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IPEN Intervention on Measurable Objectives

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Thank you Co-Chairs,

I am Dominique Bally representing African Center for Environmental Health, a Participating Organization of IPEN.

In line with the ICCM 4 resolution on Beyond 2020, SAICM stakeholders clearly agreed to "develop recommendations regarding measurable objectives in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

Based on that, we anticipate the fact that SAICM can help to achieve more than 80% of the SDGs, especially SDGs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

At this end, Objectives in support of Agenda 2030 should be clearly measurable, with adequate quantitative and qualitative indicators that facilitate a running assessment of successes and challenges. In the same time, these objectives should reflect the regional context for better appropriation and easy implementation. Thus, they can be elaborated according to a time limited frame.

Also, new initiatives should be combined with current emerging policy issues of concern to make 12 initiatives that contribute to measurable objectives in support of Agenda 2030: lead in paint, highly hazardous pesticides, chemicals in products, hazardous substances in electronics, endocrine disrupting chemicals, nanomaterials and nanotechnologies, environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants, zero waste, workplace right to know, agroecology, plastics, and women and chemical safety.

We also believe that these measurable objectives also easily fit into the 11 elements of the Overall Orientations and Guidance. In this way, the OOG can be transformed from a series of process recommendations to a measurable actions for reducing harm in the real world.

To conclude, we are confident that all this can be achieved if all stakeholders work in a transparent manner, and that adequate funds for the implementation are provided by all stakeholders starting by the most benefiting of chemicals.

Thank you Co-Chair.