

# Regional Action Plan 2019-2020



## Topic 1: Governance, coordination mechanisms and international presence

2 sub-topics and 4 actions



## Topic 2: Knowledge, information and monitoring

4 sub-topics and 5 actions



## Topic 3: Priority topics under the SAICM Global Plan of Action

4 sub-topics and 7 actions



## Topic 4: Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

2 sub-topics and 5 actions



## Topic 5: Mercury and Lead

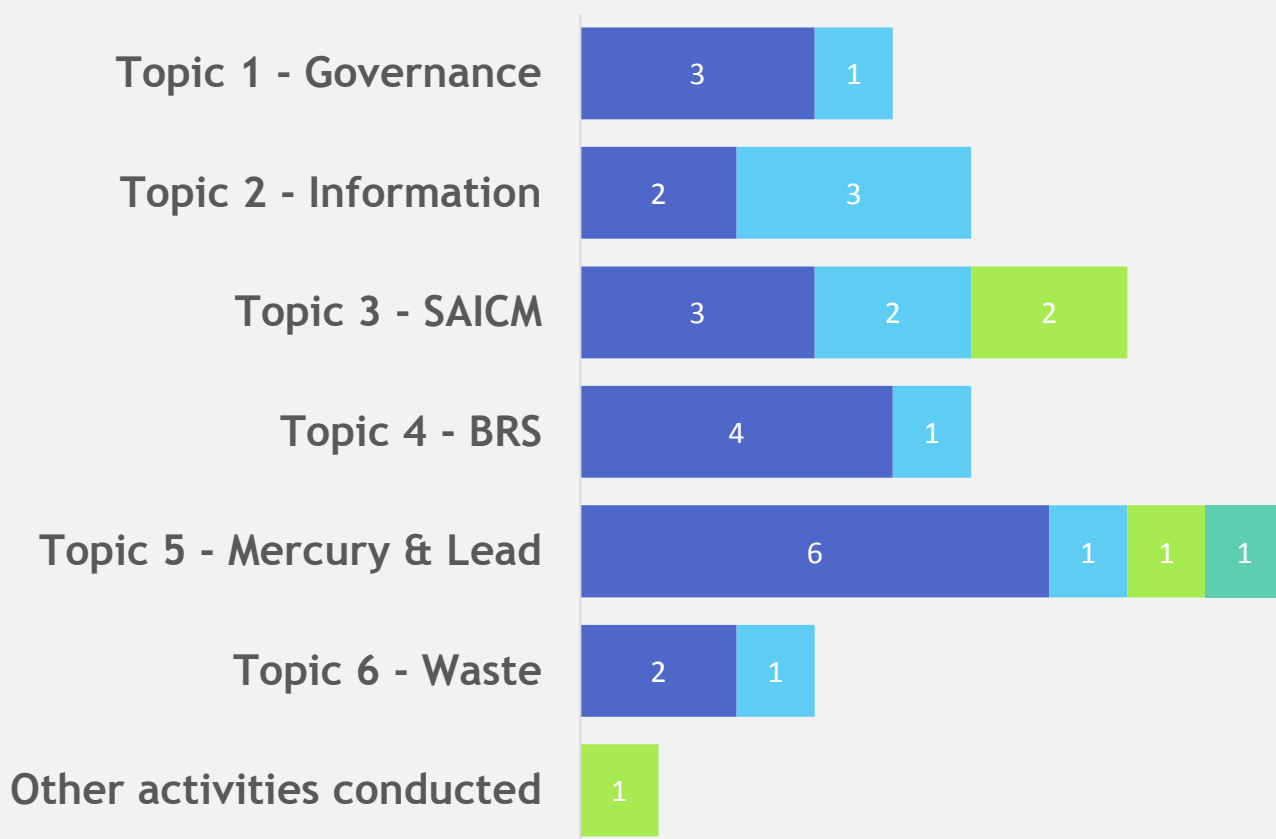
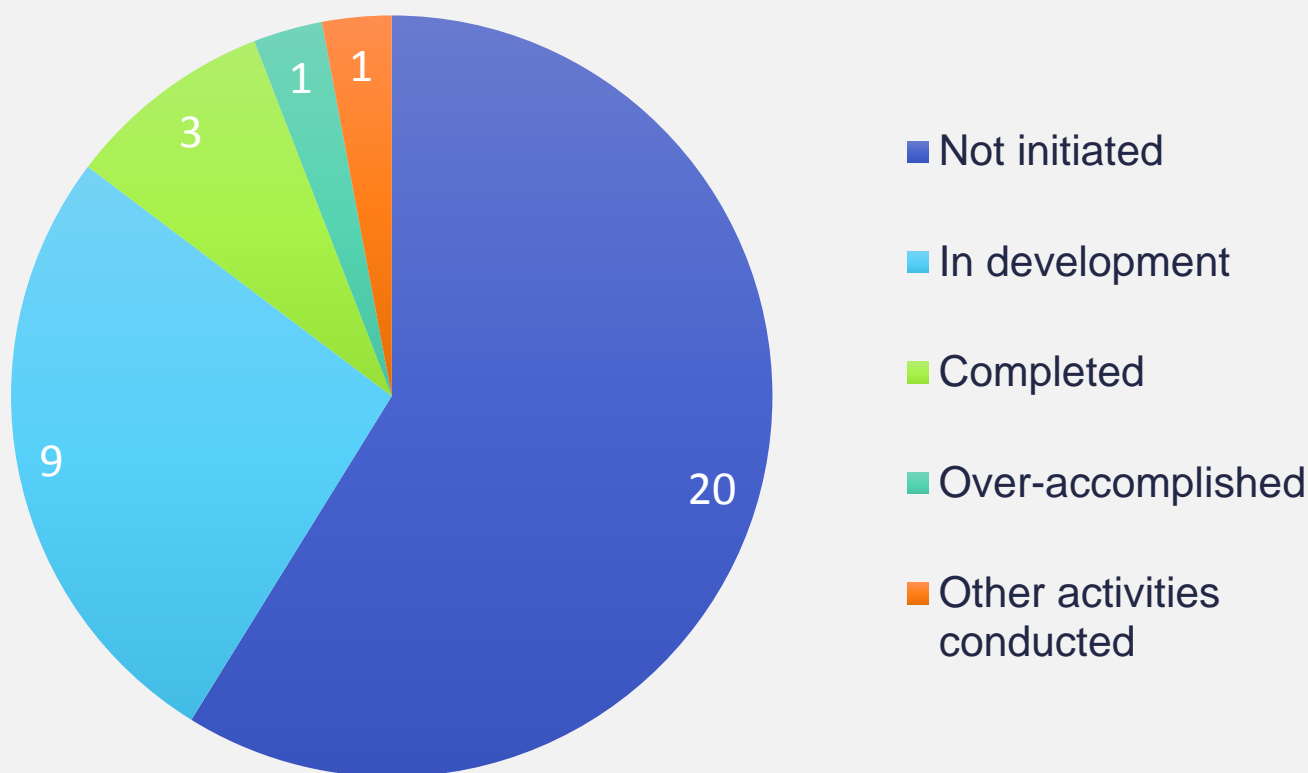
5 sub-topics and 9 actions



## Topic 6: Waste management

2 sub-topics and 3 actions

## Situation of the Actions



**1.1.2 Undertake regional education and awareness raising , including presentation at high level events, on the benefits of developing integrated legal frameworks and strengthening the institutional framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste, as well as the mainstreaming into the development agenda and budgeting processes**

Regional Regulatory Cooperation Workshop, Organized by ICCA-UN-Argentina, 20-21 nov-2019 Buenos Aires.

**Action 2.1.2: To promote a postgraduate training programme on chemical risk assessment**

CIIMET/SCRC within the framework of REDCIATOX/PAHO has already developed a postgraduate programme on toxicology. Its adoption by different universities from Central America is being discussed. Conference call with involved countries held 26 June 2019, with the support of the Network Secretariat.



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**MAESTRÍA EN TOXICOLOGÍA CON SALIDA A LA  
ESPECIALIDAD EN TOXICOLOGÍA CON ÉNFASIS  
EN:**

- **TOXICOLOGÍA ANALÍTICA Y FORENSE,**
- **TOXICOLOGÍA OCUPACIONAL,**
- **TOXICOLOGÍA AMBIENTAL**

**Action 2.2.1 Dissemination of information on existing initiatives in the region related to the strengthening of laboratory capacities for sampling and analysis of POPs**

BCCC-Uruguay will conduct a webinar on this matter, dates TBC

**Action 3.1.2: To develop awareness raising material for healthcare personnel and the civil society (which can be used in the whole region)**

**Directrices Brasileñas para el Diagnóstico y Tratamiento de Intoxicaciones Agudas por Plaguicidas**

Guidance documents to guide the healthcare personnel on how to best act on cases of acute intoxications caused by chemicals (Brazil)

**Action 3.4.1: To host at least one webinar to share methodologies for sampling, analysis and remediation technologies of contaminated sites, as well as legal instruments related to contaminated sites**

International Committee on Contaminated Land, October 2019 (Peru/RELASC)



**Action 4.2.1: To hold a webinar on main considerations to prevent illegal traffic of chemicals and waste, reduce main gaps in the region to prevent it, experiences from other regions**

Webinar planned to be led by CRBAS-Argentina (November 12th, 2019)

**5.1.1 To hold a regional face-to-face workshop in cooperation with the Minamata Secretariat to disseminate and discuss on suitable alternatives for the management of mercury waste in the region and to share lessons learned about the implementation of Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP)**

Webinar on the MIA outcomes and implementation of the Minamata Convention planned to be led by Argentina (23th October 2019)

**Action 5.3.2: To develop a training activity with the authorities responsible for the control of mercury trade (including customs), to enhance capacity and international cooperation**



A sub-regional workshop to be held at the beginning of Oct/19 in La Paz, Bolivia, with the support of the Minamata Secretariat and the Government of Bolivia

## COMPLETED ACTIONS

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23rd APEC Chemical Dialogue held in Puerto Varas, Chile. 23-25 Aug 2019. Joined by several LAC countries.

**2.1.1 To organize a comprehensive regional training on institutional methodologies for risk evaluation (health-environment)**

Conference on toxicological risk analysis on humans and the environment, convened by the SETAC-ARG and ILSI Argentina. 16 August 2019. Joined by 3 LAC countries, 12 online, and 80 present participants.



**Action 3.2.1: Convene a webinar on GHS and to share GHS implementation experiences in the region, including experiences on enforcement mechanisms**

### IOMC TOOLBOX

For decision making in chemicals management

TALLER REGIONAL DE LA CAJA DE HERRAMIENTAS DEL IOMC

IOMC Toolbox workshop in Peru, May 2019 (Peru/Minam, UNIDO)

Joined by 9 LAC Countries:  
Chile, Colombia, Brasil, Bolivia,  
Uruguay, Ecuador, Paraguay  
and Argentina



### 3.2.2 Convene a face-to-face regional training for Customs officers and other stakeholders on harmonizing tariff codes. Training of trainers approach and exchange of experiences.



Green Customs Initiative workshop for custom officers, held in in Asunción, Paraguay, 20-22 Aug-19 (UN Environment). Joined by officers from 11 countries.

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Workshop "Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury-added Products and their Waste" in Colombia, May 2019 (Colombia)

Joined by 8 LAC countries:  
Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina,  
Honduras, Ecuador, Cuba, Costa  
Rica, Panama



## COMPLETED ACTIONS

### 6.2.2 Facilitate study tours in different countries about management of different dangerous wastes

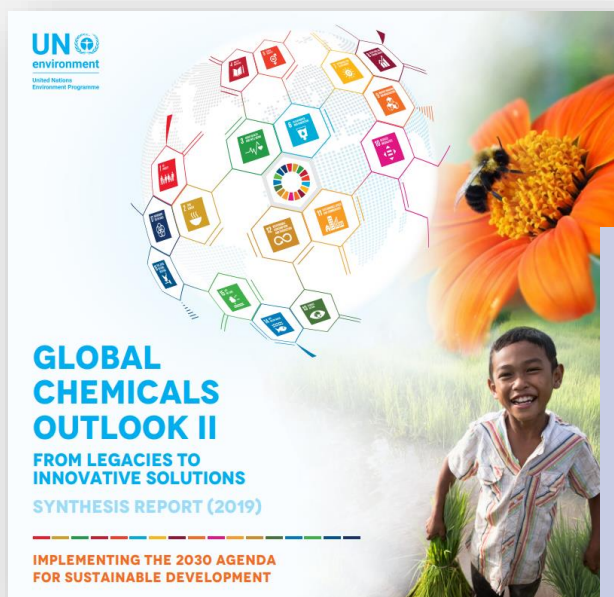
Guided tour to the integral waste management facilities of the CEAMSE Complex, in Buenos Aires (Biogas Plants, TMB, Leachate Treatment, Composting Plant), in the framework of the Constitutive Meeting of the Voluntary Coalition for the closure of landfills, September 11th, 2019. With UNEP, ISWA/ARS-Argentina and CEAMSE support.

Joined by 8 LAC Countries:

**Panama Argentina, Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Dominican Republic, Suriname and Uruguay.**



## OTHER ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



Webinar on the outcomes of the GCO-II

A webinar was organized on 15 August 2019, to present the outcomes of the Global Chemicals Outlook-II, convened by the BCRC-Caribbean with the support of UNEP Chemicals & Health Branch and UNEP/ROLAC.

Joined by **15 participants from different Caribbean countries and Brazil.**



## OVER-ACCOMPLISHED ACTIONS

### Action 5.5.2: To hold a webinar/workshop/conference about progress made in the region to develop regulations for the elimination of lead in paints

Webinar about Lead in Paint, Oct/18, with presentations from Brazil and US EPA(70 participants)

Intergovernmental Network on Chemicals and Waste for Latin America and the Caribbean

Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint



WEBINAR:

Regulating lead paint: overview in the LAC region and the experience of Brazil

Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

Regional workshop on lead paint (GEF/SAICM project), Panama, June 2019, including 50 participants from 17 countries (UNEP/ROLAC, WHO, US EPA, IPEN and other partners).



Subregional workshop on lead paint in Peru, June 2019, 3 LAC countries (UNEP & NCPCs-Peru/Colombia/Ecuador).



Global Environment Facility (GEF) 9771: Global best practices on emerging chemicals policy issues of concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

Component 1: Promoting regulatory and voluntary action by government and industry to phase out lead in paint

Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean

