

***Informal Workshop on Stakeholders' Information Needs on
Chemicals in Articles/Products
9-12 February, 2009 Geneva, Switzerland***

Co-chairpersons:

Ambassador Erik Hammarskjöld, Ministry of the Environment, Sweden
Professor Babajide Alo, Head, Department of Chemistry, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Monday 9 February 2009

14.00 - 14.20 *Plenary session*

Opening statements

- Mr. Per Bakken, Head, and Ms. Agneta Sundén-Bylehn, Senior Programme Officer, Chemicals Branch, DTIE, UNEP
- Ms. Ethel Forsberg, Director-General, Swedish Chemicals Agency

14.20 - 15.20

Scene setting

- “SAICM and emerging policy issues”,
– Ms. Lesley Onyon, Programme Officer, SAICM Secretariat
- “Toxic Substances in Articles: The Need for Information”: presentation of the study
– Ms. Rachel Massey, Policy Analyst, Toxics Use Reduction Institute, University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA
- “Synergies between the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and the Marrakech process”
– Ms. Adriana Zacarias, Programme Officer, Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Branch, UNEP

15.20 - 15.45

Break

15.45 – 17.30

The need for better information exchange in the supply chain

- “Information from the WHO Chemical Incident Alert and Response System”
– Mr. Kersten Gutschmidt
World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

- “Stakeholders’ Information Needs on Chemicals in Articles/Products - IFCS Contribution and Supporting Work”
– Ms. Judy Stober, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety, c/o World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
- ”Low Public Awareness and Data Gaps as Drivers for the improvement of Environmentally Sound Management of Heavy Metals in Articles/Products in Developing Countries”
– Mr. Oladele Osibanjo, Federal Ministry of Environment, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
- “How much should products details be gathered and disclosed for Chemical Safety Management?”
– Ms. Varapan Danutra, Head of Chemical Information Management Unit, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

17.30 – 17.45

Closing remarks first day by co-chairs

Tuesday 10 February

09:00-10:40

The need for better information exchange in the supply chain (cont.)

- Obstacles in risk management of PFOS
– Ms. Yao Wei, Pollution Prevention and Control, China

Challenges in the supply chain

- “Hazardous Chemicals in Products and Articles: Challenges in developing countries”
– Mr. Ravi Agarwal, Toxics Link, India
- "Enhanced information sharing on hazardous substances in electronics: Connecting the production and end-of-life stages"
– Mr. Magnus Bengtsson, Institute for Global Environmental Studies, Japan

10.40 – 11.00

Break

11.00 – 12.30

Challenges in the supply chain (cont.)

- "Surveys of hazardous chemicals and their life-cycle stages"
– Mr. Hidetaka Takigami, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan
- "The International Council of Chemical Associations' (ICCA) Contribution to SAICM: The Global Product Strategy (GPS)"
– Ms. Melanie Bausen, ICCA
- "Strategies for Addressing Chemicals in Articles/Products"
– Mr. Mark Rossi, Research Director, Clean Production Action, Massachusetts, USA

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Challenges in the supply chain (cont.)

- "Chemicals in Articles: A Global Auto Manufacturer's Perspective"
– Ms. Patricia Beattie, General Motors Corp and Mr. Thomas G. Osimitz, Science Strategies Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
- "IKEAs approach to chemical management - a brief introduction"
– Ms Katarina Maaskant, Manager IKEA EU Affairs, IKEA, Belgium
- "The Sustainability Approach and Management of Substances in Products"
– Mr. Daniel Paska, Environmental Expert, Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB, Sweden

15.30 – 16.00

Break

16.00 – 17.30 *plenary session*

Challenges in the supply chain (cont.)

- "Experience of downstream users and challenges companies face regarding needs of information"
– Mr. Nardono Nimpuno, Senior Policy Advisor, ChemSec

Information sharing and existing tools

- “Information requirements on chemicals in articles in the new EU chemicals regulation (REACH)”
– Ms. Eva Sandberg, the European Chemicals Agency, ECHA
- “Overview of existing information tools and thoughts on the way forward”
– Ms. Rachel Massey, Policy Analyst, Toxics Use Reduction Institute, University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA

17.30 - 18.00

Closing remarks second day by co-chairs

Wednesday 11 February

09.00 – 09.20 *plenary session*

Introduction to group sessions by co-chairs

09.30 - 17.00 *parallel working groups*

Group sessions

10.45 – 11.15

Break

13:00 – 14.00

Lunch

16.30 – 17.00

Break

17.00 – 18.00 *plenary session*

Reports from the group chairs

Thursday 12 February

8.30 - 9.30 *plenary session*

Presentation by co-chair of draft conclusions and recommendations from the Workshop

9.30 – 10.00

Break

10.00 – 12.30 *plenary session*

Summary and drafting outcome

12.30 – 13:00

Closing remarks by co-chairs