

INVITATION – Don't miss Side Event No 1!

Advancing **Sustainable Chemistry** in a Sustainable Development Context: Opportunities for Global, Regional and National Chemicals Management

Monday, May 23, 2016

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Conference Rooms 9 & 10

Organised through Collaboration of the Government of Germany, the Government of Ghana, the UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch of DTIE and the BRS Secretariat

Background

The concept of **Sustainable Chemistry** has recently gained international momentum, given its potential to contribute to future chemicals management and catalysing transformative change in the chemical industry. **Sustainable Chemistry** covers all three dimension of sustainable development, i.e. economic, social and environmental considerations. **It is therefore compatible with and fully relevant to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.**

Specific objectives of the event include the following:

- Discuss the **Sustainable Chemistry** concept and related opportunities from developing countries' perspectives;
- Examine the potential of **Sustainable Chemistry** in a **SAICM** beyond-2020 and 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda context;
- Provide an update on recent international developments and discussions related to **Sustainable Chemistry** and the chemicals and waste dimensions of the **SDGs**;
- Showcase specific initiatives to advance sustainable chemistry, including related policy analysis and technical support;

The side event provides an opportunity to take stock of international discussions concerning **Sustainable Chemistry**, with a particular focus on the needs and perspectives of developing countries. The event also provides an opportunity to share information on important Sustainable Chemistry initiatives, such as the **International Sustainable Chemistry Collaborating Centre** (ISC₃ – www.isc3.org) supported by the German Government, as well as other relevant initiatives.

Agenda:

Moderator: Mr Paul Hohnen, Sustainability Strategies, Amsterdam

Opening Remarks

- Maria Krautzberger, President of the German Environment Agency
- Daniel S. Amlalo, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana

Introductory Presentations

- Prof Klaus Kümmerer, Leuphana University, Germany
- Rolph Payet Ph.D., Executive Director of the BRS Secretariat.

Interactive Panel Discussions (Davos Style)

- Ricardo Barra Ph.D., Chile, University of Concepción, advisor to STAP/ GEF
- Sam Adu-Kumi Ph.D., Ghana, Director of Chemicals Control and Management Centre, Ghana EPA
- Michael Chen Yifeng , China, Vice President of Wanhua Chemical Group Co.,Ltd
- Ullhas Nimkar, India, CMD NimkarTek
- Dr. Jutta Emig, Germany, Ministry for Environment and Building
- Joseph DiGangi, PhD, Sr. Science and Technical Advisor , IPEN

Concluding remarks

- Dr. Achim Halpaap, Head of Chemicals and Waste Branch, UNEP

A light lunch will be served shortly before 1:00 p.m.



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