
status and scope for the ICCM intersessional period

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Side Event: The flow of Materials is also a flow of Chemicals
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Decided to implement a project to *inter alia*:

- “Collect and review existing information on information systems pertaining to chemicals in products including but not limited to regulations, standards and industry practices;”
- “Assess that information in relation to the needs of all relevant stakeholders and identify gaps;”
- “Develop specific recommendations for actions to promote implementation of the Strategic Approach with regard to such information, incorporating identified priorities and access and delivery mechanisms;”

Recommended that proposals for cooperative actions should take into account the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and avoid any duplication of efforts under that system
Intersessional goals

What can the project achieve by 2012?

- Comprehensive overview of existing chemicals information systems and potential areas for synergies
- Firm grasp of stakeholders information needs and gaps for selected products / sectors
- Recommend further cooperative actions and features for future CiP information system(s)
**Intersessional Workplan phases**

- **Project initiation and scoping phase (July, 2009 – Dec, 2009)**
  - Formation of a project Steering Group
    - SAICM Bureau members and observers nominate members
  - Needs Assessment - survey and analysis
  - Scoping Meeting

- **Results of this phase:**
  - Product sectors of highest priority were: children's products/toys, electronics, clothing, construction materials, food packaging and personal care products.
  - A number of information systems convey CiP data
Intersessional Workplan phases

- **Analytical phase (Dec, 2009 – early 2011)**
  - Study of CiP existing information systems and stakeholder needs and gaps globally
  - Provide a general overview of CiP systems relative to stakeholders’ needs
    
  
  - In-depth case studies of priority sectors
  - Provide detailed review for identified priority sectors of existing systems and stakeholder needs and gaps
  - Results to feed into the Workshop
Intersessional Workplan phases

- **International Workshop (early 2011)**
  - Dependent on results of case studies, will discuss existing systems and actions to build upon
  - Will outline possible recommendations to be developed for consideration by the OEWG / ICCM3

Further information:
http://www.chem.unep.ch/uneepsaicm/cip/default.htm