

Strengthening coordination and collaboration between biodiversity and chemicals and waste clusters

Workshop programme: 22 September 2021

Times are indicative, and in in East African Time (UTC+3)

Thursday 23 September	
14:00-14:20	<p>Introduction to the workshop by moderator, Neville Ash, UNEP-WCMC</p> <p>Opening remarks by co-organizers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks, <i>Tita Korvenoja, Law Division, UNEP</i> • Project Background, <i>Marjaana Kokkonen, Ministry of Environment Finland</i> • Brief introduction to the study report, <i>Jerry Harrison, UNEP-WCMC</i>
14:20-15:20	<p>Panel discussion: An understanding of the interlinkages between biodiversity and chemicals and waste. Practical action and experiences from the two clusters.</p> <p>Speakers/panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Ivanova, the Center for Governance and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts, Boston • Norbert Baerlocher, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Switzerland • Patrick Umuhoza, Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) • Kerstin Stendahl, UNEP, Regional Seas Programme • Maria Cristina Cardenas-Fischer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions
15:20-15:30	<i>Break while moving to the breakout groups</i>
15:30-16:35	<p>Discussion in smaller groups on “options for action”: These discussions will draw on the study report and in particular annex 3, but these inputs should provide ‘food for thought’ for discussion rather than restrict it.</p> <p>Breakout groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Strengthening institutional and focal points structures to enhance national implementation (<i>focusing on options 1-3 in paragraph 80 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>) b) Strengthening national planning and mainstreaming including links to 2030 Agenda (<i>focusing on options 4-6 in paragraph 81 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>) c) Coordination of cross-cluster collaborative activities and projects in the key areas and resource mobilization (<i>focusing on options 7-8 in paragraph 82 and option 16 in paragraph 84 of the study report, and the related parts of annex 3</i>)
16:35-17:00	Reports back from breakout groups

Friday 24 September	
14:00-14:10	Recap and introduction to the day's work
14:10-14:40	Reflections on the pre-recorded presentations/country submissions on synergies across biodiversity and chemicals clusters (<i>facilitated by Nalini Sharma, the SAICM Secretariat</i>)

14:40-16:10	<p>Discussion in smaller groups on “options for action”: These discussions will draw on the study report and in particular annex 3, but these inputs should provide ‘food for thought’ for discussion rather than restrict it.</p> <p>Breakout groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Communication, awareness raising, and education (<i>focusing on option 10 in paragraph 82 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>) e) Building the knowledge base, scientific cooperation, and science-policy interface (<i>focusing on options 11-13 in paragraph 83 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>) f) Monitoring, reporting and indicator work (<i>focusing on option 9 in paragraph 82 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>) g) Advancing key international initiatives providing opportunities for cooperation and collaboration across biodiversity and chemicals and waste clusters (<i>focusing on options 14-15 and 17-19 in paragraph 84 of the study report, and the related part of annex 3</i>)
16:10-16:20	Break while moving to the plenary
16:20-17:00	Reports back from breakout groups

Between days 2 and 3 a brief synthesis of the discussions, also drawing on the material available in the study report will be prepared. This will inform discussion on the final day. It would be helpful if participants made available some time ahead of the final session to read the synthesis.

Monday 27 September	
14:00-14:10	Recap and introduction to the day’s work
14:10-14:30	Synthesis of discussions on options for recommendations <i>Jerry Harrison, UNEP-WCMC</i>
14:30-15:20	Plenary discussion on the synthesis
15:20-15:30	Break
15:30-16:35	Plenary discussion on next steps
16:35-17:00	<p>Summary observations</p> <p>Closing remarks, <i>Tita Korvenoja, Law Division, UNEP, Marjaana Kokkonen, Ministry of Environment Finland, and the Nordic Steering Committee on behalf of the Nordic Council of Ministers</i></p>