

# 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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# ICCM2 resolution



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)
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# 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
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# 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
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    - 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
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# 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/unepsaicm/cip/default.htm>

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